2016 School Improvement Focus:

Reading Comprehension &
Numeracy skills

Lost property
With the cooler weather upon us, please ensure that jumpers, tracksuit pants and hats are clearly named. Students are reminded to be responsible for their belongings and put clothing into their bags if they are not using them. Any items left at school will be placed into the lost property box, which will be located under the office building.

Winter clothing
Please note that any winter clothing items are to be our school colours, red or blue. Jumpers are available from most large retail stores such as Big W, Best and Less, Lowes, etc.

P & C Meeting
Our next meeting will be Wednesday 25th May at 6:30pm in the library. Please come along to share your ideas and support our school. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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June

| Wed 1st | State of Origin – Wear your supporter colours Book Club due back today |

Gotcha Awards!

It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the “Gotcha Box”. Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

Grace Adams: Great work with addition sums.
Olivia Anderson: Asking for permission to use the Sports Shed.
Richard Dean: Being enthusiastic in science.
Hannah Johnson: Beautiful cutting out of work during your English lesson.
Silvana Silvestro: Trying hard not to call out and putting your hand up.

Great Effort Brodie!
**Gardens**
Our Prep students have been busy learning about living things and how plants grow. As part of their unit the students have planted bean seeds, which we are observing as they grow. They have also planted beetroot, lettuce, radish and snow peas and now have the very important role of looking after the plants and helping them to grow. Thank you to Nora for her kind donation of seedlings.

**Assessments**
This week students are commencing assessments for various subjects. We are completing our English unit for the term and next week will commence new units. Students in prep have been working on retelling stories while our year one and two students have been writing character descriptions and comparing the changes in character traits as the story progresses. The older students in grade 3-6 have completed a persuasive text and a narrative.

**Maths**
This week in maths we are learning:
- **Prep**: recognising money, symmetry, flips, slides and turns, counting on 1 from a given number.
- **Year 1 & 2**: counting in 5’s, 10’s: money: recognising coins and making equivalent amounts using 5c, 10c, 20c, and 50c. Addition with regrouping.
- **Yr. 3-6**: positions; following directions, using a compass, division and sharing.

**Phonic Sound for the week:** m as in moon, hammer, numb and column

**NAPLAN**
The students who sat the recent NAPLAN assessments are congratulated for their efforts. Each year the writing task is unknown, and this year NAPLAN surprised us with a narrative writing task in place of the persuasive text. The tests have been sent away for marking and the results will be returned to school in approximately 6 weeks. Thank you to parents for supporting the test.

**Minions**
Recently, Hannah’s dad, Mark, who very kindly made some final improvements to our minion sculptures. The tyres are now safely screwed together and a base has been inserted into both sculptures, allowing us to fill the top section with soil and grow plants out as the hair. A big thank you is extended to Mark for his time and resources. We certainly appreciate it.

**Missing Plates**
Last Term at Mrs Mittelheuser’s surprise wedding shower some plates were left behind. If you recognise these please see one of our lovely staff members at the school to collect. Thank you.
Prep Students working very hard last Friday!!

Mrs Wallace Away
Mrs Wallace will be away Tuesday from 8.30 to 11.00 - Mrs Dwyer will be taking classes and away Thursday at a Principal’s Business meeting - Miss Thomas will be on classes as normal.

Thank you
Next week Mrs Mittelheuser will return on class and in the office. A special thank you is extended to Mrs Wood, who has kept the school office running smoothly and efficiently. We also say thank you to Mrs Richardson, who has been replacing Mrs Mittelheuser as teacher aide and will finish up on Friday. It has been a delight having the ladies on staff and we look forward to the possibility of both Mrs Wood and Mrs Richardson coming back again in the near future. Thank you ladies!

Congratulations
A special congratulation’s is extended to our LOTE teacher Miss Varley who was married on the weekend to Warren Manderson. Miss Varley is now on leave and will return after the holidays.

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace