Term 3 Week 8

Monday 31st August, 2015

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If you have misplaced notes that have been sent home for completion, a copy of most notes can be found on the school webpage. We do our best to keep it up to date.

Bilpin Bush Run

On Saturday 22nd August our school hosted a barbeque for the Bilpin Bush Run. It was a beautiful day for a run through the bush! It was great to see a number of our parents manning stations on the run and braving the course to support our fabulous local rural fire service. Congratulations to Penny McKinlay and Cathy Wilson for organising such a worthwhile event.

I would like to thank Nicole McEvoy and Angie Pirie for all their organisation and running around in the lead up to the event. I would like to thank Mr Hynds, Mrs Oram, Ms Wheen, Mrs Carroll, Ms Lear and Mr McCloy for their time and effort in manning the barbeque and serving the hungry runners.

I would also like to offer a sincere thank you to:

- Hillbilly Cider for donating 5 cases of non-alcoholic cider in support of our barbeque fundraiser
- Bilpin Rural Fire Brigade for donating drinks to sell
- Hawkesbury Bakehouse for providing the rolls and buns
- Munro’s Quality Meats, Wilberforce for the very tasty meat
- Jones Bros Family Farm Pty Ltd for donating the eggs

The school raised approximately $1100 from the barbeque. A big thank you to everyone who supported us on the day through their purchases.

Kindergarten 2015 Transition Days

On Wednesday 9th September many of the children who will be part of our Kindergarten class in 2016 will be joining us to participate in their first Kindy transition day. Parents have already received an invitation pack which outlines details of the planned activities, dates and times, and we know many preschool children have been very excited about the prospect of visiting our school.

We are also currently planning some additional days early in Term 4, culminating in our Kindergarten Orientation Day on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

Spring Garden Competition Working Bee

Just a reminder to let you know that we will be holding a Working Bee on Sunday 13th September from 9:30am, in preparation for the judging of the ‘Best School Gardens’ as part of the Hawkesbury City Council Garden Competition.

We would love to see any volunteers who might be able to assist on the day, particularly if you have a keen green thumb! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Refreshments and morning tea will be provided. If you are able to assist, please let Mrs Chapman know by Thursday 10th September for catering purposes.

District Athletics

We would like to congratulate Jack for coming first in the Senior Boys 800m at the recent District Athletics Carnival. His fantastic result sees him progress to the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Olympic Park on Wednesday 9th September. A fantastic achievement! Good luck next week Jack!

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.
Award Assembly
Our Week 8 Award Assembly will be conducted at 2.45pm this Wednesday. Parents whose children are receiving class awards will have received a note to invite them along.

Year 6 Colo High Transition
Our Year 6 will be going to Colo High next Friday 11th September for the second of their transition days. They will participate in 5 lessons during the day. They will also have the opportunity to meet students from some other local schools and catch up with Bilpin students now in Year 7.

Bathurst/Wellington/Dubbo Excursion
Our excursion is fast approaching and a reminder to all parents that payments still outstanding need to be finalised by Friday 11th September. If you are not sure of how much you owe on the excursion please contact the office and we will be happy to help you. Another copy of the itinerary is attached to this newsletter for your information.

The excursion will be leaving at 7.00am, students need to be at school between 6.30 - 6.45 am. Casual clothes and joggers or closed in shoes will be suitable. All their clothing and toiletries need to be labelled with their name.

They will need to bring their own recess and lunch and a drink for the first day. Any medication together with the medication information sheet are to be given to the teachers before the bus leaves, if this applies to your child.

The bus will arrive back at school by 5.00pm on Wednesday 16th September.

SASS Week - Thank You
This week (31st August - 4th September) we are celebrating our fabulous administrative staff, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Hulbert. Bilpin is incredibly lucky to have two such dedicated staff who always go above and beyond what is required of them in their respective positions. We would like to acknowledge their hard work and commitment and thank them for all they do to make Bilpin Public School the wonderful place it is.

I would also like to thank Mrs Robyn Vaha and Ms Michelle Leer for the fantastic work they do with a group of our students in their roles as Learning and Support Officers. Our students are greatly benefiting from the extra time spent reinforcing important skills and knowledge to assist them with their work in class. Thank you ladies!

Daffodil Day
I would like to thank Gabrielle Coles for the beautiful donation of daffodils for each student and staff member on Daffodil Day.

Apple Tree Planting
This Friday, 4th September each class will plant apple trees in a trellised garden. I would like to thank Bill Shields for donating the trees and for sharing his knowledge and vision in the establishment of this garden. I would also like to thank Sam Craigie for coming along to speak to the students about sustainable gardening and to lead the students through the planting process. We are lucky to have such an active and involved school community!

