Term 4 Week 6

Monday 9th November, 2015

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Kindergarten Transition and Orientation

Last week the second Kindergarten Transition was held. The children had a wonderful time!

On Tuesday 10th November (this Tuesday), the transition program will conclude with the Kindergarten Orientation. The children will need to be dropped to the K/1 classroom at 9:25am. The new kindies will get the chance to meet their buddies who will be looking after them during 2016.

Parents are invited to attend an information session in the library. I will present information about the school and the P & C and answer any questions that may arise. Kelly Haines will be available at the beginning of the presentation to discuss uniforms. Parents wishing to order uniforms MUST pay cash or cheque, payable to the Bilpin P&C, otherwise orders cannot be filled. Payment CANNOT be made online via the school website.

I would like to thank Mrs Oram for the time and effort she has put into the transition activities for the students. Mrs Chapman spends a lot of time in the lead up to Kindergarten Orientation preparing information packages for the parents and students. We are very grateful for her organisation and for making such a memorable package for the students.

Parents will be able to collect their children after recess at 11.45 am. The 2016 Kindergarten children will join the whole school for their morning tea while parents enjoy their morning tea in the Library after their information session.

We look forward to seeing them in their new school uniforms on Monday 1st February 2016!

Christmas Tree Competition

Today our Christmas Tree was photographed in readiness for display at the Telstra Store in Richmond. Posters of our tree will be on display in the store from Wednesday 18th November. At this time voting begins and will conclude on Wednesday 2nd December at 5:30pm. A presentation will be held on Friday 4th December.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this competition as the prize money would enable us to purchase wildlife infrared cameras to install in our habitat boxes to conduct surveys on our local wildlife and monitor their populations over the next few years. This is an integral part of the environmental project that we have embarked on this year.

We hope that when you are shopping in Richmond you are able to take the time to vote for our tree as many times as you are able, between the 18th November and the 2nd of December. We look forward to your support in this competition!

National Trust Luncheon

On Saturday the 7th November 42 members of the National Trust visited our school as part of a garden tour. Our guests spoke with great admiration of our gardens and grounds and were very grateful to us for hosting a lunch for their trip.

I would like to thank Angie Pirie and Nicole McEvoy for organising this fundraising event. I would also like to thank the following people for making sandwiches and packing lunches on the day; Angie Pirie, Nicole McEvoy, Ms Wheen, Mrs Oram, Maddy P, Lily I and Aisling M.

We raised $500 for the day.
School Swimming Scheme
A reminder that the permission note and money will need to be handed into the school office by this Wednesday (11th November). If you would like your child to take part but you are unable to pay by this Wednesday, please see Mrs Chapman in the school office.

Year 5 Leadership Training Day
On Wednesday, 28th October, Year 5 attended the Year 5 Leadership Day for the Colo High feeder schools, at Grose View Public School. The students represented our school proudly, displaying exemplary manners. All students participated actively in the activities throughout the day and made many new friends. We are looking forward to hearing what the students have learned when we listen to their speeches at the end of next week.

I would like to thank Jack I. and Hayden P. for the fantastic speeches they presented on the day. The boys spoke about their experiences as leaders this year and what skills they think are required to be an effective leader. Mr Hynds and I were very proud of the mature and responsible manner in which they conducted themselves. I would also like to thank them for being great helpers to me throughout the course of the day. Well done boys!

School Leadership / Captains
Eligible Year 5 students will present their speeches on Friday 20th November at 9.45am in the library. Students will be given speech writing guidelines and criteria this week. Speeches need to be handed to Mrs Mackie to read before Thursday 19th November. The successful students will be announced at Presentation Night on Tuesday 1st December.

Remembrance Day Commemoration
At 11.00am on Wednesday 11th November we will be conducting a short commemoration service for Remembrance Day. It will be held in the assembly area, weather permitting.

Enrolments 2016
At present we are in the process of planning for 2016. If you know of a child that was intending to enrol next year that has not yet done so, can you please let the office know. If you happen to be leaving next year, but have not yet notified any staff member, please notify the office as soon as possible. Accurate enrolment numbers play a vital role in the formation of classes and the allocation of staffing. At present we are trying to establish classes for 2016. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Reports
Student reports will be sent home on Monday the 7th December. This report will be our first report generated by our new software Sentral. The report format will be similar to the Semester 1 report. Any parents who wish to talk to their child’s teacher are welcome to organise a mutually convenient time for an interview.

Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses
Please find attached to the newsletter a Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses. The guide is designed to help parents follow their child’s early learning and reflects the new K-10 syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography incorporating the Australian curriculum. For more information, visit the following website:
http://syllabus.box.nsw.edu.au

P&C Meeting
The last P & C Meeting for 2015 will be held in the staffroom at 3.40 pm on Tuesday 8th December. The date has been changed from 1st December due to Presentation Night taking place.

K/1 Class News - Mrs Oram and Mrs McCloy
Thank you to all of the reading helpers who are continuing to come and work with the students. Your help is invaluable!

We will be continuing reading groups throughout swim school. During swim school, we will be completing the first hour of each day with literacy, the second hour of the day will be numeracy. After recess we will be completing short lessons in each of the other Key Learning Areas, until the year 1’s and the teachers leave for swim school at 12.30pm. The kindergarten students will be completing a mixture of art & sport activities with Mr Hynds in the afternoons.

Year 1 Homework will still be given during this time and the Kindergarten students are encouraged to continue swapping their books frequently.

Mrs McCloy will be handing out the topic talks soon for the children to complete in weeks 7 & 8.

2/3 Class News - Mrs Mackie
This week will be the last week for homework this term due to Swimming Scheme.

Students will still be sent Home Readers until Week 9. Reading Groups will continue until the middle of Week 9.

If you haven’t already sent your Swimming Scheme notes to school, please do so as soon as possible to confirm numbers.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our class performance last week. The students were very excited to perform for you and had a great time in doing so. They put a lot of heart and soul into their rehearsals and of course the performance on the day. I was very proud of their wonderful efforts!

After the conclusion of Swimming Scheme I will send out an expression of interest for assistance with end of year class activities. If you have any time to spare during the last 3 weeks of school, your assistance would be much appreciated.

4/5/6 Class News - Mr Hynds
Last week the students took home their home reading folders as part of our reading program. They were able to choose a book from the library and some were also given a levelled school reader to also choose pages from. Thank you to parents who are assisting their child’s reading development by listening to them read a few pages each night. They are due back at the end of this week.

The class has completed some great pieces of writing related to our chicken mania and have published an explanation, an information report and a discussion in their books or using word processing programs. Over the next few weeks we will be continuing to concentrate on self-editing of our drafts and ensuring our writing is accurate in structure, punctuation, grammar and spelling.

In Maths our main focus over the remaining weeks will be completing tasks to wrap up concepts, knowledge and understandings for Number, Geometry and Measurement in our Stage 2 and Stage 3 curriculum. We will also be finishing some assessment tasks in these areas.

There are a number of Year 5 students who will be presenting school leadership speeches at the end of next week. Mrs Mackie and I will be talking to our candidates prior to this event and ensuring their speeches are prepared for the day.

Mrs Melanie Mackie
PRINCIPAL.
YEARS 2/3 PLAY
The Hawkesbury City Football Club

- 2016 SAP trials-

SAP is a skills acquisition program designed to enhance the development of children aged Under 9 to Under 12 who show a keen interest and ability in soccer. It is for girls and boys who want to begin on the pathway to premier representative soccer; or who simply want to grow and increase their understanding and development of their personal soccer skills.

SAP is a licenced program run under Football NSW guidelines that provides an opportunity for children to be fostered under the tutelage of our highly qualified coaching staff. We also offer training and playing facilities of the highest standard.

Any child in age groups of under 9’s to under 12’s will be eligible to trial for the 2016 season on the 22nd November 2015 at our Benson’s Lane training grounds.

For exact SAP trial times, please keep an eye on our website- www.hawksfootball.com.au or find us on Facebook!

We are also holding free training each Tuesday before the trials from 5-6pm for any children interested in finding out more about SAP!

Would you like some more information?

You can contact us via email hawkesburyfootballclub@gmail.com
Or call Dean Bertenshaw on mobile 0417 435 004