



Albert Park Public

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2
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Principals Report

National testing is next week for years 3 & 5. If you don't want your child to sit these tests please inform me.

Half yearly reports will be given out at the end of this term. You are welcome to contact the Teacher or Office to arrange an interview early this term if you have concerns about your child's progress.

Essential repair works are being undertaken using federal funding. We haven't been advised of other projects we have applied for, we are still in the running for these. We applied for a school assembly hall, fencing and a home economics/canteen facility.

5/6 class report.

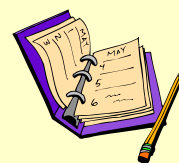
A number of students still don't know their times tables. Some have tried to avoid it and not practicing their tables on the computer when directed. This term those that don't know their tables will be writing them out by hand.

We are working on narratives or old fashioned story telling for the next few weeks. This is not an area we normally spend a lot of time on as we are more concerned with information reports, expositions and contractual writing. Unfortunately the national testing requires understanding of narratives as some states do not have comprehensive writing curricula.

Maths problem solving is the emphasis this term in number. Children are challenged by written problems because they must understand mathematical language and work out the sum needed to solve the problem. We are making steady progress and students are getting the hang of it.

David Bartholomaeus.

Dates for Your Diary



BOOK Club Due May
13th

P&C Meeting Monday
18th May 5pm

Education Week/
Reconciliation Week
25th May—29th May
Open day Thursday 27th
May BBQ Activities etc
Thursday 4th June 5-7pm
School Disco

Friday 5th June
Pie Orders and Money
Due

Thursday 18th June
Pies Delivered



K/1 News

Welcome back to Term 2. It is lovely to see everyone back safe and rested from the holidays.

Our main unit this Term is Products and Services. We will investigate how we generate and use products and services that meet our needs and wants.

- Students will
- identify needs and wants
 - understand how money is used to purchase goods and services.
 - investigate where food comes from
 - plan a healthy picnic and
 - create a mixed media art work

We are also focusing on the text types narratives and information reports.

Last week we read a fabulous book "When the doorbell rang" - by Pat Hutchins. It is a lovely story in which ma has made a dozen delicious cookies. It should be plenty for her 2 children but then the door bell rings and rings and rings. A funny story about sharing. It leads into a lesson on division where the children had to work in groups and share patty pans between them, then write up their results.

From the 18th May, I will be on long service leave until the 15th June. Ms Adsett will have the class while I am away.

Wishing all Mum's a happy and relaxing Mothers Day on Sunday.

Mrs Bath ☺

News from 2/3/4

Welcome back to all from a well deserved holiday. This term is shaping up to be a busy one with our X-country taking place this Friday. Students have been training daily with much enthusiasm. With the weather cooling off it is a great time to be outside and be active.

Science: We are looking at "Natural and Processed materials."

H.S.I.E: This term students are looking at "Ancient Civilisations" and will be producing some interesting artworks.

News from 2/3/4 continued

Drama: Due to student interest/protests I will continue with Monday drama. A great way for students to express themselves!

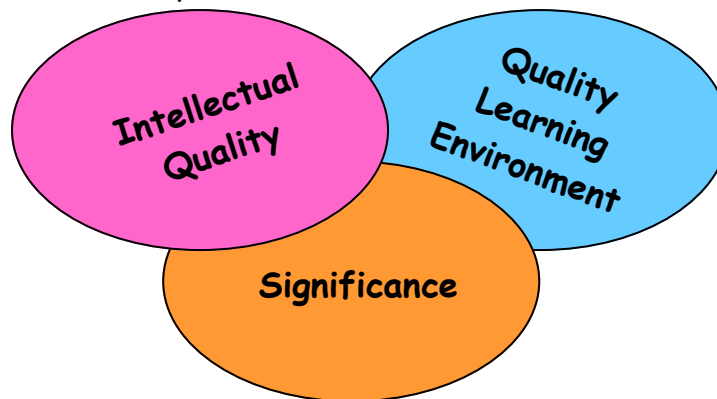
Homework: Due in Tuesdays. (Replacement homework is given.)

Homereaders: If your child has misplaced their homereader folder PLEASE send a short note and I can replace it.

