Dear Parents / Carers

Over half way through this term already and it seems as though we may have seen the wet weather hold off for long enough to get our earthworks completed. The machinery should be finished by the end of this week and there will be a period of time, where we leave the fence up to allow the grass to grow and to keep students off the area for when it is wet. Hopefully the whole job will be finished by the time we come back to school next term.

I am seeking your input into a new electronic games policy for the school. I have formulated a very short survey that I would like parents to complete, that will help guide us to finalise this policy. The results of the survey will determine whether or not we go ahead with allowing students to bring electronic games devices to school. To access the survey please go to http://goo.gl/forms/SsdGeK4EUp

I will also include a QR code to access the survey for people who take advantage of this.

Our transition over to SunSmart compliant hats is rapidly approaching. We are expecting all students to be wearing a bucket style or wide brimmed style hat from the first day back at school for Term 4. (Tuesday 6th October) Navy blue hats are available for purchase from the P&C for $5 and are compliant with our hat policy as well as our school uniform policy.

Whilst we are on the subject of uniforms, there have been a few students who have consistently not been wearing their correct school uniform to school. This is a very small minority, but unfortunately it seems to be our more senior students who are the main group. There is an expectation that all students will wear their full school uniform each and every day and this is a policy fully supported by the P&C. Your help with this matter is really appreciated.

I wanted to say a big thankyou to all the students and staff who attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp recently. It was noted by the camp organisers how mature and well behaved our group was and that the parents of all the students should be very proud of them. I was very impressed with how our students tried their very best, to have a go at all the activities and really engage with each other and all that was asked of them. I am sure that there would have been many tired children come home on that Wednesday afternoon having had a very full few days.

The Stage 3 camp to Lake Ainsworth is also coming up very soon. All the details are being finalised for what should be a great week away.
The following students received Certificates of Merit and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on 10 August 2015 and at the Infants Assembly on 17 August 2015.

**Primary Assembly Merit Awards:**
- Jett Johnson – Year 3
- Reuben Mobbs – Year 3
- Angela Wigley – Year 3
- Baden Bell – Year 4
- Boston Ford – Year 4
- Kaiden Franks – Year 4
- Matthew Grant – Year 4
- Dylan Green – Year 4
- Indeanna Lane-McNally – Year 4
- Charley Parkinson – Year 4
- Lachlan Small – Year 4
- Kalan Steber – Year 4
- Nelson Crisp – Year 5 (2 Merits)
- Georgia Daley – Year 5 (Absent)
- Olivia Dew – Year 5
- Jasmine Nunn – Year 5
- Lachlan Turville – Year 5
- Grace Atkinson – Year 6 (3 Merits)
- Giselle Black – Year 6
- Ruby Daley – Year 6
- Dominic Forbes – Year 6
- Zane Franks – Year 6
- Lilli-Mae Geer – Year 6
- Harry Grant – Year 6 (2 Merits)
- Kristy Green – Year 6
- Emily Orchard – Year 6
- Zali Petersen – Year 6
- Te Reeremoana Walker – Year 6

**Assembly Awards:**

**5/6J**
- Edie Gillis – for her visualisation activity from the novel “The Dragonkeeper”
- Lachlan Hocking – for his visualisation activity from the novel “The Dragonkeeper”
- Otto Pickering – academic achievement across all key learning areas
- Te Reeremoana Walker – her well-developed procedure on “How to brush your teeth”

**5/6C**
- Bronte Ward – a great effort representing our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival
- Joey Brown – continued great work in his role as a school leader
- Madison Aiken – displaying an encouraging work ethic in mathematics group
- Connor Lyle – continued effort and application in all areas

**4/5V**
- Jasie Brown – excellent efforts and results in exposition task
- Monique Davis-Marr – effort and improvement in her multiplication tables
- Jasmine Nunn – efforts and improving results in reading and comprehension tasks
- Luke Williams – engagement and application in exposition tasks and fraction/percentages work

**3/4M**
- Matthew Grant – improved effort with class work and focus
- Kalan Cavanough – always having a positive attitude towards learning
- Brandon Huggett – improved application in class
- Bianca Dixon – a well written diary entry

**3E**
- Blake Richardson – challenging yourself at the Great Aussie Bush Camp
- Tayla Wait – showing persistence in activities at camp
- Tarli Black – taking responsibility and ownership with her work

**2E**
- Thomas Stenning – a very creative alliteration poem

**2B**
- Hayley Wilson – being a helpful and friendly class citizen
- Charli Kizilos – her commitment and positive attitude to learning
- Charlie Keyte – always having a positive attitude towards learning
- Bridie Hooper – approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm

**1H**
- Daisy Pickering – being mature and reliable
- Neve Forsaith – being mature and reliable
- Takaihla Billinghurst – being mature and showing initiative
- Ramona Ljumanovic – working independently
KB
Elli Wouterlood – improvement in reading and applying herself in all activities
Chase Hopkins – working diligently to complete set tasks
Buddie Neil – improvement in reading
Jack Vaughan – his determination and enthusiasm in all writing tasks
KJ
Frankie Smith – an improved focus and application to work
Mitchell Cougle – an enthusiastic approach to learning
Polly Holmes – a mature approach to learning
Neave McDermott – improvement in reading

