School Driveway/Car Park
Schools are very busy places in the morning and afternoon and there is a lot of traffic. Safety is extremely important and I would like to remind parents/carers of the 40km/h zone around the school. If for any reason you need to enter the school the speed limit is 15km/h. If leaving your car please use the car parks provided. No cars should be parking on the access road in and out of the school or in the drop off/pick up area.

School Fees
The voluntary school contributions have been set at $35.00 per student and $100.00 per family. The contributions go towards purchasing resources for our students.

School Photographs
School photographs will be taken next Wednesday, 21st May. Photo envelopes are being sent home today. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

NAPLAN Testing
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing started today and will continue on Wednesday and Thursday.

OC Applications 2015
Information regarding applications for students seeking ‘Opportunity Class’ placement, in Year 5 2015 was sent home last week with Year 4 students. Applications close Friday, 16th May. Please contact the school on 6624 1444 if you would like more information.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytnZE

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk
Cross Country/Fun Run
The Cross Country/Fun Run ran successfully on Wednesday, 7th May. The students had a terrific run and the afternoon was most enjoyable. Sponsorship forms are due in by this Friday, 16th May. The winning sport house was Jarrah. Congratulations to all students who participated and thank you to all the parents/friends that were able to cheer the students on or assisted on the day.
The Zone Cross Country is on Friday, 23rd May at Corndale Public School. Please return notes and money as soon as possible. (Not for infants unless 8 years old). The age race results are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>8/9 Years Boys</th>
<th>8/9 Years Girls</th>
<th>10 Years Boys</th>
<th>10 Years Girls</th>
<th>11 Years Boys</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Sienna</td>
<td>Jack</td>
<td>Shannon</td>
<td>Oren</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bond</td>
<td>Njoki</td>
<td>Zachary</td>
<td>Charissa</td>
<td>Jaelen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandon</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>Niklaus</td>
<td>Chelsea</td>
<td>Nathaniel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael</td>
<td>Hailey</td>
<td>Damon</td>
<td>Chyniah</td>
<td>Michael</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>11 Years Girls</th>
<th>12/13 Years Boys</th>
<th>12/13 Years Girls</th>
<th>Kindergarten Boys</th>
<th>Kindergarten Girls</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hayley</td>
<td>Mitchell</td>
<td>Mya</td>
<td>Isaac</td>
<td>Shineeaa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandi</td>
<td>Antwan</td>
<td>Rhiannon</td>
<td>Riley</td>
<td>Layla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sinovai</td>
<td>Jessie</td>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Chris</td>
<td>Tayah</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lokiesha</td>
<td>Reece</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year 1 Boys</th>
<th>Year 1 Girls</th>
<th>Year 2 Boys</th>
<th>Year 2 Girls</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Crystal</td>
<td>Caleb</td>
<td>Shante</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reuben</td>
<td>Tashaya</td>
<td>Declan</td>
<td>Holly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kyden</td>
<td>Hannah</td>
<td>Jaris</td>
<td>Valerie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mark Spencer,
Principal

Life Education Van is coming......Week 6

Dates to Remember - Term 1
This Week 12th – 16th May
Wednesday NAPLAN
Wednesday SCHOOL BANKING
Thursday NAPLAN
Thursday Lantern Parade workshop Yr 4&6

Week 4 19th – 23rd May
Monday FNC Dance Rehearsal
Tuesday 1:2:1 Program
Wednesday School photo day
Wednesday SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday P&C Meeting – 7pm
Friday Zone Cross Country – Corndale

Week 5 26th – 30th May
Thursday K-6 assembly

Week 6 2nd – 6th June
Mon-Fri Life Education Van Visit
Tuesday Dance festival – Gold Coast

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday, 21st May.