Term 2 Week 6

Monday 25th May, 2015

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We are now half way through what has been a rather busy term. Thank you to all of the parents and community members who have volunteered their time in our various fundraising events to date and for those who continue to support the school and our students by assisting with reading groups and in the canteen.

I would like to make a special mention to Bill Shields and Neville Julian for donating apples for the school to sell at the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival and TomahRoma respectively. We are very fortunate to have the support of such dedicated people in our community.

Tennis Court works

Work has begun on the tennis court but has been delayed due to the rain last week.

We would appreciate it if all community members could avoid this area (including the play equipment) after school until the completion of works and all fencing has been removed. This is to ensure that any potential risk around this site is minimised.

School Photos

School photographs will be sent home with students tomorrow, Tuesday 26th May. Please check your children’s bags for the folders.

Mobile Phones, Ipods & Games

As is our normal school policy, we would ask that mobile phones, Ipods and electronic games be left at home as we do not take responsibility for their loss or damage. If children need them for activities after school or for news items we ask that they are handed to their class teacher in the morning to be returned at the end of the day.

Reports and Parent Interviews

Reports will be sent home on Friday 19th June. Parent Teacher interviews will take place in Week 10. A note is attached to this newsletter outlining days and times available and parents are requested to return the note as soon as possible. Teachers schedule interview times as they receive notes, so those parents sending notes back early are more likely to be allocated their preferred times. If you are unable to attend interviews on the set day, teachers are more than happy to organise one at a convenient time on another day.

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Small Schools’ Cross Country

Congratulations to all our competitors at the Small Schools’ Cross Country on Friday 15th May. As always they have done our school proud and our school was placed 2nd overall. We had 6 competitors placed in the top 6 and they took part in the Hawkesbury District Carnival on Friday 22nd May. We would like to congratulate Ariarn, Lily, Mali, Laura, Jack H and Jack I.

We would like to thank all those parents who assisted in the smooth running of our carnival on the day, especially Angie Pirie and Nicole McEvoy who organised all the food for the kiosk and staff. Once again a fabulous job that raised around $1300 for our school.

A special thank you to Darryl Carle who transported the BBQ and cooked on the day and to all the parents who gave up some time to help out at the kiosk.

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 2nd June 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.
Hawkesbury District Cross Country

Congratulations to Ariam, Lily, Mali, Laura, Jack H and Jack I, who represented Small Schools at the District Carnival last Friday. In wet and miserable conditions they ran their hearts out and helped the Small Schools’ Team have a very successful day. Special congratulations to Mali who was placed 6th and will now represent Hawkesbury at the Regional Cross Country Carnival.

Responsible Pet Education Program

Students in Kindergarten to Year 3 will be attending the Responsible Pet Program on Wednesday 3rd June. If your child has an allergy to dogs or is frightened in any way around dogs, could you please notify Mrs Chapman by this Friday 29th May.

Absences

Attached is a proforma for student absences. We have a number of unexplained absences so far this year and as it is a legal requirement, we ask parents to let the school know verbally or in writing if your child is absent. Please contact the office if you need information regarding prior absences. Please remember to fill out the green forms kept at the entrance of each classroom if your child arrives late at school or if you are picking up your child/children early from school. All full and part-time absences need to be explained.

Insurance work

The trees affected by the storm at the beginning of the term have been cut down and removed. There is a pile of firewood beside the library that you are welcome to collect for the approaching cooler months. If you would like to collect the firewood after school hours for student safety between 3.45 – 4.30 pm, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Chapman before close of school Friday afternoon (29th May). Once we have the names of people interested we will let those interested know how much wood will be available for pick up.

We are still awaiting notification about the repairs to the library roof. The new water tank was installed today.

Longneck Lagoon

This week our Year 6 students will be attending an enrichment day at Longneck Lagoon where they will be utilising a range of literacy, numeracy, problem solving and teamwork strategies and topographic maps, compasses and Global Positioning System (GPS) to find hidden ‘treasure’. Have a great time Year 6!

Community Involvement

Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest about your potential involvement in our school environmental project. Beginning next term and spanning the next 3 years, our students will be involved in ongoing project based learning around investigating and protecting the local habitat for our native fauna.

We are very lucky to be in a unique and endangered environment which we would like the students to develop responsibility and ownership for. We will begin by surveying the native flora in the immediate school environment and across the road. We will then be monitoring what fauna species are frequenting the various tree species that we have, by placing habitat boxes in the trees and filming animal activity over a period of time. Students will record their experiences in a journal throughout this process. Other aspects of this project include: bush regeneration, an interpretive walk, planting of understory species, investigation of indigenous plant use in our local area, ‘kids teaching kids’ online sharing sessions with other schools and investigating the potential for a fauna bridge to allow fauna to safely travel across Belts Line of Road.

