**Term 1 Week 8**

**Monday 16th March, 2015**

**Dates to Remember**

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**Surveys**

We would like to thank all parents and children who completed their surveys over the past few weeks. We received an overwhelming response for which we are very grateful.

The information contained in these surveys will be used to help us formulate our 3 Year Strategic Plan and identify future directions in which we want our school to be headed.

Thank you very much for your valuable and positive feedback. We are very lucky to be part of a committed and dedicated school community.

**Survey Winners!**

Our 3 surveys winners were:

- Ben K/1 - soccer ball
- Jahvis 2/3 - Rebel voucher
- Daniel 4/5/6 - Rebel voucher

Congratulations boys! We hope you get a lot of enjoyment out of your prizes!

**Strategic Plan**

This term the staff are working on the development of our 3 Year Strategic Plan. This plan will map out our major projects for students, staff and community for the next 3 years. The plan is due to be finished by the beginning of next term for publication on the school’s website. Information from surveys, data, discussions with the P & C and discussions around DEC reforms will all be included in the plan.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be held this Thursday 19th 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 K/1 class. Family photos will follow the classes and whole school photos.

Photo order envelopes and money need to be back at school before Wednesday **18th March**. No package will be produced unless the order and payment is received before 19th March.

**AGM Meeting**

The P&C held their AGM on 3rd March and the following parents were voted in by P & C members to fill the executive positions:

- President: Darryl Carle
- Vice President: Angie Pirie
- Treasurer: Nicole McEvoy
- Secretary: Nikki Wheen
- Canteen Coordinator/s: Angie Pirie and Michelle Leer
- Canteen Treasurer: Cheryl Baird
- Uniform Coordinator: Kelly Haines
- Book Club Coordinator: Hanna Carpenter

A copy of the AGM and the P & C Meeting minutes are attached to this week’s newsletter.

**Cross Country**

Our cross country events will be held on Friday 20th March. 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.

The canteen will be open for morning tea, serving hot coffee, tea and hot milo together with homemade apple turnovers [with our apples from the fruit bowl] cupcakes and slices. Normal snack foods & drinks from the canteen will also be for sale.

**P & C Meeting**

5th May 2015

The Staff Room 3.30pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows:

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Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.
Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) and Family Contact Information Update

The Department of Education and Communities has requested that each family be contacted to update their child/ren family and emergency contact details and parent details forms.

The Department of Education and Communities uses the data you provide regarding your occupation grouping (job type) and school education information to best reflect our schools student profile and to ensure accurate record keeping.

The information gathered determines our school’s equity loading for social-economic backgrounds and impacts on the funds we receive from the Government for educational programs to support the students in our school.

Each family will find an envelope attached to the newsletter. Please make any changes on this form (in red pen) to enable staff to update our records. Please return the forms even if you have not amended any information to the school office by Friday 27th March, 2015.

The information that you submit will be treated with utmost confidentiality and securely stored at the completion of the data update.

Hawkesbury Small Schools Basketball Gala Day

On Friday 27th March, Year 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in the Small Schools Basketball Gala Day at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium at South Windsor. This is the first time the Gala Day has been specifically targeted towards Small Schools. The students have been busily training and learning new skills.

Transport for the day will be via mini bus. Full details for the day are included in the note attached to this newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend on the day as spectators.

Apple Collection

The apples collected by Year 3 as part of the ‘Adopt a Tree’ program will be available for all students and any families who would like to come along to school and collect them from 3pm this Wednesday 18th March. A very big thank you is extended to the Tadrosses family for their generous assistance.

Library News

Welcome back to a new year in the library! All of the classes have been working hard and enjoying reading a variety of books during their library lessons this term. We have already started to make the library more colourful with our beautiful work.

Congratulations to the new library monitors for this year—Leah, Kyle, Mall, Cassie, Eli, Olivia, Lachlan M, and Bailey N.

We are now underway with the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. I am really pleased with the number of students who are taking part. Well done to you all.

Everyone should have their folder to record their books in and remember to bring these in regularly so they can be updated on the PRC database and certificates can be presented at Assemblies. Anyone still wanting to take part please see me for a note.