Bilpin Flower Show & Spring Fair 2015
During the next few weeks students will be working on their entries for the Bilpin Flower Show. K/1 will be creating gardens on a plate. Years 2 - 6 have the option to make ‘Fairy Gardens’ or ‘Creature Habitats’ (real or imaginary). We are asking students to search at home for any interesting looking logs, stumps or rocks (a size that is manageable to carry) to create their masterpieces. If you have any materials at home that you are able to donate that would suit any of the above mentioned categories, we would be very grateful. Judging will take place during the October long weekend (3rd and 4th October).

Father’s Day Stall
On Friday 4th September we will be holding a Father’s Day Stall. We have a selection of gifts for sale for $2 and $5 so bring your money along to buy a special gift/s for dad.

Canteen News
Parents rostered on for Canteen are as follows:

3rd September - April Vigurs and Vanessa Smith
7th September - Cristina Robshaw & Louise Saarinen
10th September - April Vigurs and Vanessa Smith
14th September - Nichole Miscuso
17th September - VACANT

If you are able to assist on the last Thursday of this term (17th September) please contact Angie Pirie on 4567 7469. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

A Canteen Roster for Term 4 is attached to this week’s newsletter and if you are able to assist, please return to the school office by Friday 18th September.

Uniform Orders
Please remember to hand your uniform order in to the school office by Friday 18th September. Orders will be placed over the school holidays ready for delivery during the first couple of weeks of Term 4. If you have any questions regarding uniform orders, please phone Kelly Haines on 4567 0246.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in grand finals in soccer, netball and karate. It is a very busy time of the year for all these extra curricular activities. Well done to you all!

Kind regards,
Mrs Melanie Mackie
PRINCIPAL

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News - Mrs Oram & Mrs McClay

In Literacy the students have been working on using adjectives to make their sentences longer and more interesting. We are studying the book “The Little Brown Monkey”. All of the students have been doing some magnificent writing.

For Science we are continuing our ‘Melting and Changing’ unit, looking at how chocolate, spaghetti, bread and popcorn change once they are heated.

Congratulations to the Year 1 students who have been trying so hard with their homework sentences. If your child does not have a home reader, please come and see us or call us to that we can set it up for them.
Class 2/3 News - Mrs Mackie

The students have received a mini assignment linked to our HSIE unit ‘Australia You’re Standing In It’. Due to this mini assignment, there will be no Mentals Homework for the rest of the term.

Spelling and Home Readers will continue. Home Readers were due back at school last Friday. Please ensure any outstanding readers are returned tomorrow.

The students have been learning about the states, territories and capital cities located in Australia and how to identify compass points. This week we will be focussing on Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. The students will also be creating their own depiction of the Rainbow Serpent using traditional Aboriginal dot painting methods.

Reading groups will continue for this coming fortnight but will not run during Week 10 due to the 4/5/6 overnight excursion. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have been able to assist the children during reading groups this term. Your assistance is greatly valued by all!

Class 4/5/6 News - Mr Hynds

In Maths over the next 2 weeks we will cover a range of activities including whole numbers, multiplication, 2D, time, graphs and number patterns.

Well done to every student who presented a mystery box description to the class last week. There were some very interesting objects chosen and the talks were well prepared and presented.

In Writing we are currently publishing our first explanation text about the Moon and it’s effect on Earth. This is linked to the many aspects of our unit we are currently completing in Science.

In Science we have been looking at early theories about Earth’s place in space and some students have had the opportunity to present some of these as drama skits last week. Over the remainder of Term 3 we will be discussing the movements of the Earth, Sun and Moon in relation to each other and create models to display this. Groups will then present their ideas to the class.

In preparation for our excursion to Bathurst we will be examining the different techniques used in the mining of gold and after researching write an explanations for them. As part of this research we will also examine the different tools and machines used in the goldfields.

Congratulations to many of my students whose work over the last 2 weeks has been of such high quality that they have received Principal Awards from Mrs Mackie. I am looking forward to finding some more during the remaining weeks of term.

Congratulations to Jack Ingersole who won the District 800m Final at the District Athletics Carnival and good luck at the Regional Carnival next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday, 5 September – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Black Holes
Black Holes are the greediest consumers of the universe! They have such a large gravitational pull that if you get too close, nothing can escape them - not even light! We look at what exactly they are, where they come from, how to see them, and what mysterious effects they cause.

Saturday, 19 September – 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Special Event: Professor Fred Watson
Light Flight – from Camera Obscura to Quantum Photonics
Professor Fred Watson, well known for his astronomy spots on ABC radio will be giving this special presentation.

