HI everyone,

I hope all mums received some pampering on Mother’s Day - what gorgeous weather we had.

**NAPLAN** testing started today and continues tomorrow and Thursday. Language conventions and writing were the two today. Tomorrow is Reading and Thursday, Maths. It is not easy to sit down and work on a 40 minute test, so I am pleased with the effort our students put into the test, showing persistence and confidence.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Cross Country. An awesome effort from Luna who came first in the 12/13 years race and Lilly, 3rd in her race. Both students go on to Zone on the 23rd of May. Coming in 4th place overall was fantastic for our school.

**Sporting Challenge**

This week we have begun our Premiers Sporting Challenge. Students received an activity log today, which we will keep at school, to record the amount of time they complete doing activities over a 10 week period. Students colour in a spot on their chart when they have completed 20 minutes activity a day. There are different levels for K-2 and 3-6. The teachers also have their own log to complete as well.

**Musica Viva** is next Monday at Dunoon. We will be making some masks at school to take on the day. It should be lots of fun.

**Upcoming Events**

- **May 19**
  - Musicaviva – Dunoon Hall (GypsyTober)
- **May 30**
  - NORPA – The 13th Storey Treehouse
- **June 4**
  - Lismore Environment Centre – Rous Water

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Attendance

Firstly, thank you to the parents who always ring or write a note if their child/children will be away. The Department of Education has a strong policy regarding attendance at school, including letting the school know of any changes that may occur. This also includes partial absences during a school day- whether late arrival or an appointment.

I've included the official document for this newsletter – just as a courtesy/reminder.

Regards
Alison Bath

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Teenagers seeking more independence
Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they're your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article 'Shifting responsibility to your child' worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe
Students from Tuntable Creek Public School will be travelling by bus on Monday 19 May 2014 to participate in group activities with Dunoon, Whian Whian & Corndale Public School students at the Dunoon Hall (James Street, Dunoon).

Students will be participating in and watching a performance by Gypsy Tober of Musicaviva. Bus travel $5.00 plus workshop $7.00, total $12.00 per student.

Students can “dress-up” for the performance in “Gypsy”, “Kitchen Music” or “feather masks/decorations”, but will be required to be in school uniform (purple shirts) for the most part of the day, wear sensible walking shoes, bring a packed lunch (ie no heat-ups/lunch orders), water bottle and sunscreen. We will take our school hats.

Students will depart from the school at 10:25am and return to the school by 1:00pm.

I give permission for my son/daughter _____________________________ of Tuntable Creek Public School to participate in MUSICAVIVA performance/workshop activities at the Dunoon Hall on Monday 19th May 2014.

I understand that travel to and from the Dunoon Hall will be by bus. Students will return to school by 1.00pm.

I enclose _______________ $5.00 (bus) and $7.00 (workshop)/student

(please indicate)
I do/do not give permission for Tuntable Creek Public, Dunoon Public, Whian Whian Public and/or Corndale Public Schools to use my child/rens images gained on this day for promotional purposes.

Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________