As special note for the Shepherd/Madden family
Mrs Maddens father Errol Shepherd last night lost his long battle with cancer. Errol has been a great supporter of our school attending ANZAC day ceremonies, end of term nights and any other functions we have had. We will all miss him immensely. He was a good friend to anyone who knew him. On behalf of all of our school I would like to offer Karen and her family our deepest sympathy and any support at all that we can provide.

NAPLAN update
NAPLAN is over for another year; our papers were posted off today for marking at the marking centre. I am sure all the students are happy the tests are over. Some students did express some concern over taking the test but I am sure it was alright in the end.

Principals meeting next week
Next week I will be heading to Gladstone for 4 days to attend a series of meetings and workshops. I will be away from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Kirk will be here while I am away.

An interesting article
Resilience is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand. Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience. The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids. Resilient kids share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

Building Resilience
From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them. You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.
2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation. Promoting resilience in kids is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop this week will be Hot Dogs, cupcake and a popper. Cost $4. All orders with money must be in by Thursday. NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY.
**Date Claimers**

**MAY**
- 20th - Under 8’s Day
- 26th - 29th - Principal’s Meeting - Gladstone
- 30th - Pie orders due

**JUNE**
- 9th - Book Club due
- 9th - Queen’s birthday holiday

**P&C News**

**Reminder:** Pie orders are due 30th May.

**Book Club**

The next issue (issue 4) of Scholastic Book Club has arrived. Orders booklets have been given to students today. Please return orders to school by 9th June.

**Magic Square**

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  8  |  48  |    4
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The sum is 136

**Community Notices**

5Cent Campaign

The Anbeek family are registered collectors for YGAP’s #5cent campaign which is a 5 cent coin fundraiser addressing issues of poverty. This year the funds go toward tackling food insecurity in Australia, providing education in Rwanda and training future leaders in Cambodia. If you would like to contribute your 5 cent coins as donation toward the cause, a collection box will be at the school for the month of May.
1. If you were born on the 8th April, which star sign would you belong to?
2. Which spirit is typically used to make a Cuba Libre?
3. What do the roman numerals CX stand for?
4. In cockney rhyming slang, what is the saying ‘Trouble and strife’ referring to?
5. In a lonely hearts ad, what does the abbreviation GSOH stand for?
6. From which country does Stella Artois originate?
7. In which year did Michael Jackson release his single entitles Thriller?
8. Who invented the washing machine?
9. In the seventies, which group had the most number one hits in the UK?
10. How many years of marriage would be celebrated by a golden anniversary?
11. What do the letters LCD stand for?
12. Who founded the Ferrari automobile company?
13. What do dates grow on?


Fun Facts with Meisje

My favourite colour: Purple & Gold
How old am I: 9 years
What pets I have: Dog & Cat and 5 chooks
My favourite food: Hot Dogs
When I get home I: Play with my little brother, Tao
My favourite book: Good Friends Forever Monster High
When I leave school I want to be: Famous Singer and fashion designer

Quote of the week

YOU WILL NEVER BE HAPPY IF YOU CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR WHAT HAPPINESS CONSISTS OF.
YOU WILL NEVER LIVE IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE.

ALBERT CAMUS

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR GRAMMA IS NOT THE WOMAN THAT I MARRIED?
SHE'S NOT?

NOPE. LOOK... HERE'S A PHOTO OF THE WOMAN I MARRIED. DOES SHE LOOK ANYTHING LIKE YOUR GRAMMA?

NUH UH. THAT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE MY GRAMMA. WHO'S THAT MAN SHE'S WITH?

THAT'S ME, OF COURSE!

NO... REALLY. WHO IS IT?
The open day is an opportunity for families in our community to come and sign up for kindy in 2015. Our wait list for 2015 is filling up fast so come along and see what we have to offer and secure yourself a spot for 2015.