Term 2 Week 8
Tuesday 9th June, 2015

Dates to Remember

15th June Athletics Program
19th June Reports to go home to parents
22nd June Athletics Program
23rd June Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Parent Interviews
24th June K/1 Parent Interviews
25th June Yrs 2 and 3 Parent Interviews
26th June Athletics Carnival
26th June Last day of Term 2
13th July Staff Development Day
Pupil Free
14th July Students return to school

District Cross Country

Congratulations to our brave Cross Country representatives at the District Carnival on Friday 22nd May. The weather was particularly inclement but had to go ahead as planned due to buses hired for the day.

A big thank you to Mr Hynds for enduring the cold and wet out on the course and to all students for their determination to complete their events.

Congratulations to Mali for her great achievement in coming 6th and now progressing to the Regional Carnival this Wednesday at Penrith. We wish you all the best!

Richmond Rotary Hawkesbury Public Speaking Competition

Mali is having a busy week this week! After competing at the Regional Cross Country on Wednesday, she will present her speech titled ‘Words Can Hurt’ at Richmond Golf Club on Thursday evening for the Hawkesbury Primary Schools Public Speaking Challenge semi-finals. If Mali finishes in the top 3 she will progress on to the final on Monday 22nd June.

Good luck in both competitions Mali! We are very proud of you!

Children in the Canteen

I would like to thank everyone who volunteers their time in the canteen on Mondays and Thursdays each week. The staff and students greatly value the time you set aside to serve them special treats and make up tasty lunch orders.

At our last P & C Meeting, the Work, Health and Safety issue of children in the canteen was raised. Due to the risk of burns and other significant injuries that could befall students in the canteen and due to insurance not covering such injuries, we kindly ask that when you are working in the canteen that your child/children meet you at the screen door. The children have been explained the reasons behind this rule.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of the canteen in our school.

Hawkesbury Enrichment Programs

Last week a number of students were offered positions in various Enrichment Programs that will be taking place across Hawkesbury schools during Weeks 9 and 10 this term.

P & C Meeting

4th August 2015
The Staff Room 3.30pm

Tennis Court Works

The tennis court is now finished and the Newcombe Ball court will be line marked today.

Once the security fencing has been removed, children will be able to play on the equipment again. Thank you to those who have avoided the equipment after school whilst this work has been taking place. This risk management step was put into place to ensure that no harm was caused to any students during this time.

Reports and Parent Interviews

REMEMBER: Reports will be sent home on Friday 19th June. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in Week 10. A note was attached to the previous newsletter outlining days and times available for parent/teacher interviews. Any parents who are requiring an interview who have not yet returned their notes, 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.

4/5/6 Interviews
Kindergarten/Year 1 Interviews
2/3 Interviews

- Tuesday 23rd June
- Wednesday 24th June
- Thursday 25th June

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President Darryl Carle 4567 1018
Vice President Angie Pirie 4567 7469
Treasurer Nicole McEvoy 4567 1351
Secretary Nikki Wheen 4567 1154

Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.
Three courses will be run at Bilpin during this 2 week period. I would like to thank Mrs Oram and Mrs McCloy for offering to run courses for Stage 1 students. These courses provide very valuable experiences for children in our schools and we appreciate the time and effort they have put into preparing these special days. Mrs Oram will be offering a Japanese cultural experience and Mrs McCloy has planned an exciting day of iPad activities. I will be running a drama workshop for Stage 2 students.

We kindly thank all schools in the district who will be hosting our students. We hope all of our students greatly enjoy their enrichment experiences.

Cyber Safety

There have been a few incidents involving social media forums such as Kik and Facebook that have been raised by students in the past two weeks. I have spoken with students about cyber safety and use of ipods at school. If students bring devices to school they need to be handed in to their class teacher on arrival and will be returned at the end of the day. If school rules around their usage is broken then devices will not be allowed at school.

I will be organising a safety talk from the Police Youth Liaison Officer about cyber safety next term. I will also be organising a parent session to raise awareness of how to protect your children from social media and support your children in the correct usage of these forums. Use of these forums is a parental decision. If using these forums impacts on children at school then we will resolve issues in accordance with our Discipline Policy. For your information the age for entering a Facebook contract is 13 and for Kik is 17 years of age. Please monitor your child’s usage on the internet.

If you have any concerns, please arrange to have a meeting to discuss your concerns.

Responsible Pet Education Program

Students in Kindergarten to Year 3 attended the Responsible Pet Program on Wednesday 3rd June. The children really enjoyed their lesson with Mrs Leslie Stanley and Ruby.

Community Involvement

Attached to the previous newsletter was 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.

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 previously attached form and return to the front office before the end of term. We look forward to having you on board!

Canteen News - Angie Pirie (Co-ordinator)

Thank you for all of the volunteers who have devoted their time to help out in the canteen. You help is much appreciated. Below are the following volunteers and dates for the rest of the term:-

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<td>Monday 22nd June</td>
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On Monday 22nd June we will be having our “RED WEEK” [Meaning once a term we are allowed to sell lollies]. Lollies on the menu for this week are :-

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*** Stock available till sold out ***

Also don’t forget our -

- mini pikelets @ 20c with a sprinkle of icing sugar!
- Sweet chilli tenders are a plenty @ $1.50 or put it on a wrap for $2.50 or make it healthy with salad, add 30c each item.

