Term 2 Week 3

Thursday 15 May 2014

Principal's Report

Relieving Principal
Thank you to everyone who has come and congratulated me on my relieving role at Booragul PS. I appreciate your support.
Miss Deborah Hall will be relieving as principal here, and will undertake all of my current duties including being the teacher of 4/5/6. She is an Assistant Principal at Jewells PS and comes with a wealth of experience, including public speaking and debating. Perfect timing for our students to benefit from her expertise.

NAPLAN Assessments
The students in Years 3 & 5 have completed their NAPLAN assessments this week. Results are normally published around October.

P&C
There have been some changes with P&C structures at a State level and principals have been asked to provide the following information to their communities.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.
Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Walk Safely to School Day
Friday next week is Walk Safely to School Day and I would encourage all students to walk at least a part of the way. Students who live outside of Nords Wharf could possibly be dropped off on Government Rd and walk from there. This activity will count as time towards the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. It is also an effective way to reduce petrol consumption as well as congestion around schools.

Ethics Classes
In recent weeks one of our parents, Donna Black, has trained as an Ethics Classes teacher. She is supported by our Ethics coordinator, Louky Miller.
You can find out more specific information about the program at the website http://www.primaryethics.com.au/about.html
We will also be holding an information session for parents here at school closer to launch date.
Primary Ethics classes are offered to students who have opted out of Scripture. With one teacher trained we will be offering this class to students in Stage 3 only. Classes will be expanded to include other grades if there are parents who are willing to be trained as teachers for those classes. You are advised to contact Louky about this if you are interested. Non-scripture Stage 3 students will be sent an expression of interest form this week.

Issues with Students
At times you may have various children from school visit you at home, your children may go to their house or they may interact with each other at school. In each of these situations there will possibly be times when your child comes into conflict with a student from our school who is not your child.
If this conflict occurs at home then you could follow it up with the parent of the other child. If this carries over into school, or is only occurring at school, then the process is to approach your child’s teacher and/or the principal. Under no circumstances is it ok to confront the other child on school grounds, or while they are walking to and from school. At these times all students come under our jurisdiction and duty of care.
Parents who chastise another child will be contacted about the incident. The principal is within departmental guidelines to issue an Enclosed Lands Act notification to any parent who ignores this advice.

World Colouring In Day
Today we have celebrated World Colouring In Day with a range of art activities this afternoon. If your child did not bring in a donation for the Save the Children Fund today, then it is not too late. They can bring in their donation tomorrow.

Communication Survey
If you could please return the communication survey from last week’s newsletter by Monday then that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have responded already.
I look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

Karin Hird
Class News

Kindergarten
Kindergarten have been participating in daily fitness as part of the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The aim is for students to exercise for 20 mins a day. Today we acknowledged World Colouring In Day. The theme was Picture Stories: A Colourful World Trip. We used the Harmony Day iPad App to explore wonderful stories from around the world.
Information for the Kindergarten Public Speaking Competition went home this week. If you have any questions, please ask!

Ms Hook

1/2

The Star of the Week is Jake! Congratulations to Isabelle, Keely, Lyla, Daniel, Alyssa and Nathan who all received 100% in their spelling test last week.
This week we have been listening to keen Year 1 and 2 students give fantastic practice speeches about their favourite activity, using eye contact, gestures and wonderful expression! Some students have even added to and improved their practice speech! It is possible to improve and add to the practice speech and use it in the Public Speaking Competition in week 5, or to choose a different topic for the competition speech. The speeches will be held from Wednesday to Friday in week 5. Mr Derbyshire will be listening to all the speeches so scoring can be consistent.
In both Science and Visual Art this term the focus will be on ‘Water’. After viewing the artworks ‘Water Lilies’ by Claude Monet and ‘After Sirius’ by Michael Johnson, students used paint, brushes, sponges and popsticks to create a water artwork this week. There were many creative responses and we look forward to having these on display in our classroom.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

The Naplan testing is over and it won’t be until much later in the year that we shall receive the results. The class has begun making Power-Points on an Australian mammal with the assistance of students from Mrs Hird’s class. Public speaking begins next week with speeches to begin in class on Monday. As part of the assessment for Mathematics, the students have been given a project to complete. If there is difficulty getting it done at home the students can do their survey at school and use the computers in the morning before school.

Statistics and Probability Project
Survey twenty people as to their favourite colour. (Choose between: red, blue, yellow, green, orange and purple.)
Show tally marks for your results.
Construct a column graph using grid paper to display your results.
Present your work on A4 paper and as a computer print-out.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

Another busy week in 4/5/6. We have read a few more chapters of “A Monster Calls” and have mostly completed our Rainforest PowerPoints. A few of these have already been uploaded to our Blog for you to look at and enjoy. Yesterday, while Year 6 were visiting Swansea HS, our Year 4 and 5 students gave the students in Class 3/4 a lesson on PowerPoint creation. Also this week, Year 4 and 6 students worked with Jarrad to film a news story script that he had written. They worked very well together. Jarrad is currently editing the movie. Hopefully it will be ready to show the school at Assembly tomorrow.
Miss Hall came and visited the class yesterday. Their behaviour was a clear demonstration that they were out to impress! I’m sure she will enjoy being their teacher for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Hird

Office News

Miss Wright sends greetings from France. She is having a wonderful time.

Margaret & Sue

Coming Events

Term 2 Week 4
19 May Maritime Safety Talks
23 May Walk Safely To School Day

Term 2 Week 5
29 May Star Struck Rehearsal 8am -4pm
Happy Birthday To:

Shontelle F  16 May
Ben B       18 May

Canteen Roster:

Friday  16 May  Caroline Kumar
Monday 19 May  Bek Green
Wed    21 May  Jennie Sutton

Canteen Co-ordinator has no transport for the next few weeks. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning from 9.00 until 9.30 am for uniform sales.

Old style Stubbies brand size 12 Sport Shorts—6 pairs only MUST GO $5.00 each.

Size 10 and 12 Polo Shirts and Caps have arrived.

As this will be my last year with NWPS, I need someone to train in running the Uniform Shop—if anyone is interested please see me on Fridays.

Thanks Kylie

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ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: __________________________________________

First Name: _______________________________________________

Class: __________________

Date/s of Absence: _________________________________________

Reason for Absence: _______________________________________

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Parent / Guardian Signature: ________________________________