



# PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents

We hope you all had a blessed Easter long weekend.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Worker's Day  
(school closed)
- 8<sup>th</sup> : **Voting Day**  
(school closed)
- 11<sup>th</sup> : Soap Box Derby (Sat)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> : IP exams start  
**Extra murals end (all)**
- 24<sup>th</sup> : Cricket World Cup  
Gr 6 Fundraiser TBC
- 27<sup>th</sup> : FP formal assessments  
start
- 28<sup>th</sup> : **Early close at 1pm  
until 7<sup>th</sup> June**

### JUNE

- 7<sup>th</sup> : IP exams end.  
Last day of early close at  
1pm.
- 10<sup>th</sup> : **School closes at normal  
time until end of term**
- 16<sup>th</sup> : Youth Day (Sun)
- 17<sup>th</sup> : Public Holiday (no school)
- 21<sup>st</sup> : Break up Day  
School closes at 12pm

## THE WEEKS AHEAD

Wednesday **1<sup>st</sup> of May** is a Worker's Day, so there will be no school. School will also be closed on the **8<sup>th</sup> of May** due to the elections. Enjoy your day off from work.

## EXTRA MURALS

Please remember that Monday and Tuesdays extra murals have swapped days as of this week.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our **Soap Box Derby** and Family Fun Day is coming up on **Saturday 11 May**. A letter regarding that day's events and the sponsorship will go out on Monday. Please support us! We would love to have as many people at our event as possible – including friends and family. If there is a reason why your child cannot attend the Soap Box Derby you are requested to complete a **Request For Leave** form, which is available from the school office.

## KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR LICE

Lice is doing the rounds in the community. We haven't had any incidents at Orion yet, and we hope to keep it this way. Please check your children's hair regularly and treat anything that looks suspicious.

## IP EXAMS and early close of school

The Intermediate Phase will be writing exams this term. Exams start on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and end on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. From **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May until the 7<sup>th</sup> June the whole Primary school will close at 1pm**. Please arrange to have your child collected on time during this period. Please refer to Newsletter 5 for the exam schedule.

## EXAM TIPS

There is less than a month before exams kick off for the Intermediate Phase. We understand that revising for exams can be a really stressful time for the whole family. If you notice that your child is struggling to organise themselves and make the best use of their time, then please step in and support them. Help them make study notes and to summaries. Read through their class notes with them. Question them. A really effective revision strategy is to get them to 'teach' the work to you or someone else. If they can explain it, they get it. Above all, try not to get frustrated. They need to feel supported during this time.

## VALUE OF THE MONTH

April is the month of **FORGIVENESS** and **UNDERSTANDING**.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Barbra Robinson (Principal) – and the PS Staff