Also attached to the newsletter is next terms roster, please hand in to the school office before Friday 26th June (the end of term).

Term 3 Dates to Remember

We have a few activities coming up next term that you might like to put into your diary.

- Thursday 23rd July - Visiting Artist “Ghana Beat My Drum”
- Friday 31st July - Education Week Open Day
- Thursday 13th August - Book Fair
- Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September - Life Education Van
- Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th Sept - Yrs 4/5/6 Excursion Bathurst/Wellington and Dubbo

Athletics Carnival

We will be having our Athletics Carnival on Friday 26th June. A timetable of events will be in the next newsletter on Monday 22nd June.

Get involved in the School Banking program

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. An application form can also be obtained from the school office. Please just ask Mrs Chapman.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Remember School Banking is on Mondays.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Melanie Mackie
Principal
CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

Welcome back after the long weekend!

Homework this week - Kindergarten have 3 new sight words to learn and their reading books in their folders. Year 1 Maths homework is Unit 14 this week and Unit 15 next week. They also have their reading books and 4 new sight words in their folders.

Don’t forget 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.

We have been fortunate enough to write to students at North St Marys Public School and ask some questions about their pets and holidays. They were quite surprised to find out some of our students have horses, chickens and donkeys!

We have also been discussing coughing ‘like a vampire’ this week to try and stop some of those horrible colds that like to visit us during winter.

Mrs N Oram and Mrs E McCloy

2/3 Class News

This week students will be presenting a prepared speech in class for the first time. Next term these speeches will form a regular part of weekly/fortnightly homework. The purpose of these speeches is for students to have some direction in topics they present to the class and to build their confidence when speaking to an audience. Thank you to the students who so eagerly prepared their speech and returned them to school last week!

This week students are set to complete unit 17 in their Mentals books.

Homework reminder: 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 continue to bring home readers home in a reading folder. 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.

Interviews: I still have a number of interview times available on Thursday 25th June. If you still wish to make an interview time, please return the slip attached to the last newsletter as soon as possible. If your note has gone astray, please send in a handwritten note with a requested time.

If you are unable to come on this day, please send in a note with some times before and after school that may be more suitable to you and I will see if I can accommodate you. I am quite happy to arrange a phone interview if that is more suitable.

Mrs M. Mackie

4/5/6 Class News

Our Spelling, Reading and Homework programs will continue over the next 2 weeks and conclude in Week 10. Congratulations to those students who have been completing their homework so accurately and learning their spelling so well.

We have completed all of our Maths assessments for Term 2 and over the next few weeks will be completing activities to finish our units on Multiplication and Division, 3D shapes, Angles, Mass and Data. We will also be completing some maths problem solving tasks using the Mathletics program.

As part of our HSIE unit we have been writing a biography for a famous Australian inventor. We have also completed some preliminary portrait drawings and are hoping to complete one for our inventors.

I am pleased to have received so many requests for interviews and look forward to talking to everyone. There are not many timeslots available now, so please contact us to secure these times.

Mr A Hynds

Community News

Macquarie Towns Arts Society’s School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program June/July Holidays, 2015

Monday 29th June
10am-12noon Make Little Clay Animals
1pm-3pm Draw with Pastels

Tuesday 30th June
10am-12noon Paint Wooden Name Plaques
1pm-3pm Draw Dinosaurs

Wednesday 1st July
10am-12noon Paint Pet Rocks
1pm-3pm Pottery

Thursday 2nd July
10am-12noon Draw Butterflies and Bugs
1pm-3pm Make Dragons

Friday 3rd July
10am-12noon Jewellery

Monday 6th July
10am-12noon Paint a Landscape
1pm-3pm Paper Mache Sculpture

Tuesday 7th July
10am-12noon Make Tin Can Robots
1pm-3pm Make Beautiful Bookmarks

Wednesday 8th July
10am-12noon Cartooning
1pm-3pm Pottery

Thursday 9th July
10am-12noon Draw Fairies & Mermaids
1pm-3pm Make Mini Monsters

Friday 10th July
10am-12noon Make Cute Keyrings

Cost: $14 per 2hr workshop; all equipment supplied.

Venue: Richmond Art Supplies,
Shop 10 Magnolia Mall
285 Windsor St, Richmond

Bookings Essential: Phone Deidre 0412 979 731
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We can help you access a broad range of services including:

- home visiting
- intensive family support
- quality child care
- housing
- parenting education
- supported playgroup
- drug and alcohol services
- mental health services
- youth support services
- respite care
- material aid services.

Western Sydney Family Referral Service
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm
Email: wsfrs@answ.org.au
Visit: new.relationships.com.au
Call: 1300 403 373

If you have limited phone credit you can request a callback.

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Residential Kids' Camps include:
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- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

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- Meals
- Accommodation
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