Term 1 Week 8

Monday, 18th March 2013

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School Photos

School Photos will be held this Thursday 21st March. The students need to wear their school uniform. Girls are to wear their school dress and boys to wear grey shorts and shirt.

Photos will commence at 9.45am with the Kindergarten class. Family photos will follow the class and whole school photos.

Photo order envelopes and money need to be back at school before Wednesday 20th March. No package will be produced unless order and payment is received before 20th March. A note and order envelope have been attached to this newsletter. Please read both carefully before returning the envelope to the school office.

Cross Country

Our cross country events will be held on Friday 5th April in the second last week of Term 1. There will be races for juveniles (5, 6 & 7 years), juniors (8, 9 & 10 years), 11 years and seniors. Races will be held in the school grounds (weather permitting) and commence around 10am. As always we are looking forward to lots of parents coming along to support their children.

New Demountable Classroom

On Thursday 14th March our new demountable classroom was delivered and sited beside the computer room. The building will be utilised by Year 2/3 however services such as electricity and computer cabling requires installation and we are also waiting on furniture before we can start using the building.

Young Leaders

Our captains Kelsea, Aleesha and Chloe will be attending the Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre next Monday. Parents of these students have received information about the day’s activities. We hope they have a wonderful time.

Hawkesbury Show

Our students will once again be completing artworks for the Hawkesbury Show. If you wish to enter them in the competition they will need to pay the $1 entry fee to their class teacher before the Wednesday 20th March.

Bilpin Calendar Thank You

The Bilpin Public School P&C Association would like to sincerely thank the following business and individuals who sponsored the 2013 Bilpin Calendar.

- Apple Bar, Bilpin
- Bilpin Resort, Bilpin
- Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens, Mt Tomah
- Cottage Orchard Café, Bilpin
- J M Powell & Son Excavations
- Lithgow Bike Stop
- Paver Maker
- Pie In The Sky Roadhouse, Bilpin
- Shields Orchard, Bilpin
- Springside Pumps and Irrigation, Bilpin
- The Fruit Bowl, Bilpin
- Tutti Frutti at Bilpin

As a result of their generosity over $2400.00 was raised for the school. A very big thank you is extended to Amanda Jones who generously donated her time, provided the images and undertook the design of the calendar.

Uniform Order

Attached to this newsletter is a uniform order sheet. The order form and monies MUST be returned to Mrs Chapman in the school office no later than Friday 12th April. Cheques need to be made payable to the Bilpin Public School P&C Association.

There are sample winter uniforms at school that can be used to help select the correct size of clothing when ordering for your children. Please see Mrs Chapman for assistance. There is also a large amount of second hand clothing items for sale.

TomahROMA

On Saturday 27th April we are hosting a cake and soup stall at Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens, TOMAHROMA Festival. We would like to ask parents to bake and donate muffins or cup cakes as they are easier to sell when in patty cake papers. Cake boxes will be available for parents to utilise. We intend to sell the cakes/muffins for $1.00 each so please bake to the larger size. The event runs from 7.30am till 3pm and the stall will be operating all day. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Nicole McEvoy 4567 1351.

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

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Mother’s Day Stall

On Thursday 9th May the P&C are organising the Mother’s Day Stall which raises funds for the Year 6 farewell. Donated items are gift wrapped and sell from $2 to $5. In order for your child/children to have the chance to buy a gift we need you to donate. Please leave all donated items in the baskets provided at the school office. It would be appreciated if new items be donated rather than second-hand goods.

We also require volunteers to wrap the gifts and assist on the day. If you are able to help or require further information about this event, please contact Nicole McEvoy ph:4567 1351 or Heidi Wilson ph:45670070.

Canteen News

A very big thank you is extended to all the volunteers who have helped out in the canteen this term and to the following who have volunteered for the remainder of Term 1:

Monday 18th March Nicole McEvoy
Thursday 21st March Heidi Wilson & Fiona Graham
Monday 25th March Louise Saarinen
Thursday 28th March Michelle Lear
Monday 1st April PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 4th April Cheryl Baird
Monday 8th April Helen Newman
Thursday 11th April Kelly Haines & Samantha Craigie

Potato Bake is now available (in the same size container as the Lasagne) for $2.60. Why not add a chicken yummie drummy, sweet chilli tender to a salad box for a complete, healthy meal. On Thursday 21st March we will be selling apple and crumble pies for recess for $1.20, made from the apples picked at the Fruit Bowl.

RED WEEK will be Monday 25th and Thursday 28th March. We will be selling Easter treats such as Easter Eggs and chicken decorated cup cakes for 60c each. Attached to this newsletter is an order form needs to be returned to Mrs Chapman by Friday 22nd March.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their special day in March;
Leo (10), Hayden (9), Xavier (10), Anika (11), Tolkien (12), Elijah (8), Chloe (11), Abby (5), Dylan (11) and Mali (8).

Class News

Kindergarten/Year 1 News -

Year 1 Math homework this week is 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3. This will be followed by 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 the next week.

Kindergarten new sounds this week are u, l, f, b, ai. These sounds will be revised the following week.

Year 2 Math homework the students will be completing Unit 4.1 to 4.4 and Unit 5.1 to 5.4 for next week. This week we will be continuing our new set of words for spelling.

Year 2/3 News -

In Science and Technology we have been looking at different structures and we have also been designing some homes for our toys. We are making a home for ants and thank you Bobby for bringing in your Ant Mine Kit.

We are continuing to learn about Japan as well as learning to speak some Japanese words and phrases. We are looking forward to making Sushi next week.

Year 4/5 News -

The students in Year 4/5 have been very conscientious with completing their homework each day. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

This week in Maths homework the students will be completing Unit 4.1 to 4.4 and Unit 5.1 to 5.4 for next week. This week we will be commencing our new set of words for spelling.

Year 6 News -

We have completed many activities on our Antarctica unit. The students have been particularly interested in the trials and tribulations of the many early explorers. Our main focus has been on the famous Australian Sir Douglas Mawson and our students will be including information about his epic journey in their talks at the end of the unit.

Next week Kelsea, Aleesha and Chloe will be attending the Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Guest speakers include Nathan Hindmarsh, Creel Price, Brett Lee and Mike Martin. We hope it is a tremendous learning experience for them.

We will be completing our artworks in preparation for the Hawkesbury Show. There is an entry fee of $1 if students wish it to be entered in the competition.

Once again thank you to all the helpers who are assisting with reading groups in our classroom each week. It is certainly of great benefit to all our students.

Mr A. Hynds

Colo Soccer Football Club is the most successful club in the Hawkesbury area. We urgently need players for the following age groups;

U8 mixed   U12 Girls
U14 Girls   U16 Girls   U21 Girls

Please contact:
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Mobile 0400 265633
Email j.ahall@bigpond.com

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Monday, 18th March 2013

Ghost Hill Spring Water
Available from
Matt Hawkins Water
0418407994
In memory of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson.

Barefoot Bowls & Family Fun Day
Sunday 14th April 2013
Pitt Town & District Sports Clubs
139 Old Pitt Town Rd, Pitt Town
10:00am – 4:00pm

All proceeds will go to the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund

Supported by Police Legacy.

Why not get a team of 4 together and join in the fun of Barefoot Bowls or bring the family along for a great day of rides, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, jumping castle, chocolate wheel, all day BBQ, cake stall and games with lots of prizes to be won, kindly donated by local businesses.

Demonstrations will be provided by a number of Police Specialists Units.

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UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Is There Anyone Out There? – The hunt for ET
The UWS Penrith Observatory is running an astronomy night for families on Saturday, 23 March at 8pm. The evening will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie and observing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone(02)47360135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
Raising Mighty Boys

Understanding what makes boys tick helps to make parenting easier for the males in your life.

Boys under the age of ten can be challenging for parents. It’s behaviour, poor self-confidence and learning issues that keep parents of boys in this age group busy.

The straightforward nature of adolescent boys makes them easier and less complicated to raise, compared to teenage girls so the pressure eases. However, personal relationships, school-life and being organised present challenges for teenage boys.

Sometimes mothers meet in parenting seminars get flummoxed by the in your face, direct nature of their sons. Loveable yes, but they can be hard work as well. It helps to appreciate what makes boys tick.

They are wired for activity
It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

They are slower matures
The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years, seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace. Girls are often better placed to succeed, and many boys get lost once they leave school.

They want approval
Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; while others are kinaesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged.

Make sure you match your relational style with theirs so that you can get on the same wavelength.

They want to blend in
Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to private praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

They need a disciplined approach
Boys usually like limits and boundaries. They make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules, so don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.

They are pragmatic learners
Boys need a reason to learn. If you are having difficulty motivating your son then try linking learning to their interests. They may play a musical instrument when they know they can play in a band or practise their kicking if they can see it will help kick more goals. If they love skateboarding the chances are they want to know more about it, so use this as a lever to motivate them if reading is a problem.

They are single-minded
Boys have a specialist brain, which tends to be logical and rational. They don’t have the same connections between the right and left side of the brain that girls have. This can be a hindrance particularly when careful communication is needed, or multiple viewpoints need to be considered. That’s why parents often have to coach boys of all ages in the finer points of communicating. However, it’s an advantage as it can help them focus hard on tasks, make quick decisions and get to the point when needed.

There is no doubt that raising boys can be a challenge for many parents. Those who do best understand and appreciate how they think, feel and behave and adjust their parenting accordingly. And they feel comfortable in their company as well.

For more information and great resources to help you raise mighty boys go to Parentingideas.com.au/parents.