



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 1, 2012

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Summer Uniform

A reminder that this term starts the wearing of our summer uniform for all classes and grades. For boys this means the wearing of grey shorts and grey socks.

For girls this means the wearing of short white socks. It is imperative that all students wear a school hat while in the playground.

Kindergarten Orientation

Dates for Kindergarten Orientation are Thursday, October 11th, 18th, 25th and November 1st. Please contact the school if you wish to send your child on these dates. Each day will start at 9:00am and finish at 11:30am at the end of recess. On the first day (Thursday, October 11th) Mr Daniels will meet with all parents to discuss the program, school, procedures and answer questions.

It is very important that any student wishing to start school attends the orientation sessions or that parents contact the school to let us know of their intentions. The school needs to have an idea of numbers to help formulate class structures of 2013.

Calendar

We have attached a Term 4 calendar with events that are currently known listed on it. As always there are events that we at present do not have dates for and of course sporting events that are not known at this time.

Feel free to hang this on your fridge, add dates when they come up and allow children to cross off each day as it ends.

NAPLAN results

As parents of Years 3 and 5 know, our NAPLAN tests were delivered at the end of last term. Here are some of the highlights from our results so far:

*The Year 5 girls improved 25 scale scores in Reading.

*The Year 5 boys were 14 scale scores above the state average in Numeracy.

*The Year 3 boys were 9 scale scores above the state average in Reading.

*The Year 3 Indigenous students were above the state average by 8 points in Spelling.

*68% of all Year 3's at our school were in the top 3 bands for Spelling.

*67% of all Year 3's at our school were in the top 3 bands for Reading.

Dates to remember

*Year 5/6 excursion-November 19th-23rd

*Swim school-November 26th-Dec 7th

*Reports home-December 7th

*Presentation Day-December 11th

*Year 6 Farewell-December 13th

*Rewards Day-December 14th

*Last Day of school for students-December 19th

BE SAFE, BE FAIR, BE KIND, BE CO-OPERATIVE.

School Assemblies

This term the infants assemblies will still run as normal, starting at approximately 11:30am and concluding at 12:00pm.

However, the primary assemblies will now commence at 12:15pm. This provides parents attending both assemblies a shorter waiting time between the two assemblies. In addition, there will be some class, student and choir performances at the primary assemblies as well as the awards. The performances will allow the students to present items and topics from work completed in the classroom. The infants and primary assemblies will be in weeks two, four, six and eight.

*The school choir-Week two

*5/6T & 4J-Week Four

*5/6M & 5/6C-Week Six

*3E & 3/4M-Week Eight

The primary assemblies will still conclude at 1pm. Parents, relatives and community members are always welcome to attend our assemblies.

Festival of the Famous

Throughout last term the students in the primary classes all had the opportunity to research a famous Australian person as part of the school curriculum. The festival implemented many of our Key Learning Areas such as H.S.I.E, English and the Creative Arts.

The students worked with their teacher to search for a chosen Australian identity that interested them. As it was the student's choice it meant that they were more actively engaged in the research and planning of their project. The students presented their famous person using technology programs such as Microsoft Word, Publisher and Powerpoint either interactively or on paper format.

The most creative part about the festival is that the students are encouraged to become the famous person by dressing up, acting, dancing, singing and speaking like them. Furthermore, the project encouraged the students to learn about Australian's and the contributions they have made to our country and our history.

The teachers were very impressed by all of the presentations and it demonstrated hard work and enthusiasm. The majority of the research and project presentation was completed at school. However, it was great to hear stories about students finding mum and dad's old clothes from the cupboard, or parents sitting down with their children to make costumes and accessories using recycled materials.

Each student made a presentation to their classmates last term and this was used as an assessment task for a number of Key Learning Areas. After the class performances a small number of students were selected from each class to present at the "Festival of the Famous" at the end of last term.

Both the classroom presentations and the festival were successful. All students should be congratulated that it was completed at such a high standard especially considering that it was a pilot program.

Crunch and Sip and Health Message

How much fruit and vegetables do children need?

We are encouraged to go for 2 fruit and 5 vegetables every day. The amount children should eat depends on their, age, appetite and activity levels.

With the emphasis on 'Go for' it is valuable if children learn they should be aiming to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day. The emphasis in education should be on eating a variety of fruit and vegetables (including raw, cooked and different colours).

This provides a wide range of nutrients. The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends that children and adolescents eat the following number of serves of fruit and vegetables per day.



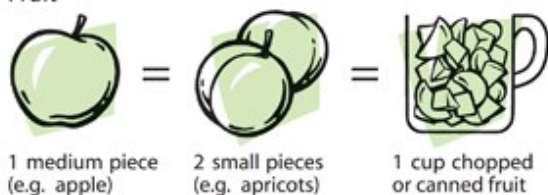
The recommendations:

Age of child (years)	Fruit (serves)	Vegetables (serves)
4-7	1-2	2-4
8-11	1-2	3-5
12-18	3-4	4-9

What is a serve?