Hawkesbury Show Entries

The students will be working on Hawkesbury Show art works in class during the next few weeks. Children who wish to enter will be required to pay a $1 entry fee to their class teacher.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to our students who have been nominated as ‘Student of the Week’ so far this term. They are Brayden, Keira, Clara, Sasha and Zak. Well done!

Uniform Orders

Attached to the newsletter is an order form for school uniforms. If you require uniforms, please complete the order form and return it together with your payment to Mrs Chapman in the office by Wednesday 1st April. These will be delivered early in term 2.

National Young Leaders Day

Next Monday (23rd March) Jack and Hayden will be heading off to the Young Leaders Day in Darling Harbour. We know they will enjoy listening to some inspirational speakers such as Bindi Irwin (Wildlife and Conservation Advocate), Mike Baird (Premier of NSW), Dylan Parker and James Norton (Paper Plane Pilots) and Mike Martin (Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation) and return with lots of positive ideas as our school leaders.

Canteen News - Angie Pirie

Thankyou for all of the volunteers that have volunteered their time to help out in the canteen. Your help is much appreciated. The following people and dates are as follows :-

Monday 16th March - April Vigurs & Angie Pirie
Thursday 19th March - Michelle Leer
Monday 23rd March - Cristina Robshaw & Louise Saarinen
Thursday 26th March - Eleanor Brand
Monday 30th March - Rachel McKinlay & Angie Pirie
Thursday 2nd April - Nicole McEvoy

Please note that the Canteen has run out of Jumpies (BBQ and Hot Dog). These will be available in term 2.

Attached to this newsletter is next terms roster. Please fill in and hand into the office by 2nd April. New volunteers are always welcome and I would be happy to show you through the procedures. The children love to see their parents in the canteen.

I would just like everyone to know that the canteen follows the healthy school canteen regulations guided by a colour chart, using a guide - GREEN, AMBER & RED Foods

GREEN FOOD is a healthy food and must be consumed in high amounts - eg. fruit and vegetables, legumes, lean meat, wholemeal breads/cereals, low fat dairy & cheeses.

AMBER FOOD should be consumed in smaller and occasional amounts - e.g. snack bars, savoury biscuits, some chips, no added sugar juices, full fat dairy and some muffins & cakes.

Our canteen menu supports the majority of these foods and we try to make them as GREEN as possible.
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RED FOODS is classified as an unhealthy food and should only be consumed on special days e.g. twice a term. As we can only sell lollies and chocolates twice a term which is classified as RED Week, the canteen is celebrating Easter and will be having their red week on Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March & Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March. We will be selling the following:

- Easter gummy bunnies - 20 cents
- Easter Egg marshmallow teeth - 20 cents
- Easter Egg biscuits - 50 cents
- Marshmallow Hearts - 20 cents
- Fruit Sherberts - 20 cents
- Sherbert round lollies - 20 cents
- Cadbury Chocolate Easter Eggs [medium size] - 80 cents

On Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} March our local Kurrajong Bakery is making chocolate chip hot cross buns which we will be selling at $1.00 each. Attached is an order form. If you would like your child/children to purchase a freshly made chocolate chip hot cross bun, please fill in the order form & hand it in by Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March, so we can order the correct amount. Please send money in with your child/children on that day [Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} March]

Wishing everyone a happy & restful Easter & holiday.

Instrumental Music Program
Expression of Interest

Please find attached to the newsletter a note for parents of students from years 2-6 who would be interested in their child/children taking part in music lessons. Please return the expression of interest by Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March.

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten / Year 1 News

We celebrated ‘Dr Seuss Week’ in Week 6, by studying a Dr Seuss book each day. We looked at rhyming words and creating a different craft each day. We looked at ‘The Cat in the Hat’, ‘One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish’, ‘Fox in Socks’, ‘The Lorax’ and ‘Horton Hears a Who’.

In Week 7, we started work on ‘The Gingerbread Man’, by sequencing the story into different sections, watching different versions of the story and making comparisons and also making gingerbread cookies.

In measurement, we have been measuring the length of people’s feet and seeing if the student with the biggest feet is also the tallest person in the class. We concluded that the person with the largest feet is not the tallest person. In number, we are focusing this week on the ‘teen’ numbers.

