From the Principal

We have had a great start to the term with a major history focus on ANZAC commemorations. Max and Emily represented our school with pride at the ceremony held in Glenorchy and laid a wreath donated by the school. We were lucky enough to have two speakers from the Glenorchy RSL speak with the whole school and then spend some interview time with our older grades. Mr Shaun Dobson and Mr John Chivers spoke about the importance of remembering ANZAC day and some of the historical facts about World War 1.

“Kids who read succeed” is our new motto for our whole school home reading program. Your child will be bringing home their green book folder and a book to read every night. Tomorrow teachers will be opening their doors at 2:40pm to allow parents in to hear about how the home reading program will work in their child's class. Please come and join your child in the room to learn about the benefits of reading at home.

If your child is in Grade 3 or 5 they will shortly be participating in NAPLAN testing. Included in this newsletter is some more information about these tests that help the school plan for students' learning needs. Please speak with your child's class teacher should you have any questions regarding this.

Bonnie Jeffrey
Happy Birthday to… who will be celebrating a birthday in the coming days!

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**From The Office…**

**Book Club**
All book club orders for **Issue 3** are due back to the office by Friday May 1st.

**Goodwood Primary Easter Raffle winners**
1. Sam Donohoe
2. Stephanie Clingan
3. Jess Bryce
4. Susie Duffy

**Sick Children**
It is coming to that time of year when children are affected by colds and gastro. Parents/Carers are encouraged to keep sick children home until they are recovered. If your child is well enough but is required to take medication at school (re: antibiotics, asthma puffer ect.) we ask that you come and see office staff who can administer such medications.

**Procedure for students departing school early for an appointment**
Parents/carers are advised that if your child/children must leave class for an appointment you are required to come to the school office and notify office staff. Office staff will then proceed to collect your child from class and amend the students attendance. Parents/carers are also advised that if lunch needs to be given to students or other contact needs to be made with students during school times all communication must be made via the office first.

**TERM DATES 2015**

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**Growing Up Program**

On Monday 4 May we will be starting our Growing up Program for all grades, Kinder - Grade 6.

Information about this program will be distributed to all parent/carers during this week. If you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child participating in this program please feel free to talk to your child’s class teacher or the school office.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2015

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2015 are Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html

WORLD’S BIGGEST EASTER BUN visits
Goodwood Primary

The team from radio station SeaFM brought the Worlds Biggest Easter Bun for the students to sample.
How can I encourage my child to read?

Talk with your child. Speaking and listening provides your child with different ways to learn and think about the world.

Provide a positive role model. Chat about what you are reading in books, newspapers and magazines, or viewing on screens.

Read to your child every day. This is not always possible but it may be that you point out words when you are travelling, read something aloud from a newspaper, magazine or book, or point out something interesting on screen.

Listen to your child read. All children like to receive positive feedback and listening to your child read is a great opportunity to congratulate him or her on what has been achieved.

Encourage your child to read from a wide range of sources. There is much to learn and enjoy from reading picture books, short stories, poetry, comics, magazines, instruction manuals and so on.
“Kids who read succeed”

Our new motto for our whole school reading program
GOODWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Move Well Eat Well promotes a healthier Tasmania in which children can enjoy healthy eating and physical activity every day. It contributes to a healthy lifestyle and to the prevention of a range of chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, some cancers and dental decay.

Move Well Eat Well

Packing a fruit & veg break

Are your children bored with the same snack for their fruit and veg break? Here are some ideas you can try:

- Pack a rainbow
  Put different coloured fruit or veg in one container

- Keep it interesting
  Try veg one day and fruit the next

- Encourage new tastes
  Include a new fruit or vegetable in with an old favourite

- Easy to access, easy to eat
  Peel, chop, include a spoon, pack in a separate container to lunch

- Shop by season
  It’s often cheaper, tastier and your child gets to enjoy different fruit and vegetables throughout the year

- Keep it safe
  Always wash fruit and vegetables before packing

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

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