Principal's Message

“We say to children to “grow up.”
But pure wisdom is often found in seeing the world through a child’s eyes.
Children have a way of looking at grown up complexities and seeing simple truths.”
David Cuschieri

Weekly Calendar

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Life Education Van

Please find enclosed all information and permission notes for our annual visit from Healthy Harold.

Many thanks to our P&C, who have kindly offered to run the canteen. If anyone is able to assist with food preparation and organisation, please give Sheena a call on 6546 1220.

Please ensure that all permission notes and lunch order forms are returned by next Wednesday, 12th March.

Parent Meeting – Claim the Date

All interested parents are warmly invited to attend a meeting in the school library on Monday, 31st March, commencing at 6.00p.m.

At this meeting, the Director of Schools, Mr Young, and our principal, Mrs Jones, will be sharing information about school programs, student goals and future teacher and learning opportunities.

Further information will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

We look forward to sharing a positive and fruitful evening with all families, and sincerely hope that you will join us.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Jock Maxwell, who is our Week 6 “Student of the Week”.

Jock is an absolutely delightful Kindergarten student, who gives his best every minute of the day, whether it be playing in the sandpit, learning his numbers, hugging his friends or listening to stories. He loves to come to school every day, and we love having him here!

You are a champion school boy, Jock – and we are all very proud of you!
Horse Sports Champion

Eddie Maxwell (Year 2) was our sole representative at the Blandford Horse Sports on Monday, and after competing in a full day of events, and winning ribbons in almost every event, was named as the champion 8 year old boy rider. Eddie kindly loaned us his trophy and ribbons to display at school this week, and, as you can see, he is a very proud young man, as are his teachers and class mates!

Voluntary School Contributions

Tax invoices are currently being sent home for these contributions – while not at all compulsory, this contribution is sincerely appreciated. Please contact the school office if you have any questions, or if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Attendance at School

It is important to remember that daily attendance at school is compulsory for every child over the age of 6, unless a valid reason is supplied.

The Home School Liaison team regularly visits our school and performs roll and attendance checks.

Even if your child misses only a total of half a day per week, that adds up to at least one full week of absences per term, or one month over a school year. This means great deal of learning opportunities missed out on!

Zone Cross Country

The zone cross country trials will be held on 28 March in Muswellbrook. If your child is turning 8 or older this year, and would like to compete at this event, could you please contact the school office to ask for an entry form. We will also arrange for your child to train on a daily basis in the lead up to this event.

Homework Challenge

For the remainder of this term, the class will be learning about rainforests. Next Monday, each child will be bringing home a fun and exciting project to be completed over a 3 week period. The project will not be compulsory, but it will provide an opportunity to share some special learning experiences with your child.

Pancake Day

The children enjoyed a break from regular learning routines last Tuesday to celebrate “Pancake Day”. After lots of measuring, reading recipes, writing procedures and mixing the batter, the fun part was under way! We hope you enjoy the children’s recounts.

“On Pancake Day, we made pancakes with Dorry.
We put flour, one egg, a tablespoon of sugar, some milk and them more flour in a bowl. After we mixed the batter, we cooked the pancakes and let them cool down.

After lunch we decorated them with strawberries, whipped cream, honey, Vegemite, sprinkles, choc chips and jam. Then we ate them.
I had a lot of fun!” – Jacinta Cameron (Year 5)

“On Pancake Day, Jock made a big fat pancake!”
Jock Maxwell (Kindergarten)

“On Tuesday, it was Pancake Day. First, I did my class work, then I washed my hands. I was in the first group.
We put these things in the mixture – 125 grams of plain flour, 1 egg, 300ml of milk and 1 tablespoon of sugar. Then we mixed it all together.
We put the mixture into a pan and cooked the pancakes. After that we decorated and ate them.
That day was SO much fun!” – Emily Taylor (Year 2)

“Tuesday was a special day because we made pancakes. We made a batter with flour, milk and eggs. Then we cooked the pancakes, and when they were ready to eat, we decorated them. Yummy!” – Corwin Weber (Year 1)
Signing In

Many thanks to the parents and visitors to our school who have been calling in to the office to sign in when they enter school grounds. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

Printer Cartridges

We have 2 brand new Ricoh printer cartridges that are unable to be used in our office equipment. If anyone is interested in having them, please contact the school office.

Claim the Date

Wallabadah Horse Sports – Monday, 1st September, 2014.

Holiday Activities

NSW Rugby is hosting “Camp Wallaby” at St. Ignatius College, Riverview, in the upcoming school holidays.

For further information, and to register, please go to http://www.rugby.com.au/tryrugby/KidsRugby/Camps.aspx

If you are unable to access a computer, please feel free to visit school and use our computer network.

Scone Horse Trials

Congratulations to our wonderful P&C, led by Camilla Maxwell, and Sheena and Richard Carter, for the magnificent catering they provided for the VIPs and judges at the Scone Horse Trials over the weekend.

There will be full round up and thank you list in this Friday’s newsletter.

Apology

Unfortunately, this newsletter was unable to be printed on Friday, as the electricians were completing final adjustments to the new kitchen and learning areas, and we had some power interruptions during the afternoon.

As far as possible, the “Belltrees Bulletin” will be sent home each Friday afternoon. If you wish to have any community items included, please ensure they are received at school by Thursday afternoon.

Health and Dietary Conditions

Our staff members do the best we can to cater for the health and medical needs of every child enrolled here.

To ensure that we are able to continue this care, we MUST be made aware, in writing, of any special needs your child may have.

If your child has any medical or health needs whatsoever, or has special dietary requirements, please send in a letter as a matter of urgency. This letter will be held securely with your child’s records, but will allow current staff to care for your child to the very best of our ability.