Dear Families,

Since last Wednesday’s newsletter we have been busy, busy, busy. What a great week we have had!

Last Thursday’s and Friday’s Education Week activities were a huge success. Everyone looked very glamorous in their pyjamas and it was a real treat to meet lots of the family pets. I had my first pat of a rat so I was happy. Friday’s plod and picnic were also a lot of fun. There was NO whingeing from anyone about the walk around the Fyans Creek Loop, particularly when we were walking uphill. It was lovely weather and finished off the week nicely. Thank you to all the parents who trooped in with their family’s beloved pets and to the wonderful walking parents who helped us out on Friday.

What can I say about Monday’s Cluster Athletics Sports. It was a terrific day (no rain, which is always promising) and I was so proud to watch my first ever marching parade. Halls Gap PS were extremely impressive. It was a well deserved Marching Trophy win.

After watching our students participate in the team sports in the afternoon (and knowing that we had practised quite a bit) we were very excited about our win in the Teams Events. A runners-up Overall should keep us smiling for some time. Students from all schools had a great day and it was lovely to see such a good spread of age group champions at the end of the day. Our recipients of this honour were:

Harry Farre - 6 year boys
Isobel Erkelens - 8 year girls
Charlie Farre - 9 year boys
Georgia Farreche and Kaylee Ripper - 10 year girls
Bethany Farreche - 11 year girls
Henry Read-Spunk - 12/13 year boys

Congratulations to all of them.
Thank you so much to all of the parents, grandparents and sons who came along to support the children and to those who helped out with age groups. All student families were represented which is a great achievement. Thank you to Franz who took the photos for the day – they are available to everyone through the school’s web site. Lastly, I am full of pride for our fantastic students, as I think we all are. Everyone tried so hard and they encouraged each other throughout the day. There was lots of pats on the back and “well done” and “good try” to be heard if you went past them at any stage. They were wonderful representatives of our school.

Acting Principal
Ja-San Trimble

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**Earn and Learn is Back!**

Don’t forget to collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths!

After the great success of Earn and Learn last year we are collecting stickers again. You can bring your stickers into Miss Mac or put them on the sticker sheets provided just outside the reception area at school. Thanks for your support!
SCHOOL VALUES

Honesty
- Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers

Persistence
- Being confident, resilient and optimistic when striving to meet challenges

Humour
- To enjoy and celebrate with others

Initiative
- To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership

Commitment
- Being dedicated to do your very best

Teamwork
- Working with and sharing with others to enhance learning for everyone

Respect
- Treating self, others and your environment with care and respect.

**Please discuss these on a regular basis at home as a family**