Term 1 week 8 2014

From The Principal

Once again another 2 weeks has flown past and many great things have been achieved at our school. Grandparents day was held on Friday 14th March and was an amazing success. It was humbling to see so many parents and grandparents visiting the school and engaging in children’s education. A special thank you to all the grandparents who made such a huge effort to come to our school and share in our children’s educational journey.

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 12th March and congratulations must go to all the students who represented our school. A special congratulations to Bohdan 6T on making it through to the Regional Swimming Meet in four events and being senior boys champion for zone.

Over the last week we have warmly welcomed Miss Maddison Walkden to the teaching staff. She will be joining us for the rest of Term 1 in a support teacher role. I know she looks forward to getting to know all the students and parents of our school.

We have engaged a number of companies to look at designing the new gala day uniforms. The company that we have decided to engage is BLK/Kooga. The gala day uniforms are in design and pending no production issues should be ready for us to showcase in the Winter gala and special events helps us to fund things such as creating new and improved playground spaces. Thank you to all those parents and community members who support our school on an ongoing basis. Your assistance is greatly valued and appreciated.

Yours in partnership, Ms. Anderson

School is Important

School attendance not only promotes good learning and social outcomes, it is the law that students attend school every day unless they are sick.

All absences must be explained within 7 days of the absence. The reasons could include being sick or attending a funeral. Taking time off because it is the child’s birthday is not an acceptable reason by the Department of Education and Communities Attendance Policy. If you have any questions about attendance or you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please let Mrs. Hughes know so we can work together to support your child.

Mrs. Hughes

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year the school will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge in which students are encouraged to read a wide variety of books to develop a love of reading. The program requires that students keep a personal reading log which must be entered online; younger students will require adult assistance for this. As we need to register students for the challenge please let us know if you would like your child to participate. If you do not have access to the internet at home but would still like your child to participate please speak to us as we are able to help. You may speak to either your child’s teacher or Alison Cross the School Librarian. Further information will be sent home once your child is registered.

E-newsletter

An electronic newsletter will be sent out with this newsletter as well as the paper copy (which is also placed on the school website).

The electronic newsletter will have extra features from the paper copy - including photo slideshows and hyperlinks! If you are interested in also receiving the e-newsletter, please see Mrs. Hughes or Jess Jones and they will add your email address to the subscriber list.

Mrs. Hughes

Briar Road Cookbook

Would you like to contribute towards our Briar Road Multicultural Cookbook this year??

I am collecting recipes from around the world (and from around here) to create unique cook book experience for our school and community. Recipes can be given to me and I’ll enter them into the collection. If you have a picture of the finished product it would be helpful, so that I can add it to your recipe. Please add your name and culture so that I may add it in the correct location.

The cookbook will be available in paper and digital form once completed. Prices are to be determined and I will let you know the prices once your child is registered.

School Librarian. Further information will be sent home once your child is registered.

Assembly changes

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“Multicultural Day”

Each class will be celebrating the diverse cultures found in our school and around Australia. Students will be tasting traditional foods throughout the day and we invite parents to also bring up foods from your culture (for more information please see the note that went home last Friday).

If you are bringing traditional foods from home to share with your child’s class, it is important that your child’s teacher receives a copy of the ingredients (and recipe for my Multicultural Cookbook) so that children with specific food allergies/needs can be addressed.

Anya Keierleber

Multicultural Day

When: Wednesday 19th March
Time: 12:10 – 1:35

We are celebrating...

Multicultural Day

Term 1 Dates

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