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NEWSLETTER NO. 12 TERM 2 WEEK 2 TUESDAY 6th MAY, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

5/6/7 May	Library Book Fair	13th—15th May	NAPLAN testing for Yr 3 and Yr 5
6/5—9/5 May	Yr 5 and 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion	Tues 13th May	P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm
Thurs 8th May	P&C Mother's Day Stall	Mon 19th May	North Coast Hockey
Thurs 8th May	Assembly @ 11.20am	Mon 19th May	Garden Club @ 12.20pm
Frid 9th May	District Cross Country @ Bowraville	Tues 20th May	UNI Computer Test
12/13/14 May	Library Book Fair	Wed 21st May	Netball Knockout

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GARDEN CLUB

We have some very dedicated volunteers who come to the school each fortnight and help in the Kitchen Garden. Thankyou to our wonderful parents, Roger, Ashley and Melissa, along with some other great community members, who have been busy in our kitchen garden. There are now four new garden beds which will be shared among seven different classes. These beds will be maintained by the teachers and children and they plan to grow produce for the canteen to use for our children's lunches plus any particular favourites the classes may have. Many, many thanks to all our wonderful garden club volunteers, students and teachers who help out in the garden.





NEWS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL TREVOR MULLIGAN

WEEKLY SCHOOL RULE

The focus this week is the orange rule "complete all work". We ask that you reinforce this week's rule at home with your child.



P&C MEMBERS

On behalf of the students and staff at our school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past president of the school's P&C, Emily Vial, Justina Lynch, past secretary and Dixie Erlandsen, past treasurer, for their efforts, support and enthusiasm. They gave their time and skills freely for the benefit of our students and it is greatly appreciated by everyone. I look forward to working with the new Committee.

LEAVE

Ms Auld and Mrs Hoffman will be on leave for the next four weeks and both will return at the end of the first week in June. I hope they have a relaxing, enjoyable and well earned break.

YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2015

An Opportunity Class (OC) placement provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. The OC Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23rd July, 2014. Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. To apply, please visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Applications close Friday 16th May, 2014.

CHICKENPOX

Chickenpox is a highly contagious virus. The disease is usually mild in children but can be more severe in adults and can cause serious illness. Signs and symptoms for Chickenpox are mild fever, runny nose, fatigue, small blisters on the skin or a general rash. Chickenpox is spread by coughing and direct contact with an infected person. People with chickenpox should avoid contact with others and not attend work, school or childcare until five days after the onset of the rash when all blisters have crusted and dried out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stage Three students left this morning for a week at Lake Ainsworth near Lennox Head. This Sport & Recreation Camp is a bi-annual event and provides opportunities for our students to participate in outdoor activities and tasks. Miss Wallace and Mr Chapman are accompanying the students.

NAPLAN will be conducted next week from Tuesday to Thursday for students in Years Three and Five. Testing will be across literacy and numeracy strands and the results will be made available mid Term Three. I will keep you up to date with this as the results may be out a little earlier.

CANTEEN WORKING BEE

Students may have noticed the updated appearance around the Canteen area. Staff arranged a working bee at the school over the weekend and were busy repainting the concrete, removing weeds and plants, replacing them with some new plants and spreading mulch over the garden. The result is terrific. It is surprising what a coat of paint and some new plants can do to freshen up an area.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

In today's Newsletter, on orange paper, is the School Calendar for Term 2 (which is filling up quickly) plus an updated Canteen menu. Please put this in a handy reference place.

A THOUGHT

"Be curious always, for knowledge will not acquire you, you must acquire it!"



2nd P&C Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 8th May

Would you kindly buy a small gift (up to \$5 in value) and donate to our Mother's Day Stall.

Send these donations to the front office unwrapped or wrapped in clear cellophane (with the price of the item marked on the outside) which we can then sell to the students at the stall.

Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5 and if you wish your child to purchase a gift please send in the correct money on the day of the stall.

The P&C ladies need assistance on Thursday 8th May, please leave your contact details at the front office if you can help on the stall.

Thank you for your support.

GOLD COAST THEME PARK VOUCHERS

We have received a small number of discount coupons for any students or families to use who may be travelling north to visit various tourist attractions on the Gold Coast. You must book online to obtain the discount and the coupons must be used before the 30th June, 2014. The theme parks are Sea World, Movie World, Wet 'n' Wild, Paradise Country and Australian Outback Spectacular's Spirit of the Horse.

Please ask the ladies in the front office for a sheet of coupons.

P&C SURVEY

At our last P&C Meeting, there was some discussion to trialling a change in time of our monthly meetings. Members will still meet on the second Tuesday of the month, but instead of an evening 7.00pm timeslot, we would like to trial a 2.00pm to 3.10pm meeting starting from Tuesday 10th June. Would you please complete the following slip and return your "Expression of Interest" if the proposed time change would enable you to attend our meetings.

Karen Nicol, President

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO CHANGE THE P&C MEETING TIME

I will be able to attend your next meeting on Tuesday 10th June at 2.00pm

Parent's name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Please return this note to your child's class teacher by Friday 10th May, 2014

NORTH COAST SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to Josh Correy who last week travelled to Grafton for the North Coast Soccer Trials. Josh has been selected as right back to play in the North Coast team at the State Championships to be held in Camden at the end of May. Good luck to you Josh!

Helen Hoffman



THE HEALTHY SHAK ROSTER

Wed 7th May	Jody Pounds
Fri 9th May	Karina Buttel
Mon 12th May	HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Wed 14th May	David Thorn
Fri 16th May	Louise Dolben
Mon 19th May	Jenny Coggan
Wed 21st May	Leslea McCowat

MOBILE PHONE FUNDRAISER



If you have an old mobile phone, would you please send it to School for recycling. Please drop them off at the front office.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Notes were distributed to students last term who qualified for the District Cross Country to be held in Bowraville this Friday 9th May. Students will travel by bus leaving school at 9.00am and the cost will be \$8-00. Please return your note and money asap. We have 15 spare seats on the bus and if any parents would like to travel by bus to accompany their child, you are more than welcome. Just pay \$8-00 to the girls in the front office on the Friday morning.

Helen Hoffman

THE GIFT OF READING

Have you ever thought what it would be like if we or our children couldn't read well? What would we miss out on? The chance to further our learning by getting information and vocabulary from signs, papers, magazines and books; the fantasy worlds of fiction (going on in our imagination to anywhere in the world and sharing other peoples experiences, thoughts and dreams). It would be like having eyes but being partially blind.

Sadly, there are many who can't read well. Our teachers do a wonderful job but parents are the key and in the same was as they don't have specific training to be parents, many don't know how to help their children learn to read well and thus learn better—in any subject.

The gift of reading is precious and it's not that difficult.

WHAT'S DUE

- Payment of School Contributions
- District Cross Country permission notes plus \$8 payment for the bus
- Donations for the P&C Mother's Day stall
- Return your donation for Stewart House
- Expressions of Interest note for a time change with the P&C Meetings



NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER JENNY LUXON

SPOTLIGHT ON 3R
CLASSROOM TEACHER
NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Miss Reid
27



Some interesting things we plan to do in our classroom:

HSIE – We are continuing to focus on Australian Geography including mapping and atlas activities. Then we will focus on the Commonwealth Games. The project for this term is due on the 6th of June.

In our computer time we will be creating a simple animated cartoon in Power Point. In music, 3R continue to learn more about musical notes. We have just started to play the keyboard. We are organising our class item for the Week 8 Assembly which will be a drama production and in science we will be learning about the differences between plants and animals. We look forward to watching how plants perform in simple science experiments.

Our favourite classroom activities include learning to play new card games in PD, our weekly quiz on Australian facts, learning new spelling games and Library is always fun, especially when there are new books.

We will be sharing a garden bed with 3/4W for the rest of the year. We hope to grow lettuce and other goodies for the canteen. We look forward to seeing parents in Week 8 at our Assembly performance.

MEI WEI LIM'S PERFORMANCE

Mei Wei Lim will be performing with Soporano, Peta Blyth and French horn player Gergely Malyusz at the Nambucca Entertainment Centre on MOTHER'S DAY Sunday the 11th starting at 2.00pm.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets can be purchased from Nambucca Harvey World Travel or at the door.

A RECITAL NOT TO BE MISSED!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Magic is believing in yourself. If you can do that, you can make anything happen." - Goethe

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

ACOUSTIC GUITAR LESSONS

For beginners 8 years old and upwards.
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