The evenings 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: $13 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential:
Contact: Tel: (02) 9736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@westernsydney.edu.au
www.penrithobservatory.com
www.facebook.com/WSUO bservatory
www.twitter.com/WSUO bservatory

NSW GOVERNMENT
Education
Term 3 Week 8

Hawkesbury Library Service
Hawkesbury Central Library
Deerubbin Centre (Ground Floor)
300 George Street WINDSOR, NSW 2756
Monday-Friday 9am-1pm
Saturday 9am-1pm Sunday 2pm-5pm
Closed public holidays
(02) 4560 4460

Richmond Branch Library
29 West Market Street RICHMOND NSW 2753
Monday-Friday 9.30am-6pm Saturday 9am-1pm
Closed Sundays and public holidays
(02) 4560 4270
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
www.facebook.com/hawkesburylibrary

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
8 Baker Street WINDSOR, NSW 2756
Wednesday-Monday 10am-6pm
Closed Tuesday (except by appointment for guided groups)
Public holidays: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday.
Open 10am-4pm on other public holidays
Guided tours of Historic Howe House Sat-Sun 11am and 2pm
FREE ENTRY
(02) 4560 4655
museum@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
www.facebook.com/hawkesburyregionalmuseum

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
Deerubbin Centre (1st Floor)
300 George Street WINDSOR, NSW 2756
Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday, Sunday 10am-5pm
Closed Tuesday and public holidays
FREE ENTRY
(02) 4560 4441
gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
www.facebook.com/hawkesburygallery

Library, Gallery, Museum postal address:
PO Box 146 WINDSOR, NSW 2756
We reserve the right to cancel or change activities.

Hawkesbury City Council

LIBRARY MUSEUM GALLERY
ACTIVITIES
Spring September-October 2015

RHYME TIME
Central Library, Windsor every Monday 10-11am
Rhymes, songs & craft for 18 months – 3 years
PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME
Central Library, Windsor every Tuesday 11-12noon
Richmond Branch every Thursday 11-12noon
Themed stories, rhymes & craft for 3 – 5 years
ABOVE SESSIONS FREE - no need to book.
(above sessions not run during school holidays)

ART AFTER SCHOOL x 4
Thursdays 4-5.30pm
15, 22 & 29 October, 5 November
Art classes for school age children, exploring a new topic or technique each week
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor
$5 per term - paid in advance. All materials supplied.

LIBRARY (02) 4560 4460

CREepy LAB AND WICKED WOUNDS
Tuesday 12 September 2.30-3.30pm
Make disgusting wounds whilst learning about the human anatomy! This workshop may get messy so wear suitable clothing.
Stevens Room, Deerubbin Centre
FREE – bookings essential. For 7 years +

PAPER PLANES WORKSHOP
Thursday 24 September 2-3pm
Ever wondered what paper plane flies the best? Come along to this workshop to create your own paper plane and race your creation against others!
Tobubli Room, Deerubbin Centre
FREE – bookings essential. For 8 years +

SPOOKY READS – NIGHT TIME STORYTIME
Friday 25 September 6-7pm
Put on your PJ’s and head to the Library for some spooky stories – you’ll be in for a fright!
Richmond Branch Library
FREE – bookings essential

PAPER PLANES (2014 Family Day, 9 min)
Thursday 30 September 10am and 6pm
Dylan, a young Australian boy, finds his passion for flight and wins his school’s paper plane making contest. As he prepares for the World Paper Plane Championships in Tokyo, he tries to reconnect with his father.
Tobubli Room, Deerubbin Centre
FREE – bookings essential, refreshments provided.
Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult for movies.

GALLERY (02) 4560 4441

ART INSPIRED BY HALLOWEEN AND THE DAY OF THE DEAD
Wednesday 23 September 10am–12noon
Design and make a decorative calavera or ‘sugar skull’ like the ones made in Mexico to celebrate the Day of the Dead.
$15 – includes all materials.
For 5 years +

Thursday 24 September 10am–12noon
Get back to the 80s with Michael Jackson’s iconic ‘Thriller’ album. We learn some easy dance steps, add a touch of scary face paint, and finish with a polished presentation.
$15 – includes all materials.
For 5 years +

Friday 25 September 10am–12noon
Explore cyanotypes, one of the earliest photographic techniques, using light sensitive materials to create your own beautiful images.
$15 – includes all materials.
For 10 years +

Wednesday 30 September 10am–12noon
Learn how to paint the scarlet face for Halloween.
$10 – includes all materials.
For 5 years +

Thursday 1 October 10am–12noon
Create a brightly patterned acrylic painting of a skull, inspired by the centuries-old tradition of the Day of the Dead.
$15 – includes all materials.
For 5 years +

Friday 2 October 10am–12noon
Get ready for Halloween by making some creepy, realistic looking eyes using pebbles and special painting techniques.
$15 – includes all materials.
For 10 years +

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor
Bookings essential. Please pay when booking to secure your place, and wear clothes suitable for working with paint.
Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Your school holiday planner
September - October

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