Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN Results
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a nationally developed testing program. Students from Elizabeth Grove PS in Yr 3, 5 and 7 participated in this testing during Term 2, 12th – 14th May 2015. Shortly, your child’s results will be sent home in a sealed envelop. These reports provide an overall assessment of your child’s achievement in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. This information should support the broader assessment and reporting information provided by your child’s teacher through the Student Reports and Parent / Teacher Interviews.

If you wish to discuss your child’s NAPLAN results further and the implications for your child’s learning, please make a suitable appointment time with your child’s classroom teacher in Term 3 or 4 as part of our ‘Optional Interviews’. Alternatively, you can make an appointment time with myself to discuss your child’s learning progress.

Breakfast Club
We continue to have a great turnout of students for our Breakfast Club. This is a great time for students to build friendships and start the day ready to learn with a healthy breakfast. All are welcome to join us in the OSU kitchen every morning from 8:10am for a hot milo, cereal and toast. Parents are welcome to eat or help.

Many thanks to our staff and volunteers for running a great breakfast program.

BOOKWEEK Celebrations!!!
“Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting our Junior Primary classes and reading the well known children’s story ‘Belinda’ to our students. It was great to get into character and share my love of reading with students. On Friday, we had an amazing Bookweek Parade with lots of fun and colour!”

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal

As Albert Einstein, one of history’s greatest scientists, encouraged, “The important thing is to NOT stop questioning!”
On Tuesday the 25th of August the Children from Preschool and Occasional Care had a visit from Heather from the RSPCA. Heather explained the role of the RSPCA and talked with the children about the many animals that they might have an opportunity to work with. The children discovered that the RSPCA could work with a lot of different animals, from dogs and cats and guinea pigs to snakes and other reptiles and farm animals.

Heather brought some cards with her that talked about the 5 Things Animals Need, which were—Food, Shelter, Water, Friends and Vets—to be healthy and happy. We even sang a song about the 5 needs of our pets! Heather also brought in some things that our pets might need, like some dog and cat food, food bowls and toys which helped to reinforce the message about what our pets need.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the Children from the Children’s Centre to talk about how to be great pet owners. We are currently collecting donations for the RSPCA at the Children’s Centre. If you would like to donate some tin or dry food or some old blankets for the animals please feel free to drop them into the donation box.

We have also had the opportunity to remind the children that all the little creatures in nature are important and that we have to be kind and gentle to them and return them to their homes once we have finished observing them.

What Is In Our Garden?
With the warmer weather we have discovered many new bugs and beetles in our yard. This week the children have been busy checking our plants and vegetable garden for caterpillars. They have been able to catch both the green ones that live on our vegetables leaves as well as the furry ones (pictured) that live in one of the bushes in the yard. Through the use of the bug catchers the children have had the opportunity to observe the caterpillars, what they eat and how they move around and climb.

What to read?

Participating in Reading
Your child does not always have to be the reader to participate in reading. Reading activities could be:
- Reading with your child (taking turns or reading together)
- Reading to your child
- The child reading to self (aloud or silently)
- The child making up or predicting the story

Where can you read?
A suitable reading environment should be:
- Quiet
- Comfortable
- Where you can be close to your child
- Relaxing for both you and your child
- Free from interruptions such as TV
- Enjoyable, interesting and passionate
- Full of opportunities to praise your child

School Football
The final game of the year was a tough encounter with Paralowie with the final score seeing us go down by 43 points. After a 3 quarter time address that focussed our players we matched Paralowie on the scoreboard in the final quarter. This was the last game of the season and after 12 rounds which included 2 byes we won 7 and lost 3. A number of the games were blow-outs where we won by over 100 points which showed the strength of the team. A big thanks to the Year 4/5 players who stood up and played for the Year 6/7 team throughout the season, as well as Peter Hearn who took on the role as team manager.

Thank you

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

Don’t forget to collect Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths when you shop. You receive 1 sticker for every $10 you spend. You can either place them in the box at Woolworths at Elizabeth or bring them in to the school. This continues until the 8th September. The school can receive some great educational items for these stickers.

Thank You