Regards Mr Mack ☺

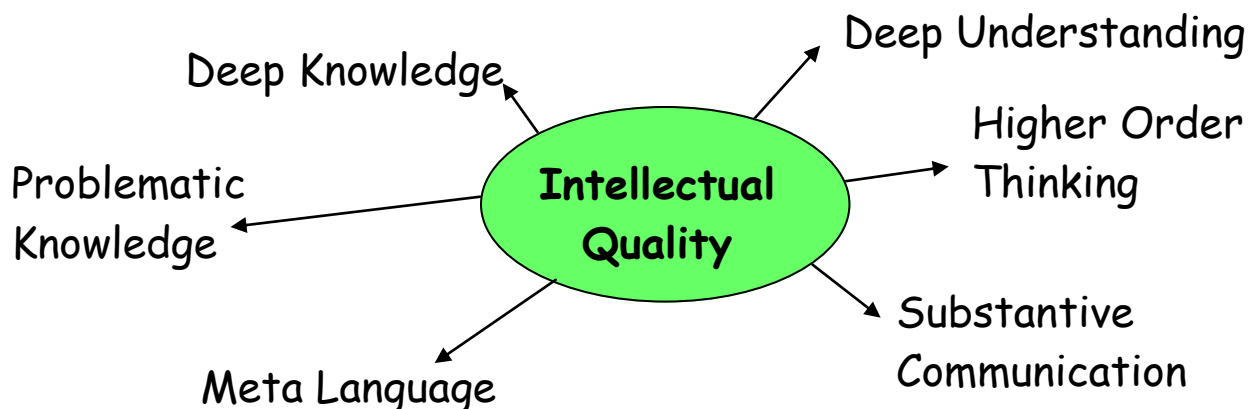
What is Quality Teaching?

Over the next few newsletters, I will cover the NSW model on Quality Teaching. This model builds on what teachers already know, value and do in terms of Quality Teaching Practice.



Walter Harding and Anne Bowden put together, at a Quality Teaching Conference, a presentation for parents and the community to become familiar with and understand the Quality Teaching Model. I have used this presentation to explain the different parts of the model.

In this newsletter I will begin by focusing on Intellectual Quality.



* *DEEP KNOWLEDGE*

To talk about things in depth and make sure students understand ideas.

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* **DEEP UNDERSTANDING**

Students show that they understand ideas on various levels. Eg driving a car requires a deeper understanding than just knowing road rules.

* **PROBLEMATIC KNOWLEDGE**

Knowledge is open to question. Students look at different solutions to solve a problem.

* **HIGHER ORDER THINKING**

Students are asked to think about information eg. What was it that you liked about that book? Not Did you like that book?

* **META LANGUAGE**

Students use and understand the correct terminology or language. EG weather < Cloud
Cumulus

Length < Short
Longest
Measure

* **SUBSTANTIVE COMMUNICATION**

Opportunities to have an in-depth conversations around a topic. Eg. What is your opinion on this?

As part of sharing this model with parents, I will also be looking at various areas in which parents can work as partners with the school in helping develop their children's learning. There are probably many things as parents we already do which are part of Quality Teaching.

Mrs Alison Bath

P&C NEWS

PIE DRIVE- Forms went home for the pie drive earlier this week. Orders and money are due back to school on the 5th June and deliveries will be made to the school on the 19th June. Please be available to pick your orders up on the day as the school does not have the freezer space to cater to late pick ups. This is our major fundraiser for the year and all monies get spend directly on our students so please do your best to support this drive.

CANTEEN NEWS- We are currently looking for a regular volunteer on Fridays. The hours needed would be from midday to 2pm. Any who are interested should contact Liz on 0409 227 625. Also those who have any ideas or opinions about the canteen please contact Liz on the above number to discuss before the P&C Meeting.

Just a quick note: **NEW ITEMS ON THE MENU**

Bacon, cheese and tomato sauce puffs \$1.50

Macaroni Cheese \$2.70

Warm Milo \$1-

All these items need to be ordered as they will not be sold "over the counter" at Recess or lunch time.

Remember: No Salad products over Term 2 or Term 3.

NEXT MEETING 18TH MAY 2009 5PM

Albert Park P&C