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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2014 Term 4 Week 10

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9th December
Wednesday 10th December
Thursday 11th December
Monday 15th December
Tuesday 16th December
Wednesday 17th December

Ngargin Doctors Major Graduation 10.15am
Class party day at Killalea
Assembly
Presentation day
Year 6 Farewell
Last day of school for students

Dear parents, carers and students,

Swimming Scheme

I am so pleased to report the success, once again of our schools involvement in the Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme. I have just read and signed 200 certificates that will be handed out to students this week, showing the development of our kids in the water. I would like to thank all of our parent and carer body who have supported this great program for the second year! Although the school subsidised \$12 per student, we believe that this experience (both socially and in the water) was amazing “value for money”. I really look forward to the school swimming carnival in February, where ALL students 8yrs and older will be asked to attend and participate to the best of their ability. NB – due to the cancellation of the last sport Gala Day, your \$2 fee for this day went towards supporting the Swimming Scheme payment.

Parliament 2015

Today, the Front Bench for our School Parliament was announced. Congratulations to the following students: Aaron P, Aisyah H, Christina R, Chelsea F, Haiden M, Hartley W, Hunter D, Jay I, Jett M, Olivia T, Poppi R, Ruby M, Sam S, Trisha V. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and leadership of our outgoing members, led by Zac B and Cleo D. They have been outstanding examples of the types of young leaders our school grows and develops. Thank you Zac, Cleo and all of our outgoing Front Bench! You have all done yourselves proud.

Ngargin Doctors Major Graduation

Our new Ngargin Doctors will graduate from their program tomorrow Tuesday 9th December. Parents of these students are invited to attend the graduation at 10.15am. This will go until the lunch break at 11.00am and will be followed by a luncheon for all students and parents who attend.

What Works Meeting – Aboriginal Education

All parents of Aboriginal students are invited to attend a What Works meeting also on tomorrow 9th December at 12pm. This meeting will be hosted by Veronica Archibald and Troy Tungai. Please come and share your thoughts on the programs that have been running this year and give some suggested direction to Aboriginal Education in 2015.

Party Day – Wednesday 10th December

Party Day is here! On Wednesday ALL students will travel by bus to Killalea State Park for a combined Christmas party. Students will rotate around different activities, run by the staff at the Education Centre. Teachers will stay with their classes, and all of the school will enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch.

IN THE EVENT OF WET WEATHER: please send your child to school in their party clothes, prepared to complete class rotations at school. We will still have the sausage sizzle lunch and children can share their party food with their friends.

You Can Do It Award Assembly

This Thursday, all students receiving their Bronze, Silver or Gold You Can Do It Awards will attend a special assembly. Parents of recipients should have received a You Can Do It letter to invite them to the presentation assembly. On Friday, these students will participate in their reward day which includes:

Bronze Award recipients – may come to school in mufti

Silver Award recipients – may come to school in mufti and will have a sausage sizzle lunch

Gold Award recipients - may come to school in mufti, will have a sausage sizzle lunch and will also enjoy a special movie afternoon in our school theatre with movie treats!

Congratulations to all our well deserving achievers!

Presentation Day Assembly

Our schools end of year Presentation Assembly will be held next Monday 15th December. All parents, carers and family members Should be seated by 9.00am in the hall. There will be reserved seating in the front row for special guests and award presenters. All other seating is on a first come basis. Parents will be contacted by post or a phone call if their child is receiving an award – but the reason will be a surprise! We look forward to a fantastic morning of celebration and achievement.

Christmas Jokes!

I would like to thank Mr Ryan's class 4/5R for their effort to keep my emails full this week with their Christmas jokes! In the Christmas spirit, I would like to share some with you!

Nathan W	Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?	Santa Jaws
Zoe-Lee J	Who is Santa's favourite singer?	Elf-is Presley
Sean T	What do you call a cat in the desert?	Sandy claws
Denzel W	What do monkeys sing on Christmas morning?	Jungle bells

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Library

There are a large number of books that have not been returned to our school library. Please check around your house, in your child's bedroom, on your home bookshelves, in the toy box or even at grandma or grandpa's house. If these books are not returned, it will cost our school a lot of money for replacements. We would really appreciate your assistance in the prompt return of all these books by **Thursday 11th** December.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Mrs Debnam and Mrs Kolevski

Readers

There are also many readers missing from our school. While you're having a look for any library books, please also look for readers, as these are very expensive to replace. We would really appreciate your assistance in the prompt return of all these readers by **Thursday 11th** December.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Mrs Collins

Science and Road Safety Workbooks

Earlier in the term students participated in road safety lessons and the NRMA Science and Road Safety show. Over the coming week students will take their NRMA Science and Road Safety workbooks home. There is a **Road Safety Parent Pull-out** inside each student workbook. I encourage all parents and carers to have a read, especially with the holidays fast approaching and we are using the roads more often. Safe wishes over the holiday season.

