



YOUNG LEADERS IN BRISBANE.



MATHS CHALLENGE DAY



NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8, 2012

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

Assemblies

Nil

Attachment

• Grandparents Day Invitation

• Bulb Order

Dear Parents and Community Members.....

Priority Schools Program (PSP)

A big thank you to all of those families that returned their surveys concerning the Priority Schools Program. They were sent off yesterday and hopefully we will remain on the program from 2013-2016 (being a 4 year cycle). We don't find out any results until much later in the year so fingers crossed we will remain on the program. It is an extremely important one for us and means the flexibility to continuing purchasing resources into the future.

The winner of the \$850 Tenterfield Retravisation Gift card is Sharlene & Peter Fox. Congratulations to Sharlene & Peter.

Meet the Teacher Night

Again thank you to all of those parents who were able to attend the 'Meet The Teacher' night and listen to the teachers discuss how the class operates and what sort of expectations they have for the year. The Kindergarten teachers will hold a special night for all Kindergarten parents on Wednesday, March 21 starting at 5:00pm. This will include a group meeting of all parents to discuss Best Start and what it means to the students and teachers and then the teachers will split the group and discuss each class individually. Please come along on this night.

Personalised Learning Plans

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 3 starting at 3:30pm (at "Plastic Park") for all Indigenous parents to discuss with the teachers the Personalised Learning Plans for students. This is a requirement for all Indigenous students to have a Personalised Learning Plan and for the parents/carers to have input into the learning goals of the students. We hope to see you there.

School Fees

A reminder that school fees are now due for all families - a real bargain at \$20 for a single child or \$40 for a family of 2 or more children. This fee helps to supplement resources, books, paper, items like pencils, art supplies and much more. Please pay this to your child's teacher as soon as you are able.

Principal Away

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the State Primary Principals Association council for principals across NSW. We were able to listen to many speakers including Dr Michelle Brungines the Director General of Education in NSW. Some things discussed were the possible changes to the Department and how that might change in the future. If anyone read the papers on the weekend it was front line news in the Telegraph. This is going to mean real change in the Department, not only at a local level but also the type of support we will be able to receive. I urge you all to read the possible developments as this will have a direct impact on our school, the staff, resources and what we are able to achieve.

I will be away this Thursday and Friday as I attend the New England Regional Conference. Mr Manser will be relieving principal on Thursday, while Miss Eakin will be

relieving principal on Friday.

Red X Mufti Day

Next Wednesday, March 21 the school will hold a mufti day in honour of Red Cross. Students will be asked to wear red on this day and bring a gold coin donation to place on the Red Cross Flag. The Red Cross are a wonderful organisation that help those in need throughout the state and rely on donations such as ours to help the needy.

School Social

There will be a school social for all students in years 2-6 on Wednesday, March 21. The theme is orange to coincide with the day being Harmony Day. The cost of the social is \$4.50 which will include a packet of chips and a drink. All students in years 2-6 who are not on level 3 or 4 are entitled to attend and have fun. The social will start at 5:30pm and finish at 7:30pm.

Cultural Show "My Friends and I"

On Friday, March 23 the school will be hosting a cultural show called "My Friends and I". This is a light hearted, humorous production using drama, poetry and puppetry to tackle the problem of bullying head on. Throughout the show the students are assured that if they are being bullied it is not their fault and there are things they can do about it. They are presented with useful tools to disarm bullies and messages such as confidence, resilience and positive relationship are reinforced. There will be no cost to students for this performance. Friday is National Anti-Bullying Day.

Year 5 and 6 Chocolate Fundraiser

Years 5 and 6 students are selling chocolates and lollies to assist with payment for their end of year excursion to the Gold Coast and Brisbane. These can be purchased for \$3 each. Thank you to all the people who have already generously supported these students. Money and/or chocolates MUST be returned by Friday, March 30.

Grandparents Day

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help at Grandparents Day or provided donations for morning tea. Donations need to be sent to school on the morning of Grandparents day (Tuesday, March 20).

Easter Raffle

The Infants Club are asking for donations for the Easter Raffle to be drawn at the Easter Parade. Donations can include things related to Easter such as eggs, lollies, books and craft kits. Donations can be left at the office.

Bulb Orders

The Infants Staff are organizing a Bulb Drive. We get to keep half the money raised from all the purchases. The money will go towards the major K-2 excursion later in the year. Orders and correct money need to be returned to school by **Wednesday, March 21**. Thank You.

Crunch and Sip and Health Message

Why shouldn't students eat snacks like muesli bars or fruit leathers during Crunch and Sip?

Foods such as fruit-topped muesli bars and fruit leathers are often high in sugar and energy, and low in other nutrients such as vitamins and minerals. Fruit and vegetables are lower in energy and high in nutrients, making them the ideal snack option. Fruit leathers, roll-ups and sticky muesli bars also have the tendency to cling to teeth, which increases the risk of tooth decay. Fruit and vegetables are the only foods allowed to be eaten during the Crunch and Sip break.

Fruit Challenge

During Weeks 8 to 10 (Monday, March 13 to Friday 31) each student is being challenged to eat 2 pieces of fruit a day at school. Each class winner/s will receive a special certificate recognising their healthy eating. Students can eat this fruit during "Crunch", recess and/or lunch. Students can eat any fruit. Some examples are:- apple, orange, banana, pear, plum, peach, nectarine, kiwi fruit, a bunch of grapes or a small container of blueberries, strawberries, pineapple pieces.

Regional Swimming Armidale

Last Tuesday, March 6, 12 students travelled to Armidale for the Regional Swimming Carnival. All students are to be congratulated for their efforts, achievements and behaviour. They were exemplary ambassadors of our school and town. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and supported all the students.

