8/10/2015

Message from the Principal:

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxed break. Term 4 has arrived quickly this year. As usual there will be plenty of activities happening at school as we lead up to Christmas. I would urge you to keep an eye on the "Whats On" section of this newsletter. I would also encourage you to view our website. This has been updated and the newsletter and dates can always be found there.

You may have noticed or heard about our exciting new sporting infrastructure. We now have a new basketball tower in the undercover area. There are also new netball posts and new volleyball posts and net in the playground. The students seemed to appreciate these when they came back after the holiday break. I would like to thank the P&C for paying for these projects. They were not cheap and much money was raised for this to occur. I would especially like to thank Hayden Cann and his family for initiating the captain’s raffle, organizing the raffle prizes and selling more than their fair share of tickets on weekends. This was a huge contribution. We now have improved sporting facilities for all our students to enjoy for many years into the future.

We had a truly great Year 5 and 6 excursion to Canberra and Sydney before the holidays. I would like to thank Mrs Smith for the unlimited energy she brings on excursions and for keeping me in shape. I would also like to thank Lorraine for doing much of the organizing before the event. Thanks Ashley Schelberg for driving us to the airport and then picking us up on the last day. This saved a considerable amount of money. Thanks again to the P&C for donating $3000 for this excursion and making the price as cost effective as we can for families. Lastly, I would like to thank the students who went on the excursion. Their behaviour, spirit and resilience were heartening. We received a number of comments saying how great they thought our kids were.

I am already thinking about 2016. I have just been notified that the GRG funding will be extended until 2016 and 2017. We will be receiving about $18000 next year which is on top of the grants we allocate when doing the budget. We have achieved many of the goals that were set in our QSR. My thinking is to consult widely with staff and the P&C to establish priorities next year and to assist me to form our improvement agenda. I want people to have ownership of the things we intend to improve.

This is my quote of the fortnight. I thought this was relevant given that we are focusing on our RESPECT value this fortnight.

Life’s Most Persistent Question is, “What are you doing for others?” Martin Luther King.

Thanks
Michael
Important news for parents

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:
This week we are focusing on the RESPECT value. You may wish to reinforce these values with your student.

- Use kind words and actions
- Be tolerant and fair
- Listen to the speaker
- Ask before you take
- Greet others
- Take turns
- Say please and thank you
- Allow personal space
- Show pride in self and the school

Friday's Parade (9 October)
I will be awarding special Parliament House certificates to each Year 5 and 6 child. Parents of these children may wish to attend.

MUSICA VIVA :P-4
This presentation, Teranga and Sounds of the Senegal is a performance experience including African storytelling and percussion. All students are invited to attend this performance on Wednesday 21st October at the Function Centre in Pittsworth. The performance runs from 1.30pm-2.30pm at a cost of $6.00 per student. Parents will be required to transport their children to and from this performance. A permission note is attached to this newsletter. Please return with money by the due date. N.B: Notes must be returned even if students are not attending this performance.

HATS:
As the weather is heating up very quickly we need to ensure that all children have their own hat to wear each and every day. There will be no sharing of hats or using the spare hats at school as we do not want to have any outbreaks of head lice as the weather gets hotter.

Remember: NO HAT, NO PLAY!

P-4 Visit to Cobb & Co Museum
As the final excursion for this year, the P-4 classes will be visiting the Cobb & Co Museum on Monday 9 November. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.

Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
This year the year 6 Graduation Dinner will take place on Monday 30 November. When the details are finalised we will relay this to families of the year 6 students.

Presentation Night—date claimer
Tuesday 1st December is Presentation Night for 2015. Put this on your calendar.

Pittsworth Early Years Network
Our Prep and Playgroup children have been invited to the Read With Me official launch on the 30th October. Children are to come dressed as their favourite book character. Everyone is to assemble at the Pittsworth Kindergarten at 9.45, before marching in the Street Parade where we will view our artwork displayed in the shop windows. Some of the shop staff will be dressing up too. We will then continue to the Function Centre to listen to our Community Champions read to our children. All Prep children will receive a bag of goodies after the event. Mrs Danielle Lorenz will be attending with our students. Parents are to take their own children to the event and are to provide their own snacks, lunch and drinks. Prep students are not required to come to school this day and can go home after the event.

Date Claimer - FATHER’S NIGHT
Yes, it’s on again! With a jungle theme, Dads are required to attend the P-2 Fathers Night on Tuesday 27th October. Details to follow soon.

P&C NEWS

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Amanda Pollock know on 0428 285 818.

** P&C MEETING 8th September
** $nK Clearing Sale 7th November

Welcome back to Term 4. So far this term is looking quiet for the P&C BUT it is only the first week.

The P&C has been asked to cater for a Clearing Sale on November 7 and we have started discussions on School break-up night.

The P&C was successful with our grant application to The Gaming Community Fund, so the shade cover for the play fort will go ahead.

Thank you
Donna
P&C President

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
**TERM 4 ROSTER AND SUMMER MENU WAS HANDED OUT THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL IF YOU DIDN’T RECEIVE YOURS PLEASE CONTACT DONNA.**

*PLEASE NOTE PRICE INCREASE OF NUGGETS*

Wed 14th: Kerry & Amanda
Wed 21st: Donna & Carolyn
Wed 28th: Therese & Alison

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
A number of complaints about shirt hems unravelling has been received so the return of the faulty shirts has been organised for Monday 12th October. Please make sure your child's shirt is NAMED. Shirts will be returned as soon as possible. Faulty shirts can be left at the office.

The supplier of our school shirts has advised the P&C that he now has a school bag for sale, this bag will come with a life time warranty including the zips. It will sell between $35-$40.

VOLUNTEERS
The P&C will be catering for a large Clearing Sale just on the edge of Mt Tyson on Saturday November 7. Your help would be appreciated with this event. A roster will be sent out asking for home bake and an hour or two of your time. This could possibly be the last large fun-raiser for this year.

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