Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

It seems that we have constant reasons to be proud of our school at the moment. We are achieving highly in academic, sporting and cultural fields. Reports on the sporting and academic achievements can be read below. Students were excited to participate in the first planning session for our whole school play which will be performed at the end of the year. I can't wait!

**Athletics Day**
I was so proud of the behaviour and effort that all students displayed on Athletics Day. It was fantastic to see everyone having a go, even those who might not have in the past. I was also informed that the behaviour of our students was outstanding, which does not surprise me! However, it is great to hear. Congratulations to Celena Hall (100m, 200m, 800m & High Jump), Rayshell Fazio (800m), William Hennen (80m) and Jackson Hennen (60m) who are representing the small schools at Barnes’ Cup on Friday. All the best!

**NAPLAN Results**
When thinking about NAPLAN, the one thing I look for above all else, is improvement. I am extremely pleased to report that our students in Year 5 showed improvement beyond what was expected across all areas of the testing. When I say ‘beyond what was expected’, we compare how much a student should have improved over the two year period from Year 3. All of our students improved more than what we would expect, which tells us that what we are doing in the classroom is working well. Of course, we are always looking for ways to improve. Well done to the students involved.
**Absences**
As I write this newsletter, all students have attended for the last eight days in a row. This is fantastic as it ensures that all students are receiving continual teaching and learning, and aren't falling behind. It's great that our students are fit and healthy, despite the cooler and windy weather. Let's close in on our school record of 11 days in a row!

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be held at school on Thursday, August 18 at 2:30pm. It would be great to see you there!

**School Rules**
This semester we will be reflecting more heavily on our three school rules-
1. Be Safe
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Respectful

Our students have been doing a wonderful job of identifying and discussing behaviours and choices which reflect our school rules. I want to recognise Elle Bannister for showing that she is responsible by always packing up the games that she has played. Well done Elle!

Kind regards,
Keith Poulter
Acting Principal