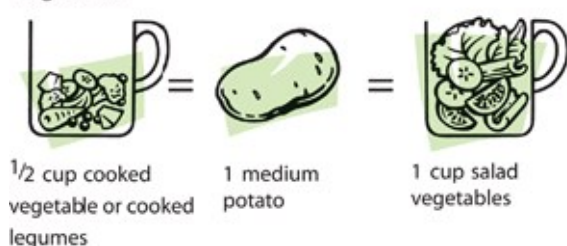
A serve of fruit is equal to an average sized piece of fruit.

Fruit



A serve of vegetables is equal to one medium potato, ½ cup cooked vegetables or legumes or 1 cup salad.

Vegetable



State Athletics

Next, **Wednesday, October 17th** and **Thursday, October 18th**, Ella Wishart and Georgiana Chawner will travel to Sydney to compete in the State Athletics carnival. We wish them well and safe travelling.



Book Club

Issue 7 order forms will be given out this week and orders are due by **9am Thursday, October 25th**.



Buy one get one free Book Fair

Book Fair will be held in **Week 5** more info next week.

Guitar

Guitar will start next **Wednesday, October 17th** and will be held in the infants hall.



Intensive Swimming Scheme

Next week, students in Years 2-6 will receive a note about two weeks of intensive swimming. The program targets students in Years 2-6 who can not competently and confidently swim the length of the pool using freestyle.

The program is heavily subsidised by the N.S.W. Department of Sport and Recreation who cover the cost of qualified instructors.

Students only need to pay for transport and entry to the pool (or they can use their pool pass).

The program will run from **Monday, November 26th until Friday, December 7th** for 1hr each day. Unfortunately, there are limited places and only the first 60 students with notes and money returned will be accepted.

The approximate cost will be \$25. Please do not send any money until you have received the note. Any questions please see Miss Eakin.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held tonight **Tuesday, October 9th** at 6pm in the main staffroom at school. There will be updates on the school toilets and the golf day being held.

Our PB'S for Term 3



CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S/S
Term 4 Oct	1	8 FIRST DAY BACK FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF	9 * P&C 6pm *Gymnastics	10 *Gymnastics	11 *Kindy transition day 9:00am-11:30am	12	13/14
Oct	2	15	16 *Gymnastics	17 *Gymnastics *Guitar	18 *K transition day 9:00am-11:30am	19 * Assembly Infants 11:30am– KL Primary 12:15am– Choir	20/21

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	10th	Kim Cox, Janice Chawner, Sharon Hollis, Monika Freeman
Thur	11th	Michelle Bates
Fri	12th	Karen Cooper, Jody Lieberman, Monika Freeman
Mon	15th	Monika Freeman
Tue	16th	Angela Brown
Wed	17th	Aleeca Zellers, Kim Cox, Liz Bridge

Homebake (next week)

Mon	15th	Sarah Daniels
Wed	17th	Aleeca Zellers
Fri	19th	Tracy Caldwell

DONATIONS (This Week)

Tomato Sauce	Michelle Donges, Leanne Hall
Blocked Cheese	Katrina Ballangarry, Carolyn Hall
Cruskits	Leonie Pederson
Mince	Mary Klazema
Lettuce	Kim Cox
Margarine	Shona Clark, Rhonda Fowler
Carrots	Polly Sargeant
Mayonnaise	Jody Lieberman

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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Better Relationships

A FREE course for couples
 *Simple ways to make your relationship
 *Learn the early warning signs of relationship difficulties
 *Build on your relationship

Wednesday, October 24th 10am-2pm
 (bookings are essential)
 For bookings and Venue information , please call
 (02) 6738 7200 or TFFYSS on (02) 6736 2619

Building Connections

FREE Course in Tenterfield to help focus on what is best for the children
 Separated? What about the kids?
 Wednesday, October 31st 10am-2pm

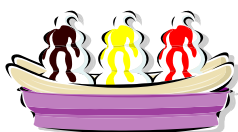
This course will be run by the **Family Relationship Center-Armidale office**
 For booking and venue information, please call
 (02) 6738 7200 or TFFYSS on (02) 6736 2619

AK4C (Aussie Kids 4 Christ)

AK4C is begins again this Wednesday @ 4pm
 @ the Presbyterian Hall.
 Call Merelyn Gibbins on 0437681628 for more information

MEAL DEAL THIS WEEK– “ Fresh is best”

A long roll filled with lettuce and cheese topped with a crumbed chicken tenderloin & mayo plus a popper and a banana split desert (no nuts) \$4.50



Other choices: Ham & cheese sandwich \$2.20
 Hot dog in roll \$2.50



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