From the Principal

Today marks the end of term 1. Having the Easter long weekend during the term certainly made the last couple of weeks challenging with many tired and restless students. However, we have made it to the end of a very busy term with a continued focus on literacy and numeracy improvement and the introduction of Positive Education to the students in terms of Mindfulness and Mindsets. Even at the end of the term it is pleasing to hear staff and students continue to use the language of, and demonstrate growth mindsets. Mindfulness exercises continue to be an important part of all classroom routines after breaks to promote self-regulation, therefore improving focus towards work. I have particularly enjoyed the Student Morning Teas and have certainly enjoyed listening to student feedback about what is happening in classrooms and across the school in general. As mentioned in the previous newsletter I did have a Parents’ Morning Tea.

Speaking of parents, Mr Green and I would like to extend a massive thank you, and that seems hardly enough, to the families who attended the Working Bee on Sunday 3rd April with their chainsaws, blower vacs, trucks, trailers and kids!

Sharee, Darren, Brayden and Charli Calvett  
Amanda, Lucy and Gemma Farr  
Chantal, Adam, Carla and Blake Harris  
Melanie, Taryn and Lachlan Sochacki  
Belinda, Paul, Antony, Ella and Sienna Cavallaro  
Stacey and Lilly Gameau  
Penny, Michael and Jani Brougham  
Allison, Ernie, Tristan and Chris Landherr  
Nicole, Josh, Thomas, Connor and Nathaniel Landherr  
Chrisie, Ashton and Joshua Scott  
John Spoolder  
Adele Tassone  
Annie Steer  
Alison, Steve, Josh and Jake Needham  
Mike, Jordan and Bowen Hawkey  
Lachlan Green

I am sure you have all noticed the amazing transformation to the school driveway and car park garden. It is no longer overgrown and makes the place far more inviting. Obviously, we have plans to work on other areas of the school that are in need of some TLC. At Governing Council this week I discussed the success of the Working Bee and there was an overwhelming response to have another next term on Sunday 5th June.

Congratulations to Allan Green who has just been appointed as the Two Wells Primary School Grounds Person for the remainder of the school year. Allan is proving to be a very keen Grounds Person who has brought a fresh perspective to the needs of the school and is already making a big difference to the aesthetics of the site.

At the Governing Council meeting on Tuesday we voted in yet another new member. Thank you to Kelly Alexander for joining the team. Other members were listed in last week’s newsletter. Chrissie Scott was re-elected this week as Governing Council Chairperson, with Ernie Landherr as Secretary and Amanda Farr as Treasurer. Points for discussion and decision making included the Uniform policy, DCSI clearances, Vacation Care, P&F fundraising donations etc. Details of any decisions will be outlined in the next school newsletter.

NAPLAN is fast approaching. Details were sent home in the last newsletter. A reminder that parents wishing to withdraw their children based on learning difficulties/disabilities need to do so by contacting me at the school ASAP. Students cannot be withdrawn once NAPLAN week begins. Students who are absent during NAPLAN are required to make up the test, so there is no point in students staying home to avoid the test.

Volunteers are desperately needed in the school canteen. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, please contact me at the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday. Enjoy having your children at home for a couple of weeks away from the routine of alarm clocks, packed lunches and uniforms.

"Take a deep breath, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again".

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

Keep Safe These Holidays

I hope everyone has a safe and exciting holiday with their families! Please continue to keep your children safe by being open with them about stranger danger and online predators.

I look forward to seeing you all in two weeks!

Zoe 😊
**Biggest Sum Ever!**

Congratulations Jacob P for creating and solving the BIGGEST sum Room 25 has ever seen!!!!!!!

**Two Wells Jump Rope for Heart**

In term two all students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. In PE and during lunch time gym sessions students will have the opportunity to practise jump rope skills. Throughout the term students will have the opportunity to fundraise for the Heart Foundation online or through donation books that will be handed out in week one. Fundraising will finish in week 9 and students will participate in a Jump Off to celebrate their fundraising achievements and showcasing their skipping skills.

Follow this link to your schools fundraising website: [http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Two-Wells-Primary-School-TWO-WELLS-SA-122028](http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Two-Wells-Primary-School-TWO-WELLS-SA-122028)

**Two Wells Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 6th May. Prices will range from $1.00 - $5.00. Please bring a bag for your purchases. Thank you for helping our school fundraises.

**Rugby League Holiday Clinic**

During the upcoming holidays the NRL is holding a Coaching Clinic.

Date: Tuesday 26th April

Time: 10 – 2pm

Venue: Hanson Reserve, Sixth Avenue Woodville Gardens

Cost: $10, includes football and lunch

To register: Go to [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com) and look for Find a Holiday Clinic or check PlayNRLSA on Facebook. For more info contact Dave on 0411 159 465

**Schools Netball Game – Teachers vs Year 6/7’s**

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**Balaklava High School**

**OPEN EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY 25th MAY**

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Balaklava High School**

**New Science Building**

Staff and students warmly welcome you to spend an evening with us to find out what makes Balaklava High School so special.

**Year 7 students and their parents are especially welcome.**

**Crèche provided - please contact the front office to make a booking for this service.**

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