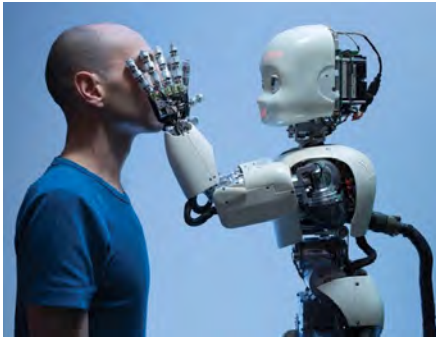




School Newsletter

TAPS



What's coming •

NAPLAN – to next two weeks

- Gala Day – 24.5.19 & 21.6.19

- Year 6 – High School Taster – 23.5.19

- Stage 3 – Power House Museum Excursion 29.5.19

- Zone Cross Country – 31.5.19

- Stage 2 – Day camp – 28.6.19

Performing Arts Afternoon – 25.6.19

- NAIDOC week – starts 1.7.19 Assembly K-6 2.7.19

- REPORTS home – 4.7.19

EDVENTURE - Just a little taste

EDVenture kicked off last Thursday 9.5.19 for 3-6. Our students had a chance to check out activities such as cooking, dance, coding, Lego building, Drama, Art & Craft, Robotics, Fitness and Boxing. Based on student feedback and observations students had a wonderful time. Following this they got to choose their 3 favourite things. EDVenture starts formally this Thursday.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) are doing their own modified versions of EDVenture with students trialling different tasks. These include for Kindergarten play based approach to EDVenture and involves activities such as outdoor play- water, sand, box construction, stem, dance and art. Stage 1 is focused around Creative and Practical arts and involves Boom-whackers, Drumming, Singing, Drama, Dancing and Percussion. Thanks to all staff for giving children this autonomy in a range of innovative, creative and engaging activities.

1

BRAIN

I understand how my Brain works

2

BEHAVIOUR

Is what I'm doing helping me get what I want?

3

SELF REGULATION

What would work better?
What can I do differently?

CROSS COUNTRY - RUNNING TO KEEP WARM

Last Friday the 10.5.19 we held our school cross country carnival. I was so pleased to see so many boys and girls have a go, cheer on their peers encourage their school mates and demonstrate sportsmanship by supporting and encouraging each other. Congratulations to all our students who are progressing to the next round at Zone on the 31st May A special thanks to Miss Johnston and her team for organizing such a successful event. Also thanks to our parents who 'braved' the cold day to come and support their children.

Playgroup & Transition going tops at TAPS

Thanks to Mrs Kelly for her leadership and organization and Mrs Sannio, Mrs Kinchela, Mr Pelaz and Mrs Mason who contribute so much towards creating a successful morning Playgroup and Transition session. We have had so much positive feedback, there are loads of children and parents with smiling faces and our numbers continue to grow. It is wonderful to see students and parents building connections and friendships while transitioning to school.



NAPLAN ONLINE

Naplan started this week and it's a first for TAPS going online for the first time. We wish our students well. Parents encourage your kids to do their best but keep them calm. It is only a few tests. It won't effect their lives or their everyday learning. It certainly doesn't reveal their talents, creativity, kindness, sporting prowess or other such gifts. So let them know they are still wonderful and of course have a go, don't give up, concentrate and enjoy the challenge but certainly don't get anxious or upset. We have found there to be technical difficulties but this is being addressed with the appropriate channels.

The Brain, Behaviours & Character ED

The school is starting to enhance our teaching of Character Education and PD/Health/PE with additional learning about the 'brain' and 'behaviours'. This is aimed at helping students and staff understand why we do things the way we do and how to better understand and better control ourselves in a range of situations and within a range of feelings. This learning will benefit our students in all areas of learning through greater emotional regulation, while preparing them for a future that continues to advance rapidly. Children of this age and beyond will need not just technical know how but they will benefit from human interaction skills such as collaboration, communication, resilience, problem solving, creativity, empathy and a range of other ethical values and attitudes.



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