RESULTS:

Phoebe Cooper – P.B. in medley, butterfly and breaststroke

Ella Wishart – 2nd Jnr butterfly, 3rd 10yrs freestyle, 4th Jnr backstroke and 7th Jnr medley

Courtney Moss – 8th Snr backstroke

Will Evans – 8th 11yrs freestyle

Congratulations to Ella who has been selected to represent the North West Region at the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush, Sydney on the April 4 and 5. We wish her well and safe travelling.

Regional Basketball

Congratulations to Geoffrey Swan who has been selected to represent the North West at the State Basketball Carnival in Coffs Harbour in early Term 2.

National Ride Safely To School Day

National Ride Safely To School Day will be held on Friday, March 23. We are encouraging all children, where possible, to ride to school. This is a great day for parents/carers to reinforce the road safety message, great day to check your child's bike (tyres, brakes, chain, lights, seat) and also a brilliant way to get active and strengthen hearts, bones and muscles while making you feel happy and reducing stress.

Maths Technology Day

On Tuesday, March 6, 31 students travelled to Jennings Public School for a Maths Technology Day.

The day included many challenges with marshmallows, spaghetti, string, paper bags, masking tape, using tumblers with holes in them to carry water , using iPods and laptops to use applications such as Times Attack, 123 Sheep, Maths Hero and Angry Birds. All the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst interacting with students from Jenninings, Mingoola and Bonshaw.

Youngs Leaders Convention

On the 5th March 2012, 26 students from 5/6 attended the Young Leaders Convention in Brisbane. Students were inspired by Marakey Jonkers (para olympian) Beau Robinson (Rugby Union), The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Mike Martin the inspiration behind Young Leaders, and Giles Clarke the tiger carer from Australia Zoo.

WHO ATTENDS?

Students selected by their schools or community groups as possessing leadership potential attend these events. Some of these students have recently been appointed to leadership positions such as SRC, Prefects and School Captains.

Around 4,000 students attend the National Young Leaders Day in Brisbane each year.

WHEN DID IT BEGIN?

The Halogen Foundation has held Leadership events for emerging young leaders in Australia since 1997.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY?

The National Young Leaders Days are both inspirational and practical. The outcomes for students.....

Inspired:

Challenged by the stories of extraordinary leaders from an array of different fields, students will be motivated to begin making an immediate positive impact on the culture of their school. They will be challenged to consider the size and shape of their own impact on the world.

Educated:

On the mechanics of leadership and influence. The program provides "light bulb moments" for students who are deciding on their concept of self. Halogen promotes a model of leadership that emphasizes achieving goals on behalf of others as well as those of individual.

Empowered:

At the event, students are encouraged to seek opportunities to develop their skills and potential according to their personal strengths and passion. The Halogen Leadership Project is just one opportunity for your students to take hold of in order to impact your community.

Connected:

Students have the opportunity to meet other student leaders from all over their state. We encourage the interaction and supportive relationships that can arise from such a unique gathering.

CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
Mar	8	12	13 *Girls netball-GI. *Public Speaking Glen Innes.	14 *Guitar lesson. *School Banking. *Basketball-Armidale.	15 *Mr Daniels-Away Mr Manser– Relieving	16 *Mr Daniels-Away Miss Eakin– Relieving. *EOI for Yr 6/7 Due.	17/18
	9	19 *Zone Soccer Armidale.	20 *Grandparents Day. *Zone Rugby League Armidale.	21 *Harmony Day. *Social yrs 2/6 5:30. *RedXDay - Red. *K Best Start mtg 5pm.	22	23 *Performance “My Friend and I”. *Assemblies - 1/2J *National Ride to school Day.	24/25

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	14th	Help Needed Please, Katrina Cutmore.
Thur	15th	Monika Freeman.
Fri	16th	Sue Clarke, Bev Dorrington
Mon	19th	Kristine McCowen, Natalie Watt.
Tue	20th	Angela Brown.
Wed	21st	Aleeca Zellers, Vicky Hill, Kim Cox.
Homebake (Next Week)		
Mon	19th	Melinda Campbell.
Wed	21st	Melissa Oakes.
Fri	23rd	Nicole Arnold.

DONATIONS (This Week)

Block Cheese	Trudy Campbell
Mayonnaise	Kristine McCowen
Margarine	Megan Condrick, Nicole Arnold
Lettuce	Tracy Caldwell
Tomato Sauce	Lynette Whitby
Sliced Beetroot	Jess Gibbins, Roselee Henry, Roberta Koch
Tomatoes	Robyn Hillier
Vegemite	Lisa Gruber

MEAL DEAL - Wednesday Feb 14th

Crunch & Munch

A Delicious char grilled chicken breast with lettuce & tomato on a roll plus a popper and a bag of icy cold watermelon & grapes \$4.50.

Other Choices: Sausage Roll \$2.20
Hot dog in a roll \$2.50

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

INFANTS:

Kira Arnold, Samanta Brown, Grace Freeman, Nicholi Robinson, Bonnie Zappa.

PRIMARY:

Toby Watt, Courtney Watt, Jade Wright, Rachel Cowin, Tegan Paris, Ella McIntosh.

KINDNESS CERTIFICATE:

Katie Preston, Ebony Peterson,

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Deetswood Wines is looking for grape pickers for casual work over the next 3 weeks. If any parents are interested please call Deanne Eaton for more information 0401305572. Anyone wanting to pick but not interested in being paid, Deetswood Wines will donate the wages to the school.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS and FYS

80's DISCO

When: 5th April 2012

Where: Memorial Hall Tenterfield

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Infants to Year 6: 5.30-7.00pm

High school: 7.30-9.30pm

Fully supervised

Food and drinks available to purchase on the night. Any money raised goes to the local skate park.