Kind Regards Mrs Kolevski

P&C News

Christmas Raffle

The P&C are holding a Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each. Books have been handed out to all students and more are available for collection from the office. Prizes will be drawn at the school on Presentation Day, Monday 15th December 2014. We would like to thank Wilsons Bike Hub, Warrawong and Woolworths who have also donated prizes in addition to those shown on the raffle books.

All books and money should be returned to the school by **this Friday 12th December 2014**.

Please write your family or child's name and class on the ticket book cover in the space provided as there is a \$30 Smiggle voucher prize for the child who raises the most money! Competition is mounting for this prize and there is one student who has a great lead – keep up the fantastic effort!

P&C Disco

The disco last week was a wonderful success, and we thank all parents and teachers who gave up a little of their time to help out, with special thanks to Mr Kusa who made a guest appearance.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the P&C and our fundraising this year. We have been able to contribute to the upgrade of audio visual equipment for the hall which will benefit the students for many years to come. We have also supported some of our talented students in their sporting achievements throughout the year.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 17th February 2015 at 6pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

Narelle Adams
P&C Treasurer

Term 4 Week YOU CAN DO IT Awards

TEACHER	NAME	YCDI AWARD REASON	CODE
Ms Maranesi	Lachlan A	Fantastic work during writing	P
	Tyler W	For a massive improvement in writing	P
Mrs Holloway	Jackson C	Getting along with others	G
	Kara L	Always trying her best	
Mr Ellsmore	Rivah J	Making a great start at BHPS	G
	Nate J	Fantastic application	P
	Lucas B	Excellent reader	P
	Reece C	Improvement in reading	P
Ms Scott	Khyane T	A big effort in swimming lessons	
	Carla W-M	A fantastic effort at swimming	
Miss Bunt	Teneille L-W	Always keeping her equipment organised	O
	Alex F	Being organised with his daily safety message	O
	Chayse E	Trying activities without assistance and showing confidence	C
Mrs Broomham	Hayley B	Excellent Getting Along skills being a loyal friend	G
	Gina K	Persistence and hard work with her writing	P
Ms Dunn	Brendon C	Improved confidence during swimming lessons	C
	Justin C	Improved confidence during swimming lessons	C
	Talan B	Improved attitude and persistence with school work	P
Mr Ryan	Sam S	Parliament speech	R
	Bodhi	English improvement	P
Mrs Wheeler	Leteesha Q	Producing a narrative for K-2 children in English	P
	Jett M	Working well in class all year	P
	Jack S	Working co-operatively on our excursion by assisting other students	G
	Aleasha B	Improvement in English	P
	Tiara F	Persistence and trying hard in swimming lessons	P
	Shai-Lee L	Being diligent in her efforts as Parliament Hansards	O
	Dominic I	Working hard in swimming lessons	P
	Olivia T	Taking greater responsibility at school	G
Tyler W	Trying hard and great persistence in swimming	P	
Mrs Kolevski	Aisyah H	Organisation and fantastic work in Science	O
	Cooper K	Fantastic writing in his science journal	P
	Samara W	Working with organisation and persistence in science	P
Mrs Harris	Jacob W	Persistence during swimming	P
	Jacob C	Persistence during swimming	P
Mrs Roughan	Danish H	Always doing his best in class	P
	Cooper C	Getting along with others and working independantly	G

CODE

What 'key' does your award relate to this week?

O= Organisation (Orange)

G= Getting along (Green)

C= Confidence (Yellow)

P= Persistence (Purple)

R= Resilience (Red)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Council's Community Connections will continue to promote school holiday activities, but instead of using a printed program, they will now be published on our Shellharbour Kids Website.

To find out what's on in Shellharbour these school holidays, visit the Event Calendar

<http://shellharbourkids.com.au/event-calendar>

or the School Holidays page

<http://shellharbourkids.com.au/fun-play-page/school-holidays>



Kid's Fishing Workshop

The Department of Primary Industries is holding a kid's fishing workshop in the school holidays on Wednesday 14th January 2015. The day runs from 10am-2pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits and fish handling tips for catch and release. The cost is \$40 which includes a rod, reel, shirt, hat, tackle box and a show bag to take home! Bookings are essential. Call Stephen Thurstan, primary Industries NSW. Ph 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or email stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au. Go to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop for more information or see our school noticeboard for flyer.

School Holiday Tennis Camp

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club

Jason Ave, Warilla

Mon 5th, Tues 6th & Wed 7th January 2015

9.00am - 12.00noon

- All standards welcome!
- Ball machine
- Special family rates

All enquiries/bookings: Brett & Michelle
Edwards on 0403 289 947 or
0413 064 298

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - No. 1 parenting educator



It's a (Christmas) wrap!

How will you close up the school year and set the scene to make next year your child's best year ever?

It's that time of year again!

The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That's the adult viewpoint.

Kids think, "What took so long?" Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That's only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

- 1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:** Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year's end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.
- 2. Celebrate improvement and success:** Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that

you value success in a variety of areas.

- 3. Show appreciation:** Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.
- 4. Look forward:** It maybe beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn't like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn't end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.
- 5. Now relax:** It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn't one of your child's best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean.

Enjoy the break and see you next year!



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