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**This week at YGPS..**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

There are many achievements to celebrate this week, with a number of students experiencing success in different ways.

Congratulations to Madison Cameron for receiving an Achievement Award for her story "Charlie's First Day At School" in the Write 4 Fun competition. Madison has successfully completed the first round of judging! Well done Madison! We have our fingers crossed for you and for every other student who entered the Write 4 Fun competition. "Top Secret" is the title of the book where our students' stories can be published. When these publications are available, the school will be purchasing a copy for our Library for everyone to enjoy these stories and poems.

Congratulations go to Dylan Smith for coming first in his motorbike race on the weekend. Well done Dylan for your persistence and resilience. You kept practising and working towards your goal and you have achieved first place. Great work!

**CLASS VISITS**

In my class visits this week, I have been so impressed with our students' writing. The writing that I have seen, demonstrates an eye for detail, is very descriptive and well thought out. I have had some students visit me in my office and read me their stories. Many of them show a terrific sense of humour and excellent writing skills. Keep up the great work.. Keep persisting!

**NAPLAN**

Next week, our Grade 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN testing. The testing will occur on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. Please check the timetable in this newsletter to show testing times. It is vital to remember that NAPLAN is only a snapshot of your child's achievements on a given three days in a year. The best port of call is your child's class teacher/s as they work with your child throughout the year and can identify their strengths and areas for improvements. Please don't hesitate to talk to us if you are feeling concerned or would like clarification on your child's progress or the NAPLAN testing.

**ATTENDANCES and PUNCTUALITY**

Last, but not least, I would like to emphasise the importance of your child being at school every day and being on time. When a child is late, they miss the vital introduction to the Literacy lessons and can feel lost or confused when walking in. Please ensure your child is at school between 8.45 and 9.00 each day. It is so important to their learning progress, both academically and socially. Similarly, when students have high absences, it is of a real concern. There is a direct correlation between student learning or lack of progress and high student absences. The school is obligated to follow up all absences with families. Obviously if your child is unwell, the best place for them is to be at home to recuperate. Please contact the school by phoning or emailing, or writing a note to the class teacher notifying the school of your child's absence. High or consistent absences are noted and followed up by the school and the Department of Education. Our daily attendances are recorded electronically on a daily basis and records are kept by DET and the school. So, if your child is feeling a bit tired, or saying they don't feel like going to school, get them off to school and as my mum and dad used to say....."It will be great- once you get there!"

NB. If your child has a particular reason for not wishing to come to school, please follow up with the class teacher or myself.

Don't miss out...**MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT AT SCHOOL, by coming to school EVERY DAY.**

Have a happy and safe weekend,

Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and carers. I hope you have a wonderful day!

Don't forget our AWESOME Mother's Day Concert tomorrow at 2.30pm in place of assembly. See you there!

Kind Regards,  
Sue Di Giacomo



**Persistence**  
**Encouragement**  
**Resilience**  
**Respect**  
**Inclusiveness**

**Calendar**

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| Prep Information Evening<br>7.00PM           | <b>11/5</b> |
| Cross Country<br>Grades 3—6                  | <b>20/5</b> |
| Grandparent/Special<br>Person Afternoon 2.30 | <b>25/5</b> |
| Fun Run                                      | <b>1/6</b>  |
| Queens Birthday Holiday                      | <b>13/6</b> |
| Curriculum Day                               | <b>24/6</b> |

## NAPLAN TESTING TIMETABLE for Grade 3 and Grade 5 students

| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May   | Wed 11 May  | Thurs 12 May   |
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| 9-11am:<br>Language Conventions<br>(Spelling and Grammar; 40 Mins)<br>Writing ( 40 mins)<br>The NAPLAN tests are approximately 45- 50 minutes in duration. | 9-11am:<br>Reading (45 mins: Gr 3)<br>(50 mins: Gr 5) | 9-11am:<br>Numeracy (45 mins: Gr 3)<br>(50 mins: Gr 5) |

| Grade   | Teacher    | Award               | Student                   |
|---------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Group 2 | Ms Mottau  | Student of the Week | Jordan & Lillie           |
| Group 3 | Mrs Martin | Student of the Week | Thomas & Charlie          |
| Group 4 | Mrs Owen   | Student of the Week | Angela, Iake, Jack & Erin |
| Group 7 | Mrs Pitt   | Student of the Week | Tyla, Hannah & Jacob      |

### SCHOOL PHOTOS UPDATE

We have group photos ie Choir, School Leaders, SRC and House Captains are on display in the foyer. They are \$25.00 each, orders should be placed at the School Office **last day to order is 6th May.**

### Do you feel like a walk?

The preps are walking down to the Kinder on Monday and Tuesday next week and we are looking for some parents to accompany them. If you would like to go between 12 and 1.30 could you please let Trish or Maddy know.

### School Uniform

is only available online at **A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR (Trading as AGS Pty Ltd) . All purchases can be delivered directly to the school. Please go to their website [www.aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au) phone **(03) 9354 8345.****

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD REGULARLY.

**Head Lice** is an ongoing battle between school/parents and THE LITTLE CRITTERS. Please make sure you check your child's hair **REGULARLY.** If any head lice are found PLS advise

### HEALESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Information Night  
 May 5th @ 7 P.M.  
 In the Performing Arts Centre

## FUNDRAISING EVENT 1ST JUNE

- We're holding the *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June!** This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise **\$5000**, so all help is appreciated!
- The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way! It's all about participation and we're organising a great day for our school community. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.
- The sponsorship forms have already been sent home with your child but if you don't have one just ask your teacher for one. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every week!
- The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that ensures all schools have a viable alternative to junk food fundraising. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active.