If you have any expertise to share or would like to be involved in any way, no matter how big or small, please indicate on the attached form and return to the front office before the term. We look forward to having you on board!

Choir - Mrs N Oram

The choir members in 4/5/6 went to Kellyville Public School last Wednesday for a massed choir rehearsal. They were very well behaved and made me very proud! We have a lot of work to do with our upcoming performance at the Opera House.

Tickets go on sale for our Opera House performance at 9am on Monday, 22nd June through the Sydney Opera House website. They are $45 per adult and $35 per student. The students involved in the concert will have a note closer to this date with all of the information.

First Aid Course

Just a reminder that Surf Lifesaving NSW will be running First Aid Courses at the school on Monday 13th July. There are places available for the full course, the refresher and CPR update. The full course includes completing a workbook BEFORE attendance on the day and costs $110.00. The refresher course is $100.00 and the CPR update $30.00. Bookings MUST be finalised with Mrs Chapman at the school office by Friday 5th June. Payment must be made on the day of the course by cash or cheques made payable to Surf Lifesaving NSW.

Canteen

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to assist in the school canteen.

Thursday 28th May

Tessa McLaughlin

Monday 1st June

Cristina Robshaw

Thursday 4th June

Eleanor Brand

Monday 8th June

Queen’s Birthday holiday

Thursday 11th June

Cheryl Baird

Kind regards,

Melanie Mackie

Principal

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

We are finishing off our Aboriginal Dreamtime Literacy unit next week, with ‘How the birds got their colours’ and ‘Dunbi the Owl’. The students are focusing on adjectives and comparing different dreamtime stories.

We have collected our Amazing Ants from 30 different locations across the playground. They have been sent off to the University of New England and we are eagerly awaiting our video conference this Wednesday.

Next Wednesday, we are having the Responsible Pet Program visit our class. The students will learn how to look after their pets and what to do if meeting a new animal for the first time.

In athletics this week, the students learnt the skills of shot-put. They learnt how to pick up the shot-put correctly, stand on the side, bend their knees and throw.

Homework this week—Kindergarten have 3 new sight words to learn and their reading books in their folders.
Year 1 maths homework is Unit 12 this week and Unit 13 next week. They also have their reading books and 4 new sight words in their folders.

The students have glued in their PM eCollection username and password into their homework books. If you have an iPad or iPad mini at home, you can upload the free ‘PM eCollection’ app, which has a variety of books the students can read at their reading level. Another fantastic app is called ‘rED Writing’ this is an Australian app which helps your child with letter formation. The app is easy and fun to use, we highly recommend it.

Please don’t worry if you do not have an iPad. These are just another tool to help with learning!

Mrs N Oram and Mrs E McCloy

2/3 Class News

Years 2/3 have been learning about being a good winner and a good loser. Students have been learning about effective strategies for dealing with frustration in games and other settings.

The students have been working on beautiful autumn artworks using iPads to capture their favourite autumn colours, and collecting items from the natural environment to add texture to their work.

This week students are set to complete Unit 15 in their Mentals books. Please encourage your child to get into the habit of bringing their homework in each day. When reading with your child, discussing the text will enable deeper comprehension. Who, what, when, where, why and how questions will encourage your child to explore the text and increase understanding of what they are reading. Year 2 will be bringing home readers at their instructional level for homework this week. If you find that your child is having difficulty completing their homework, or that your family activities don’t allow enough time for homework to be completed daily, please send me a note and I will make adjustments that will hopefully make homework more manageable.

Mrs M. Mackie

4/5/6 Class News

We have commenced a short visual literacy unit titled “Monkey Symphony” which is a short animated story. We have completed some comprehension activities involving predictions and will also be writing our own conclusions for the story. In pairs students will also create a dialogue that is missing in the story and perform it with the animation. There will also be a grammar component to the unit where we will be looking at direct and indirect speech.

In our Science unit on microorganisms we will be writing a procedure for testing the effects of heat on yeast. The students will work in groups to create a fair test and record their results in their Science books.

In HSIE we have been looking at the different people and cultures that make Australia unique and this week each student will be selecting a significant Australian scientist, designer or technologist to do a mini project using digital media.

Our Year 6 will be heading off to Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre on Thursday and we hope they have a great time completing the many activities planned.

Mr A Hynds

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Community News

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Astronomy Night - Saturday June 6th 7.00—9.00 pm
OUR COSMIC NEIGHBOURHOOD
An exciting tour of our own galaxy and its neighbours suitable for all ages, including a glimpse at the possible future of our galaxy. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
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

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MUSEUM OF FIRE
PENRITH, NSW

5th Annual SYDNEY CLASSIC & ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW 2015
PUBLIC SHOW DAY
SUNDAY 3rd MAY, 2015 – 9AM TO 3PM
VENUE: MUSEUM OF FIRE, PENRITH, NSW
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