Term 2 - Week 10

DIARY DATES

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 2 is now almost at an end. What a fantastic term it has been for all of our students. There have been a range of activities and learning experiences for all students and of course many areas of excellence.

Congratulations to all students receiving awards at our first Recognition Assembly tomorrow in the hall. Perhaps, more importantly, I would like to thank all our students and parents for their hard work this term in supporting the work that our wonderful teachers and staff do every day.

K-2 students learning about worm farms last week.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for kindergarten 2016. If you have a child that will be starting kindergarten in 2016, or know of someone who does, now is the time to get your name in at the office. The kindergarten 2016 information sessions for parents will be held in Term 3 and if we don’t have your details we can’t send you any information. This year is particularly important for enrolments as we need as many as possible in order to maintain our staffing entitlements. Putting the good word out in the community about how great our school is may help get the enrolments we need in order to replace the 21 Year 6 students leaving at the end of the year.

SCHOOL DISCO

A school disco will be held in the hall this Thursday 25 June commencing at 6.00pm and finishing at 7.30pm. The P&C are organising pizza from 5.30pm for students who return the note that was sent out last week. Students must be dropped off and picked up by a parent/carer. If your child will be going home with someone else please ensure they give a note to their teacher.
END OF TERM RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY
This term we are introducing an end of term Recognition Assembly to celebrate student successes throughout the term. Awards will include achievement in class, selection in sporting teams or other academic achievements. Parents of award recipients are invited to attend the assembly. You will have received a short letter if your child will be receiving an award. The end of term Recognition Assembly will be held on Wednesday 24 June at 2pm. Unfortunately some of our students will be at the Netball Gala day as a result of the wet weather last week. Students who miss out on receiving awards at the assembly will receive their awards at a short ceremony at school before the last day.

NAIDOC
This year’s NAIDOC celebrations will occur on Thursday 25 June. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee and celebrates Aboriginal culture annually. Students will rotate through a number of activities focussing on Aboriginal art, stories, sport and culture. Students will also this year take part in a traditional smoking ceremony.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS
What a fantastic effort by all of the Public Speaking entrants at last weeks finals in the hall. The standard of all entrants was outstanding and made for a very hard decision for the judges. Well done to all of our Public Speakers. The Highly Commended and winning entrants will now go on to compete at the Galgabba and Zone finals next term.

CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to Max J, Philip T and Beau M, who competed as part of the Hunter Rugby League team last week in Cronulla. The boys played very well all week from all reports, with the team finishing 3rd overall. Great effort!

Congratulations also to Philip T and Max J who were both successful in gaining selection in the Hunter Rugby Union team on Monday. Both boys will now go on to compete with the Hunter team next term.

TERM 3
Students return to school on Tuesday 14 July. Teachers will participate in professional development on the Monday. The focus of professional development this term will be on Focus on Reading (FoR), Australian Teaching Standards and student well being.

STARTSTRUCK
Congratulations to all of our StarStruck performers. What a fantastic week everyone had and the show was amazing. A big thank you to Mrs Hellier for all of her hard work in organising everything and, of course, all the mums and dads for all their hard work in getting everyone where they needed to be. It can be a hectic time performing on the big stage and without everyone’s cooperation such a great event just wouldn’t happen. Once again our students behaved in a fantastic manner. Well done girls!

The StarStruck Team

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Earn & Learn program will be running this year. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths. For every $10.00 spent at Woolworths you will receive one sticker. A collection box will be located in the school office foyer for you to place your completed sticker cards in. The program runs from 15 July to 8 September so start collecting those stickers after the school holidays!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. See you in Term 3.

Aaron Quinnell
Principal

OFFICE NEWS

RESOURCE PACKS
The final instalment of $25.00 is due on Friday 26 June. Prompt payment would be appreciated.
In a recent newsletter the P&C provided a snapshot of the items it has funded in 2015. The total cost of this funding is approx. $10,000 year-to-date.

In the same newsletter the P&C put out a call for volunteers to help with the school raffle at the Pelican RSL. Unfortunately we had ZERO response to this request. In addition to this zero response, the P&C has also struggled to have enough volunteers to open the canteen some Fridays.

We appreciate that family life is busy. It is busy for ALL families in our school community. With this in mind, the current P&C volunteers can only do so much. Discussions will now take place to reduce the number of days the canteen opens and also look at the viability of continuing the RSL raffle. This would obviously impact on P&C finances, which will impact on the ability of the P&C to pay for, or subsidise, many of the items that we have paid for in the past. Please consider volunteering even a small amount of your time to help with some of the P&C ventures in future.

TRIVIA NIGHT
That’s right! The world famous Blackies School Trivia Night is back! Book the babysitter, tell your friends, start reading the Funk & Wagnall's and get your team together for a night not to be missed. Saturday 19 September is the big night. More information will come out as the date nears.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
New stocks of the 2015/2016 Entertainment Book are now available for purchase from the office. The books sell for $60.00 each and are a great gift idea. The school receives $12.00 from each book sold.

HOME READING AWARDS

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Congratulations!
DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause Dyslexia and difficulties with:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Comprehension
- Concentration
- Ball Sports
- Fatigue
- Eye Strain
- Headaches

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FIRST LESSON IS FREE WITH YOUR FIRST BLOCK OF LESSONS!