What’s Coming Up
- **NAPLAN**: (For Grade 5s only) Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May
- **Stomp The Beat Disco** – Thurs 14th May – Grade 5/6 6.30 – 7.15pm
  - **Sausage Sizzle** at 6.15pm
- **Book Fair** – 14th – 21st May
- **Education Week** – 18th – 22nd May
- **Open Morning** – Thursday 21st May 9.30 – 11.00am
- **Grade 6 Transition Forms**: due back 22nd May
- **Garden Working Bee** – Sunday 31st May
- **Parent Information Session** – Monday 1st of June

Homework Expectations
- **Reading**: for 20-30 minutes every day. Record your reading in your diary.
- **Reading Letters**: One per fortnight. Each student has a special day to hand this in.
- **Spelling**: individual lists for testing on Thursdays or other task
- **Mathletics**: At least 45 minutes per week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

Earthkeepers Camp
What an amazing experience we have all had! All Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have now received their “K” and “E” keys. Over the next few months, both at home and at school, students will be working towards their final two keys - the “Y” and “S” keys. The “Y” key will involve changes the students have pledged to make in their own and their family’s lives, to live in a more sustainable way.

We are asking all Grade 6ers to bring their Earthkeeper’s manuals to school (no matter what state they are in!) so we can continue to assist them to complete their training.

Athletics
District athletics was run this Thursday. Many students from our school returned with blue, red and green ribbons displayed. We look forward to sharing their report in the next newsletter!

Grade 6 Transition
If you have not received the transition pack please notify us as soon as possible. Completed forms MUST be returned to your home group teacher no later than May 22nd.
What are we learning about at the moment?

ANZAC DAY
Recently, as you probably all know it was Anzac Day. At The Patch P.S we planted a Gallipoli Oak. There was a moment of silence where all students stood and remembered the loyal Anzacs. Afterwards, all of the grade 5/6 students went off and wrote a poem about Anzac day.

STOMP THE BEAT
The grade 5/6s have also been involved in a program called Stomp the Beat, where all students participate in a process of learning the routine to a dance, which they will then perform at the grade 5/6 disco!

TAMING OF THE BUTTERFLIES AND STANDING TALL
The grades 6’s have also been involved in two amazing programs called Taming Of The Butterflies and Standing Tall. Standing Tall is a program in learning self-defence and sneaky escapes and tips for later in life. The Taming Of The Butterflies program is where, at the great age of 12, our students learn how to perform public speaking and how to tame those naughty butterflies.

EMPOWER
The grades 5’s have been learning a whole other skill. They have been learning how to find a so called ‘queen bee/ King bee’ and not let her/him bring anybody down mentally. The program is called Empower.

ATHLETICS
The grade 5/6’s and 3/4 also get to do athletics. This is where everyone competes in a number of different sports such as hurdles, long jump, triple jump, discus, high jump, running, javelin, shot put and some other sports. The students that got high scores on their sports, both in the Athletic’s Carnival and in PE sessions, get through to district where they get to compete against other schools.

BUDDIES
BUDDIES ARE ADORABLE!! Well, to explain... Buddies are a Prep and a grade 6 student matched together in a pair. It is the grade 6’s job to make sure that their Preps are comfortable at school and have friends to play with.

MONITORS
The monitor process is started when a Grade 5/6 student writes a letter of request to the Principal and the Vice Principal.
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