The 2015 NAPLAN results were released last week. Parents should contact class teachers if they have questions or concerns. Teachers are currently analysing grade and individual results to target areas for further development. In general, our school demonstrated overall improvement in writing. However, reading comprehension and spelling will continue to be focus areas. A full report regarding the overall results will be provided to the school community in the 2015 Annual School Report.

At last week’s P&C meeting a unanimous decision was made to close the P&C run canteen at the end of Term 3. In reviewing the income and expenditure from financial statements over the past 12 months, it is no longer viable to continue operating a P&C run canteen. The preferred option is to lease the premises to a private company who will pay a licence fee to the school. This could bring up to $20,000 income to the school. An advertisement will appear in local papers next week calling for expressions of interest. The P&C committee will consider the applications and along with an officer from the Department’s Asset Management unit will decide the successful tender. I would like to thank the canteen operators and volunteer helpers for their commitment over the years to provide a canteen service for our students.

The disco was a huge success yesterday and raised $1,156.00 for the P&C fundraising committee.

Any funds raised from this committee will be used to purchase educational resources for students. Many thanks to Emad Chalab and Michelle Milich for their organisation, and to the students and families who supported the event. I would also like to thank the senior students who helped sell snacks.

An invitation from Mr Clarke…
Our first Parent Café afternoon is next Tuesday 1 September at 2:10pm in the hall. Please come along and enjoy a FREE coffee or cup of tea and meet other parents, carers and school staff. We would love to see you there and we will be happy to discuss various school topics. The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 15 September at 2:10pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.
This term in Stage 2 we are being immersed in the world of robotics and coding through the use of LEGO. Stage 2 are in the process of learning to code (programming) whilst constructing models to bring their robots to life using LEGO WeDo software and kits for one hour per week. This collaborative learning amongst peers in the classroom is encouraging communication, collaboration and team building skills as well as teaching Literacy, Science, Mathematics, Technology and Engineering.

Our Mini-Fair is fast approaching!!! Please send in your unwanted gifts, pre-loved books, toys, china glassware, ornaments etc. for our White Elephant Stall. Although the items are pre-loved please make sure that they are clean and in good condition. No clothes please. All donations can be marked for ‘White Elephant Stall’ and taken to the storeroom next to E1K – Mrs Koppman’s room. Thank you in advance for your support.

To request a song from our resident DJ to be played over the schools P.A system on Mini Fair Day, students are reminded that they can return their note with a gold coin donation to Miss Iervasi in S2I. Please ensure when you are requesting a song that it is appropriate to be played at school (no expletives or violent references).

Sophie and her mum brought in some chicken eggs from their chickens at home. The children at the preschool made scrambled eggs with spinach, which we collected from our herb garden.

Congratulations to the following PSSA semi-finalists – Junior A boys soccer, Junior B and Junior C netballers. We wish you the best of luck in your upcoming games.

A further congratulation goes to our Senior and Junior hockey teams who have made it through to the GRAND FINAL and will play off for first place within the next fortnight. All the very best, win or lose you can hold your heads up high. We are all very proud of you!

This season of Winter PSSA the Senior and Junior Hockey teams have been working really hard. Both teams have been showing their dedication, commitment and sportsmanship on and off the hockey field for the past 10 rounds. Through all this both teams have successfully made it through to the Hockey PSSA Grand Finals. We wish them all the best in their Grand Finals no matter what the outcome as they are winners in our eyes for their hard work in getting this far. The hockey grand final will be played Friday 4th September 2015, from 12.45pm at Ernie Smith Reserve, Kelso Cres Moorebank. Feel free to come along and support our Hockey players in their Grand Final.

If you have a child who has already turned 5 years old in 2015 or will turn 5 before the 31 July 2016 and you live in the local area, you are invited to come and enrol your child for Kindergarten 2016.

DJ DONATIONS

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to Liverpool West Public School.

Mrs Trish Hagan
Relieving Principal and Staff