Wow, the mornings have been very chilly this week, and we all look in amazement at the kids who come to school in short-sleeved shirts.

NAPLAN. The NAPLAN tests are one-off test, and as such the teachers’ judgements are generally more accurate in relation to students’ achievements over the year. However, the NAPLAN results are seen as very important in many circles. The good news is that our results are excellent and still improving. The Education Department gives principals a visual statement about schools’ performances in which the red squares means the school tested in the bottom 16% of the like schools cohort, the yellow squares are for the 17th–83rd percentile; and the green represents the top 16%. We were given 6 green squares and we were a smidgin off the 7th. The anomaly of the SD= 1.0 is to do with rounding numbers. Parents wonder how we compare with the other local government schools and you can see us in the fifth line down in the figure below:

I am really grateful to the brilliant staff and supportive parents for these excellent results for our students. The programs we use (Oxford Word list, Prime, EMM, Sound Waves, Jolly Phonics, Jolly Grammar) are the world’s best and they set achievable high standards with dedicated teaching and hard work.

Neil
Afterschool pickup – please make sure that your child knows who is picking them up after school each day, and that they are picked up at 2.50pm when school finishes.

Lost Property – Please make sure that your child’s name is on every piece of clothing they wear to school. The lost property box is currently overflowing, any items left at the end of term will be donated to the Salvos.

Science
It was great to see our students enjoying the National Science Week activities last week. The Robo-Heroes display in the undercover area was a wonderful exhibition of the team work and creative ideas of our Year 1-6 children. Thank you to Mrs Irving for working overtime to get the robots to “stand” for the display. The robots are now in the ICT room and will be used for further activities. Congratulations to these students who Robo-Heroes in the People’s Choice display had their robots displayed in the Perth Art Gallery last week:

C12 - Allyssa, Corey, Ella & Destiny (Robot called Helper).
J5 - Lee-Anne, Nikki, Christian & Kane (Robot called Medical Robot).

Thank you to Mrs Moore and the Education Assistants for running the lunchtime Science Week activities in the library. A special thanks also to Year 5-6 students who assisted the Years 1-2 children with robot activities in the Science Room:


A big thank you to Mrs Brockhoff for all her hard work helping students create their robots.

Thank you – The P&C have always been very supportive of the school and we would like to thank them for their efforts.

The recent Fun Run raised over $6,000 which is a tremendous effort from the P&C and school community. They have many upcoming, fun events planned, all of which benefit our students. The school greatly appreciates their efforts. Some of the money raised will soon be spent on a cover for the large sandpit (Year 1-3 area), as well as a couple of giant Connect Four games, and some chess sets for the newly founded Chess Club. This goes well with the recent investment in recess and lunch time activities which allows the students a greater range of options of things to do.

Full newsletter: http://www.ellenbrookps.wa.edu.au/
School Information

School Hours
Gates Open 8.30
Start 8.45
Finish 2.50
Gates Close 3.05

School Development
Days (pupil free)
Friday 23rd September
Monday 10th October
Friday 16th December

Uniform Shop
Monday 8.30-9.10am
Tuesday 8.30-9.00am
Thursday 2.30-3.00pm

Canteen
Open Everyday
Phone: 9297 6936

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

I love hearing the stories from parents and children of the fun and excitement they have as they go shopping for items to donate to, or fill, a Gift Box. In just 2 weeks we will be collecting the boxes to send overseas to children who do not receive any other such gifts. The delight on their faces is wonderful to see. You can see some of these children if you go to the website: samaritanspurse.org.au. Already we have families who have filled boxes and children who have brought items to put in their class boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings, Mrs P. 😊

P&C UPDATE

SECOND HAND BOOK STALL
Don’t forget the Second Hand Book Stall will be held before and after school on Thursday, 25 August and Friday, 26 August 2016 in the library.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 1 September 2016. Gifts will range from $2 to $10 dollars. We will also be holding a Father’s Day raffle on this day. Tickets cost 50 cents each and the winners will be drawn after lunch. Any donations of new items to be raffled will be happily accepted.

Students will come to the stall with their class. Gifts are limited to 1 per student during this visit. Additional gifts can be purchased at lunch time if stock is available.

MOVIE NIGHT
This term, two movie nights will be held. The first movie night will be held on Friday, 9 September 2016, and the second movie night on Thursday, 22 September 2016. Information about the movie nights has now been sent home with students.

Doors open at 5pm and the evenings will conclude around 7.45pm. Tickets cost $10 and cover a sausage sizzle, drink and activities on the night. Additional food and drink items will be available to purchase on the night.

Tickets are on sale before and after school on the following dates:

* Monday, 29 August
* Wednesday, 31 August
* Friday, 2 September
* Tuesday, 6 September
* Thursday, 8 September

* Tuesday, 30 August
* Thursday, 1 September
* Monday, 5 September
* Wednesday, 7 September

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**School Information**

**Upcoming Events**

- Book Week
  - 22-26\(^{th}\) August
- Book Week Dress Up Assembly
  - 26\(^{th}\) August

**P&C Upcoming Events**

- Second Hand Book Stall
  - 25-26\(^{th}\) August
  - (Subject to change)
- Father’s Day Stall
  - 1\(^{st}\) September
- Movie Nights
  - 9\(^{th}\) September
  - &
  - 22\(^{nd}\) September
  - (Subject to change)

**P&C UPDATE**

**** UNIFORM SHOP ****

New opening hours from 29 AUGUST 2016

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Orders can also be placed in the P&C box and delivered to your child’s class or collected from the front office.

Factons shirts available now get in to secure your size before Sports Carnival day!!

**** CANTEEN ****

Thank you to everyone who returned their survey forms. They are now being reviewed and the winners of the canteen vouchers will be announced shortly.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM**

Join your next FREE local program at Aveley Community Centre!

**DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?**

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families.

In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 4:**

- **Starts:** 11\(^{th}\) October 2016
- **Days:** Tuesdays & Thursdays
- **Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm

**Call us:** 1300 822 953
**Text us:** 0409 745 645
**Online:** [www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)

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