**Diary Dates**

**TOMORROW**  
Parent Club  
Thursday 7th  
Shrine Excursion 3-6

**Friday 8th**  
Mother’s Day Stall  
Interschool Sport  
Table Tennis  
Saturday 9th  
Bunnings BBQ  
Tuesday 12th  
Lunch Orders Due  
NAPLAN  
Wednesday 13th  
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Thursday 14th  
Hamburger Lunch  
NAPLAN  
Friday 15th  
Aquarium F-2  
Tuesday 19th  
School Council  
Friday 22nd  
Cross Country  
Monday 25th  
World of Maths  
Thursday 28th  
Sausage Sizzle (1/2B)  

**JUNE**

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

Next week the annual NAPLAN test program will begin. This one-off test is meant to give snapshot of where students are at a given time, although the design of the tests and the use of the results has been the source of some controversy over time. Any parent of a grade 3 or Grade 5 student who is seeking an exemption from the tests should contact their class teacher or me as soon as possible.

The Parent Club has arranged a Bunnings BBQ for this Saturday 9 May. It is a chance to raise money from outside the school, and given a nice day can be very profitable. As it stands we are still very short of helpers on the day. Fundraisers such as these benefit all of our students as they provide additional funds for equipment and student needs above what is provided by limited Government funding (after a period of minimal increases, Victoria is now the lowest funded per student in Australia).

Since such fundraisers benefit all of our students it is important that all families take an interest and assist where needed. It can’t just be left to a few. So please, if you can spare an hour or two this Saturday, let us know ASAP.

A perfect day luckily, for the Aths Sports last Wednesday. It was also most noticeable how well all schools competed in friendly competition and how well behaved all students from each school were on the day - a credit to all who took part. We have a number of students who have qualified to progress to Division finals in October, although the final tally won’t be known for a couple of weeks.

A lovely day too, for Interschool Sport last Friday produced some excellent friendly competition with great sportsmanship. The reports at assembly, delivered by team captains, were terrific. Well done to all.

Our thoughts are with Mrs Monks at the moment as she takes time to be with her family to mourn the passing of her mother, and care for other close family members facing serious health issues. At this stage the earliest we expect Mrs Monks to return will be next week.

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**Coldstream Primary School’s Value of the Week**

**CARE & COMPASSION**

*Feel concern for and interest in people by showing kindness to others*
Have You Seen?
Invitation to Flag Reveal  Grade 6

Weekly Attendance Champions

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School Captain’s Report
Hello welcome back, this is Deacon your School Captain. Last Thursday the grade 4 to 6 students played interschool sport. The footballers played a great game but lost, the volley stars played a game and won and the netballers won their game. On Friday the whole school had school photos and some of the grade 5/6ers played table tennis. Goodbye from your School Captain.

From The Principal’s Desk (cont.)

Thank you to all parents for their understanding over head lice and the checks undertaken yesterday. Talking to people in other schools, it appears that we are not the only ones where they have made a significant re-appearance. Indeed head lice remains a constant issue in many schools.

We had a perfect evening for our Mothers’ Evening last night and had a bit of fun as well. As I said last night, I hope all mums enjoy their special day on Sunday and that they get the appreciation they rightly deserve, not only on Sunday but every day.

We probably don’t celebrate our achievements or those of our students enough but I was chuffed to hear that only two nominations for year 7 level captain at Lilydale High School this year were received - both from our Grade 6’s last year. A testament to the emphasis we place on leadership and those students’ individual skills. Well done Josh and Jarrod!

Have a gorgeous week

Peter Donaldson, PRINCIPAL