PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Huge thanks to Miss Chaffey, Mr Egginton and Mrs Coughtrie for the Parent Workshop that they offered last Tuesday night on technology. The three parents who were able to come along were given important information about how technology fits into each of the 6 key learning areas – English, Maths, Creative Arts, PDHPE, Science and the HSIE/History syllabuses and walked through some of the exciting things that are happening in technology here at school.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, planning for 2015 has begun so please let the office know if your child will not be here at school next year.

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Please let the office know if you have changed your email address so we can email you the newsletter, that way you won’t miss out!

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Spelling – Mrs Coughtrie & Mrs Thurston

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

COMING EVENTS

5/11  Kinder Orientation
     NRMA Day
     School Council meeting plus AGM 7pm
6/11  Blues Day – fundraiser for Bella and Kayne
12/11 Kinder Orientation
14/11  Year 6 Fun Day
19/11  Kinder Orientation
21/11  Melanoma Day
26/11  Kinder Orientation
10/12  Presentation Day Swansea HS hall – change of date

AWARDS

Gold: 2C-Olivia D. 5L-Alayah G. 6S- Elly B.

Merit:

Jackson D. 1G: Amelia S, Ty N. 1E: Ryley L, Alexander E.
1/2S: Evie W, Elizabeth P. 2C: Elva M, Sidney H. 2L: Ivy A,
Max M. 2/3P: Eli S, Yvette L. 3S: Dakota V, Tawan D.
3/4C: Nicholas E, Imogen W. 4P: Oliver P, Lara G. 4/5W: Marnie
H, Nathaniel V. 5L: Yvette P, Bede A-J. 6M: Josie N, Cooper H.
6S: Jasmine G, Jed H.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY 19/12/14

After students across the state finish school this term (17/12/14), all staff participate in two days of planned professional learning. On the 18th December, our school will join with the rest of the Galgabba schools to participate in a full day of training on the 8 Ways of Learning at the Belmont 16s Club.

Our school will be rescheduling the second School Development Day on the 19th December to be run over two afternoons. The first will be held on the 10/11/14 from 3.30 – 6.30pm and the second on the 1/12/14 from 3.30 – 6.30pm. CPR, updated training on the Code of Conduct and Child Protection procedures and anaphylaxis training will be the topics covered during these two sessions.

FUN DAY

Year 6 Fun Day will be held Friday 14th November, 2014. The eldest child in each family will receive a note today outlining this activity.

BLUES DAY

Supporting Kayne G and Bella F’s selection in the N.S.W State Athletics team. Please wear “blue” this Thursday 6th November, 2014 in exchange for a gold coin donation to support Kayne and Bella.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Miss out on the newsletter some weeks? We would like to move towards a paperless newsletter in the near future. If families could please provide an email address, the newsletter will be emailed to you each week. Have you also downloaded the school app on your phone, tablet or iPad?

BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

State Transit Authority (STA) regulations state that all students entering Year 3 in 2015 and need a bus pass must complete a new application form before the end of this year. If a new form is not completed and handed to the office before the end of this year, the student may have to pay bus fare next year until a pass is organised which could take some time to be issued by STA. To be eligible for a pass in Years 3-6 inclusive students must live outside the 1.6km radius. Also if you have changed your address a new application form must be completed. Forms are available from the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is made up of parents, staff, community members and the school principal. We meet once a term to discuss financial, policy issues or parental/community concerns regarding the school. The next meeting will be held this Wednesday November 5th at 7 pm in the staff room; this meeting will also be the AGM. All positions will be declared open and new members are encouraged to attend.
WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1: KR
Kinder Red is continuing to show their family trees and share stories, photos and memories of family members. In Maths, we will be learning how to draw pictures to solve subtraction problems. This week for art we will be learning how to draw a Spring garden.

Stage 1 – 2L
2L has been busy ‘mixing it up’ with a variety of science experiments. This week students will discover what happens when we mix milk and vinegar.

Stage 2 – 3/4C
What a fantastic start to Term 4! 3/4C has been busy focusing on our descriptive writing. We viewed a short animated film called Treasure, made inferences and discussed how the character feels. Following this, we wrote a retell using first person perspective with a focus on descriptive language. Here are a few fantastic examples from our class.

I leaned back to have a rest but suddenly, the seat collapsed. I turned my head and saw...a shiny, silver ring! By Darcy.

I stumbled slowly through the disgusting, old junkyard when I ran into a rusty, old car. I carefully sat down on the ripped seat and suddenly something I thought was valuable caught my eye. I leaned back and picked up the abandoned music box. By Olivia.

I was walking through the dirty, old trolley when I stumbled upon a beautiful, old jewellery box. I opened it up slowly and saw...a shiny, silver ring! By Zac N.

I sat down and took a deep breath. As the chair flung back I got a shock! I saw a beautiful, old jewellery box. I opened it up slowly and saw a very spectacular, beautiful ring. I wheeled my trolley home and started hanging things I found that I thought were glamorous. Chelsea C.

Stage 3 – 6M
Last Monday 6M along with 6S travelled to Canberra for 3 days. The children witnessed Federal Parliament in action, participated in a mock Parliament session and visited the War Memorial. The children learnt a great deal about our Parliamentary procedures and enjoyed many attractions in Canberra. All the children were very well behaved and were great ambassadors for our school.

BAND NEWS
Congratulations to Junior Band who played at assembly last Friday under Mrs Scott’s tutelage. Soon many members who have been in the group since the beginning of the year will be stepping up to join the Senior Band so we will now begin our recruitment for 2016. Any interested children can talk to Mrs Scott or Mrs Thurston.

The Band Presentation Night is coming up later in November. The date in last week’s newsletter needs to be amended so please stay tuned for confirmation.

I am excited to announce ‘Glenrockin - Band Camp 2015’. We will be heading to the Glenrock Scout Camp with the band members from Nords Wharf Public School for a 2 day camp next year. Your child will receive a note outlining the details about this very soon.

Have a great week!

Michelle Thurston
Upcoming events:
Band Presentation Night (date to be confirmed)

SPORT
Softball
Good luck to our Girls K.O Softball Team in their round 7 match at Belmont against Niagara Park P.S tomorrow.

Regional Awards
Congratulations to Harry M, Zach M, Joel O’C and Ethan H on their Hunter Sports Awards at a special ceremony in December.

NRMA
All students will participate in our NRMA Road Safety Program presented by trained organiser NRMA Representative. Parents are invited to attend the first session of the day that commences at 9.35am in our School Hall.

The sessions go for approximately 40 minutes. The day reinforces all Road Safety Rules and will support our school’s values in this area.

Rose Toohey

LIBRARY
As the end of year is fast approaching please check bookshelves at home for any overdue Library Books.

CANTEEN
Jackie and I would like to thank Brett Hedley, Sue Gardener, Jo Mazziello, Liana Wright, Kristy Jackson and Yeni Longhurst for all their help on Friday for Halloween Day. We certainly could not have been as well prepared without your help.

If anyone is interested in coming onto the canteen roster for next year (it is only 1 shift per month) please come up to the canteen.

We really hope you will get behind this great fundraiser, and look forward to students returning to the office to collect MORE tickets to sell.

Thanks in advance for helping us to support this great school of ours.

P&C
Major Fundraiser.
To raise money for the library renovations, this year we are running our own Gold Coast Holiday Raffle. Next week each family will receive a raffle book of 10 tickets plus a letter explaining the major prize, incentive prizes and biggest seller prizes offered as part of this raffle.

Please help us by returning your tickets (sold/or not sold) by the due date (this is a legal requirement).

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P&C Committee
Thanks
Sam Brown