School Council continues to fund improvements to our facilities as money becomes available. We currently have quotes for concreting more paths and a fence and gate at the entrance to the school at the office. We are awaiting quotes for blinds in the P–2, 3/4 & 5/6 classrooms.

Could parents please return the Walk a thon sponsor sheets and money from last term asap. There are 10 families (16 students) who were sponsored and have not returned the money.

Walk a thon

Congratulations to the following students

Ryan Brawn - 50 nights  Mikaela Rooke - 25 nights

SAKG will be on this Friday the 29th April. Find attached to the newsletter the helper roster. Please return asap. See Meagan if you have any questions.

Parent Meeting

Six parents attended the ‘Information Night’ last Wednesday. They were given an explanation our writing program, VCOP & Big Write as well as eSmart - how we can help students being cyber smart at school and at home. We deliberately keep these nights brief so parents are encouraged to attend. We began shortly after 7.00pm and were finished before 7.45 pm.

For Your Diary

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Student Achievement Awards

P - 2 Learning
Amelia Hodgson - For using spaces better in her writing and showing improvement overall in literacy.

3 - 4 Learning
Chiara Rooke - For being the only middle grade student to successfully appointed a government position in ‘Earn & Learn.

5 - 6 Responsibility
Lili Taylor - For her responsible attitude towards others.

Open Days

We will be conducting ‘Open Days’ with tours of the school on Thursday 12th & Tuesday 17th May from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. If these times are not suitable arrangements can be made for a tour at a mutually convenient time by contacting the school. We can hopefully attract some new enrolments for 2017. If you have friends or neighbours with children starting school next year, please let them know. This information will also be in the next addition of the Romsey Rag.

School Council

is tonight at 7.00 pm. We will meet in the year 3/4 classroom.

Sub Zero

The Melbourne Cup winning race horse ‘Sub Zero’ will be visiting us next Wednesday 3rd May. Start talking to your children about questions they could ask the horse’s handler.

Mothers Day Stall

The school will be conducting a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 6th of May. Gifts range from $1.00 to $6.00, children can spend as little or as much as you like. Please bring a plastic bag to school for the kids to take gifts home in. Classes will take turns coming into the stall and purchasing gifts, there are plenty and no one will miss out. This also gives the children experience in handling money.

Working Bee

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This drafts board was installed over the weekend. We have large drafts pieces to play the game.

**NAPLAN**

I have been fielding some questions about student participation in Naplan for year three and five students from 10th - 12th May. See the following from the Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority (VCAA) website.

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. A formal application in the manner specified by the relevant Test Administration Authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing.

In essence it is parental choice as to whether your child completes the Naplan tests.

Further information is available from the VCAA website. See the link below or make an appointment to see John


**Biggest Morning Tea**

The school will be supporting the Cancer Council’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ on **Thursday 19th May** from 10.30 am -11.30 am.

We would like as many parents, grandparent, friends, neighbours and people from the local community to attend. We intend to use the hall and have the biggest morning tea we can possibly muster. A ‘what to bring’ list and invitations you can give to others is included with the newsletter. See Meagan if you have any questions.

If attending please let Meagan know. If you are bringing friends or relatives let Meagan know how many for catering purposes.

**Happy birthday to Harry for next Tuesday. We hope you have a great day.**

**The school entrance near the office can not be accessed tomorrow morning due to a fence and gate being installed. Please use the entrance at the front of the school.**

**This work should be completed before pick up at the end of the day.**