Term 1 Week 10
Monday 30th March, 2015

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Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic efforts at the school cross country carnival in Week 8. Every student tried their very best and demonstrated great sportsmanship. We wish all of our Small Schools Team the very best at the Small Schools Carnival next term. Thank you Mr Hynds for another smooth running carnival!

Reports

The school is in the process of reviewing the school report to align it with new curriculum. We are currently looking at different software to create a more user friendly report. For this reason, student reports will go out to parents a little later in Term 2 than last year. We apologise for this slight time delay, but believe that the new report will be informative and parent friendly.

Early next term you will be provided with a more accurate time frame for reports and parent teacher interviews. We are in the process of revising timeframes around reports and interviews. This process will be finalised by the end of the year and communicated to parents.

Mother’s Day Stall

On Thursday 7th 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 only new items be donated.

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.

Uniform Orders

Just a reminder if you require uniforms, please complete the order form which was attached to the last newsletter 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.

Canteen News

A reminder that Canteen will commence on Monday 4th May in Term 2. We still need more volunteers for the canteen roster, so if you have time on a Monday or a Thursday, please contact Angie Pirie on 4567 7469.

Mr Hynds’ Afternoon Tea

I would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate Mr Hynds’ anniversary afternoon tea on Wednesday of last week. It was wonderful to see so many community members and past students come to share this momentous occasion. I would like to thank Miss Julie Currey for returning and sharing her memories of Mr Hynds. I would also like to thank her for the wonderful slideshow she spent many weeks making.

Thank you Karen for coming straight from the airport as a special surprise. A special thank you must also go to all of the amazing staff for the time and effort they spent in putting together such a lovely afternoon, to the parents who provided food and to the students for their beautiful artworks and excellent behaviour.

I would also like to thank Ms Croumbie-Brown for framing the children’s artworks and the P & C gift. They looked amazing! Thank you Mr Hynds for all that you have done for Bilpin for the last 30 years. Your commitment and dedication to educating our students is much valued by all. We know that another 30 years is probably not possible, but however many more years you give to Bilpin, each one will be treasured.

P & C Meeting

5th May 2015
The Staff Room 3.30 pm

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.
Small Schools Basketball Gala Day

Last Friday, Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the inaugural Small Schools Gala Day at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium. Nine schools from the Small Schools Network attended the day and 28 teams competed in 6 separate competitions.

The students greatly enjoyed themselves and represented the school proudly. Well done boys and girls!

Year 6 High School Transition Day

On Tuesday 31st March our Year 6 students, along with Mr Hynds, will attend the first transition day at Colo High School. Students will participate in a full day of lessons and experience a variety of subjects. It is a very valuable experience and we thank Colo High for providing students with this opportunity.

Principal’s Morning Tea

Just a reminder that the Principal’s Morning Tea for those children who were awarded ‘Student of the Week’ this term will be held this Thursday 2nd April in the Library.

Choir News

This week, the children will be bringing home their choir CD’s and word folders. We have started rehearsing a song for our ANZAC Day assembly called ‘Always Remember’, which is track 10 on their CD. I would like the students to listen to this as much as possible over the Easter break, as our assembly will be very soon after the holidays.

Easter Mufti Day

This Thursday is the last day of school. Students are invited to dress in Easter themed mufti clothing. Students will need to wear closed in shoes. The students will participate in a variety of Easter themed activities throughout the day.

We ask that students bring a gold coin donation to raise money for families in Vanuatu tragically affected by Cyclone Pam.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to following students who will celebrate their birthdays during the month of April:

Jack (12), Keira (5), Leander (6), Nathan (10), Heidi (11) and Daniel (12).

End of term message

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has come to an end already! I would like to thank the students, staff and parents of our wonderful school for making me feel so welcome at Bilpin. It feels like I have been part of Bilpin for much longer than this, which is a testament to how special and unique our school community is.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful 2 week break and look forward to seeing all the students refreshed and ready to engage in a variety of exciting learning experience next term!

Kind regards,

Melanie Mackie
Principal
Years 4/5/6 Class News (cont)

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'. A reminder for students wishing to enter their work there is a fee of $1.

I am sure Year 6 are looking forward to visiting Colo High tomorrow and enjoying some lessons in the high school environment. A reminder that drop off time is 9.00am and pick up at 2.30pm at the front bus shelter.

There will be no homework or reading groups this week. Thank you to all the reading helpers this term.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another busy term.

Mr A. Hynds

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SPECIAL EVENT – A LUNAR ECLIPSE
Saturday 4 April - 9 pm – 12 midnight

This event will include some detailed information on the eclipse, and an opportunity to look at the moon and other wonders of the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes including the 0.6 metre telescope.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory,
What’s OnContact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
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Near the Community Hall, Bells Line of Road
BILPIN

Thursday, 16 April 2015 9.30 am to 3 pm

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For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 7th May

Once again the children have the opportunity to buy their Mums a gift from our Mothers Day stall. All items available to buy from this stall need to be donated in order for the stall to operate. The donated items are then priced accordingly from $2.00 up to $5.00 for sale on the day. So for your child/children to have the chance to buy a gift please leave all donated items in the baskets provided at the school office. Each item will be gift wrapped.

All funds raised from this stall will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Below are a few suggestions;

Toiletry items - Books - Gardening Gloves (seeds & pots) - Kitchen Items (towels & mugs) - Handbags
Hair products (shampoo gift packs) - Candles - Jewelry

NO SECONDHAND ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

If you require any further details please contact Nicole McEvoy 45671351