**Friendly Schools and Families Awards:**

**5/6J**
Ethan Wilson – a great effort representing our school at the Zone Athletics carnival

**5/6C**
Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – helping Mr Voorby out during the musical performance

**4/5V**
Oni Crowley – being a supportive student at the Great Aussie Bush Camp last week

**3/4M**
Ruby Hopkins – always offering to help others

**3E**
Brooke Wilson – being a supportive friend to all

**2E**
Lincoln Rush – always wanting to help others

**2B**
Jordan Bendeich – always being kind to others

**1H**
Te Ara Pounamu Walker – being helpful and reliable

**KB**
Emily Castle – being a sensible role model for others

**KJ**
Luis Worth – being a kind and friendly class member

**Infants Assembly Merit Awards:**

Bronte Kippax – Kindergarten
Christiano Kleynhans – Kindergarten
Charlie Maligin – Kindergarten
Kayle Williams – Kindergarten
Miley Cox – Year 1 (Absent)
Jessica Edwards – Year 1

Isaac Hourn – Year 1
Charlie Maxwell – Year 1
Te Ara Pounamu Walker – Year 1
Clay Williams – Year 1
Lily Crook – Year 2 (Absent)
Charlie Keyte – Year 2
Zac Nicholson – Year 2
Katie Rebeke – Year 2
Leilani Williams – Year 2

**FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE**

Don’t forget Father’s Day Raffle tickets. Prizes will be drawn 24 August 2015 at the Primary Assembly. Good luck to all Dads.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Book Week is 24 to 28 August and the Book Parade will be on Wednesday 26 August at 9.30 am.

**LOST PROPERTY *******

Our Lost Property tub is well and truly over-flowing to the point that we cannot fit any more in. We only keep clothes without names. At the end of the month any clothes, be they school clothes or civilian clothes not claimed, will be donated to St Vincents. If you have lost something, please come and have a look.

**PARENTING TIPS: PARENTING TIPS: GRIEF and LOSS**

Growing up is an ongoing process of change that involves losses as well as gains. Depending on the support children receive and how these early losses are dealt with, children can learn to manage and deal with future losses that will happen throughout their lives.

Some examples are: when a parent dies or goes away, when parents separate or family breaks up, loss of a friend or friendship, loss of a pet, having a disability, loss of memories due to fire or flood, loss of culture and homeland if migrating, death of a grandparent, moving house, changing schools, being in hospital. Some losses are big for children but small to adults. Children have different understandings of death as they develop, not fully understanding death is permanent until later primary years.
What you can do: (Note – the child’s age, maturity and safety need to be considered)

1. Provide a safe environment and help them show their feelings
2. Give clear and truthful information to children in a way they can understand
3. Be honest (use age-appropriate language) as it helps them grieve, and cope with future losses
4. Keep to family routines as much as you can to give security
5. Let your child’s teacher know if there has been a big change or loss
6. Share your own grief – they will feel more comforted (however if you are really distressed it may not be appropriate as they also need to know you are in control and can keep them safe…..seek support from other trusted, supportive adults as needed)
7. Ceremonies such as funerals can be important for children as well as adults to help make sense of the big changes in their lives and feel connected to others
8. Get support for yourself – talk with a partner or friend or seek personal grief counseling if needed
9. Remember children grieve in bursts so may show it differently to adults
10. Allow times for extra closeness and comfort – give them special times to talk about feelings and questions(some children may like to draw a picture and this may help them with expression)
11. When it feels right help them to move on and try something new
12. Don’t rely on your child for support….you need to support your child
13. The biggest need for children/teenagers in time of loss is they are supported and cared for, and have someone to talk to
14. If your child seems to not be managing months later, seek help (free counselling support is available through Forster Community Health 65551800)

School Counsellor: Sue Colditz
Source: Dep Health SA Gov

ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM 3 2015

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
When: Friday 4 September 2015
Where: Tuncurry Bowling Club
Time: 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Cost: $5.00
Ages: Primary Students Year 3 – 6
Prizes; Fun Games; Canteen available; Great Music
No alcohol/No drugs/No passouts
All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers

MINI ROOS FOR GIRLS
Register now for the football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015. Visit the website to find a location nearest you.

JAM FOR OXFAM
Calling all singers and music lovers to an OXFAM fund-raising initiative to alleviate world poverty. Bring along your smiles and voices for an evening of singing, supper and excellent company, hosted by Alana Parkins and Sandy Gray. Donation – plenty of money wrapped up in a $5 note. At Hallidays Point Library, from 7.00 to 9.00 pm on 26 August 2015. Bookings essential: see library staff or phone 6559 3066 (Mon – Fri, 10 – 5).

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Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Let’s Go Green!

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, on canteen days we will have on offer a variety of items for sale and sampling that encourage students to eat more fruit and vegetables, try something new and hopefully help bring the healthy eating message home!

Our school garden is already supplying the canteen with baby spinach, baby carrots, radishes, sugar snaps, lettuce, celery, parsley, coriander, rocket, kale and broccoli! These ingredients are already used in a number of menu items and will help our canteen promote this year’s “Let’s Go Green” theme.

Congratulations to Reuben Mobbs in 3/4M who is the winner of the name our canteen competition ran by the P&C. Reuben’s entry of “Lunches on Diamond” has been selected as the new name for the canteen. Reuben won a $10 canteen open order and we look forward to seeing the new name on a sign out the front of the canteen.
Well done Reuben!

TERM 3 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER

To volunteer, please call Jackie on 0447 621 340

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If you are unable to make your allocated shift please swap with another volunteer or arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible.