Thank you to those parents who braved the elements and attended the Parent Information Evening last Wednesday night. It was an extremely productive meeting with excellent ideas and suggestions discussed between parents and teaching staff. A number of recommendations were made to both streamline the reporting of student progress to parents and alleviate some of the teacher workload including hours of proof reading. I believe we have struck the right balance.

The major proposed changes are to:

- Dot point comments to make them more concise and to the point
- The ‘What the school will do’ and ‘What parents can do at home’ comments be replaced with a list of discussion points for Parent, Student, Teacher interviews.
- That parents can opt for a 10 or 20 minute interview. Teachers may also have cause to elect for a 20 minute interview. Can I also reiterate that parents can request an interview by appointment at any time, not just at scheduled reporting times.

This week I will be feeding back a draft to the parents who attended to seek clarification that this is what was agreed to and any other suggestions. We will then take this to School Council next week for approval. We will then send copies and an explanation home with the newsletter.

We believe we will be able to report using this framework in June this semester. In early term three we will convene another Parent Evening and seek further feedback. We will also have perused some other options which came out of the initial meeting and provide some ideas and options.

The school will be conducting a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 9th of May. Gifts range from $1.50 to $5.50, children can spend as little or as much as you would like them too. 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.

Some of the ‘older’ students and families would remember the Chapman Family who made a significant contribution to the school over many years. The youngest sibling Holly, will be completing work experience with us this week and next. I will enjoy seeing and spending time with Holly, it is fairly rare to see how some of our students we send to secondary school get on. She is also one of only a handful of students I have taught for four years of her primary school education - this a huge responsibility, a bit scary actually!

Last Friday we had 8 students represent our school at the District Cross Country. It was a wet and miserable day but all students had a really great time.

Student’s results were as follows
- Lauryn – 47th
- Declan – 42nd
- Chloe – 9th
- Jenna – 32nd (who missed the start of the race, great effort!)
- Talitha – 48th

Unfortunately Lili hurt herself during the race and was unable to finish

Tana and Nysa Males came first in their age group and will be going onto the Regional Finals in Bendigo later this month. Congratulations!!

I want to congratulate all of the students who ran, it was a tremendous effort, you represented the school wonderfully and all your hard work and training paid off. Well Done!

From the Principal’s Desk

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Mother’s Day

Holly Chapman Returns

Cross Country
Year P–2
Clancy McLaughlin – for his outstanding effort towards learning his coloured words. Well Done

Year 3–6
Ethan Campbell — For his excellent work estimating angles.

Congratulations to Liam O’Brien—25 nights

Well done!

Naplan begins next Tuesday for year three and five students from 13th - 15th May. See John if you have any questions.

We welcome visitors to our school and invite you to a tour on our open days on Tuesday 13th or Thursday 22nd May and 11th June or 19th June at 10.00 am - 12.00 or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

John Mackintosh Principal
Mullalys Rd Bolinda 3432 Phone 54 285 317

Happy birthday to Alex for next Saturday. We hope you have a great day.

The SAKG program will be Thursday this week.
Some of the writing pieces from last week about the Sustainability Incursion.

We dressed up. We were dancing. We had fun. By Seth Harris

We made a rocket after that we heard an SOS message from Australia. By Nea Ferraro

First while we were playing they were setting up the incursion. Then the bell rang, then we went inside, we turned on our imaginations and we became Plutonians!! We were at Pluto primary school. We got an SOS message from Earth. By Keira Watts

Two days ago we danced and we did mini plays. We made a rocket and went in all directions. There were 4 plays. I did one. There was a play about lions, there was an ocean play, one in Antarctica and a play that was about bins. By Emma Rose

On Wednesday we dressed up and we made a Rocket ship we were saving the Earth. By Ethan Campbell

On Wednesday the whole school had an incursion about sustainability. We dressed up, (I was a bad guy with Declan), we made a human rocket ship, (I was the nose of the rocket with Harry) and we made documentaries. By Harreson Watts

The Sustainability Incursion
By Tahlia Watts

On Wednesday the 30th of April, we had an Incursion about Sustainability. Sustainability means helping the Earth to make us live here. Melinda (or Mel) came for our Incursion. She made us turn on our imaginations and we pretended we were from Pluto, the dwarf planet.

We heard an S.O.S from Planet Earth and it said they needed help to make Planet Earth liveable. So we built a rocket made by us and travelled to Earth. So when we got there, Professor Mel told us to make a documentary about how we can save Earth.

I was in the Paraguay group. We had to act out that we were Australian and I told the kids to take out the rubbish. They told me that they watched the documentary about Paraguay. Then two kids stepped out of the TV and told us they made musical instruments out of rubbish. They played it for us and soon we joined in. When we saw everyone else’s documentary, we were finished. The other documentaries were the sea, Antarctica and the Sumatra Jungle. Professor Mel told us to dance and turn into Earthlings. Then we said goodbye to Mel and then we finished the incursion.

Sustainability incursion
By Zoe O’Brien

Two days ago on Wednesday the 30th of April we did a sustainability incursion about saving planet Earth. Professor Mel told us to turn on our imagination so we pre-

The school will be supporting the Cancer Council’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ on Thursday 24th 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.
Cross Country & Superhero dress up day