Road Upgrade

Our school has been fortunate enough to receive some end of financial year funds to upgrade the circular dirt road at the front of the school to bitumen. Also, if funding permits, the upgrade may extend to cover all the dirt road, down to Grafton Street.

I haven’t been informed yet of a start date, but as with all upgrades, there will be some minor inconvenience during the work, which we will work around when the time comes. I will keep you informed of start dates and time frames.

However, the end result will no doubt be worth the inconvenience, as a sealed road up to the school is far better than the dirt road at present.

Office renovation

While on the subject of renovations, if you have been in to the school office in the past week, you would have noticed some changes. Mark Moss, our General Assistant has built a window into the right hand wall of the foyer, which looks through into what is now Mrs Wood’s office. Not only does this improve communication with Mrs Wood, but it has also opened up the foyer area of the office.

Everyone helped last Wednesday to move all the office equipment into its new positions. The ‘Mr Ed’ half door that used to lead to Mrs Wood’s office will be replaced shortly with a normal door.

Thank you to everyone for your assistance and patience, and particularly to Mark Moss for excellent carpentry work.

Start Smart

Today all children were presented with a program called Start Smart from the Commonwealth Bank. Its focus is to teach children the value of money as research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age.

The Start Smart Primary program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy.

Orara High School Taster Day

Years 4 and 5 will be visiting Orara High School tomorrow for their second High School Taster Day. All children enjoyed the experience last term, and tomorrow they will participate in lessons which will be different from Term 1.

All children in Years 4 and 5 have to be at school by 8.30am to catch the bus. We will return to school by 3.00.
**Time well spent.**
What if someone told you they knew about an investment that was sure to pay off? Well, there is one:

Research has shown that the very best investment you can make as a parent is to spend time with your children. A recent study followed more than 10,000 children. It looked at what factors were most important in helping them achieve both at home and at school. Surprisingly, they found that what happened at home was equally important to what happened at school. They noted families could help children develop positive attitudes and skills that could help them be successful in school. To build these positive attitudes and help your child achieve follow these steps:

**Talk about school and why it is important.** Show your child how what they are learning now will help them later in life.

**Visit the school.** Continue to attend as many school activities and meetings as you can.

**Check homework.** Be sure your child does the work and then gets the homework back to school on time.

What happens in school is important. When schools and families work together, kids are most successful. The researchers said that both school and family are important. The role of family involvement is stronger when it comes to academic success.

"A child educated only in school is an uneducated child" George Santayana.

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

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**Workbook payment reminder**
A big thank you to all the families who have already paid for their Student Workbooks!

**Your $30 payment towards the cost of your child’s workbooks is due now.**

**Lowanna P&C News**
Glenreagh P&C will be holding a fully supervised disco at the Glenreagh Hall on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, 6pm to 9pm. The cost is $5 per child. For the security of the children, the disco will be a lock in policy. Once your child/children are inside they will not be allowed to leave without a responsible adult. Attached is the canteen menu for this event.

Orara Valley Fair will be held on Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} June, 10am to 4pm.

Our next P&C meeting will be at 9am on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} June.

**What’s coming up at school**

**Tues 19/5**  Orara High Taster Day- Notes need to be handed in to the office.

**Tues 26/5**  School Photos – order packs sent home last week.