News for this week is ‘Teach your group how to do something’ and next week is ‘My Favourite Story’.

Year 1’s maths homework for this week is Unit 5. Kindergarten’s sight words - List 5 will be sent home this week for homework. We are now going to send home 4 words per week for the students to concentrate on.

Mrs N Oram and Mrs E McCloy

Monday 16th March, 2015

Year 2/3 Class News

On Tuesday 3rd March, Year 3 travelled down to the Fruit Bowl for our apple picking session. The students had lots of fun selecting Red Delicious and Royal Gala apples for the rest of the community to collect on Wednesday. I would like to thank the Tadrosse family for allowing our students to have such an enjoyable experience and for their generosity. I would also like to thank Mrs Chapman for assisting with the transport of students on the day.

Last week students were given a note about collecting information on their family history. Some of the students have brought in interesting photos and artefacts already about their ancestors. We have seen old photographs of Bilpin from 100 years ago and pictures of the early stages of the development of the Harbour Bridge! We have also had a letter opener made by a soldier during their recovery in hospital in WWI. Thank you for allowing your children to bring in these wonderful items! Over the next few weeks and into term 2 we will be looking at our family trees and comparing family life from the past to the present.

This week is a parent assembly and 2/3 will be performing a surprise for our audience. We look forward to seeing you there if you are available!

Mrs M Mackie

Year 4/5/6 Class News

In Writing we have continued work on persuasive texts. We have been practising writing short paragraphs with evidence to back up our arguments. This week we will be writing introductory paragraphs, attempting to use intensifiers and rhetorical questioning strategies to get the readers attention.

In Science the students have completed observations of different types of bread using all their senses. We have written up these findings in our Science journals. Each student has also created a flow chart to predict what processes go into making bread. We will now be looking at this process and the use of yeast during it.

We will be completing our artworks in preparation for the Hawkesbury Show. Year 4 have a theme ‘Mateship, Friendship’ and Years 5 and 6 ‘Symbols and Colours of ANZAC’. There is a fee of $1 if students wish it to enter their work in the competition.

Many students have done a fabulous job already with preparation and completion of their showcase activities for their chosen novel. A reminder to parents that this is due in 2 weeks and all the information needed is glued into their homework books.

I selected quite a few of my students to show their quality work to Mrs Mackie last week and all received a Star Performer Principal’s Award. I am looking forward to selecting more over the next fortnight. Keep up the good work!

Mr A. Hynds
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Wednesday 8 April
10 am – 12 noon
School Holiday Hand-on Science Program
ROCKET WORKSHOP
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

Saturday 11 April
7pm – 9 pm
School Holiday Astronomy Night
GALAXIES AND BEYOND
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Thursday 16 April
10 am – 12 noon
School Holiday Hands-on Science Program
STAR STUFF WORKSHOP
The program will include hands-on science activities, a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, water rocket launches and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

Saturday 18 April
7pm – 9 pm
School Holiday Astronomy Night
GALAXIES AND BEYOND
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: Astronomy Nights $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family Workshops - $15 per person
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
www.uws.edu.au/observatory

Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (for Women Returning to Work) 10089NAT in 2015

Are you looking to get back into work or to change your work direction? This course offers you a unique opportunity to review your situation, assess your skills and your options and to work out a sustainable plan to get into the job of your choice. Decide what work suits you before you commit to costly training.

Proposed Timetable
Info session
Mon 20 Apr & 18 Room K 24
Kingswood, O’Connell St
Jasmin
E: wsi@uws.edu.au A: courses-and- curriculums/course-search/10089/nat
Contact: Li Apens 9028946
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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS: GRANDUR & INTIMACY
AN EXHIBITION BY IAN BROWN

Sat 7 Mar – Mon 27 Apr. Ian Brown has spent decades photographing the beauty of the Blue Mountains. This exhibition is a powerful affirmation of the magnificence and value of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Free.

KID’S STORY TIME
Fri 10 Apr, 10 am – 11.30 am or 1 pm – 2.30 pm. A delightful lively reading of popular children’s books. Holiday excellent fun for all the family presented by Entertainment Blue Mountains. Tickets $25 pp.