K-2 Science Fun Day

On Friday 31st October, K-2 will be holding a science fun day. Children will be participating in several science based activities and experiments on the day. They will be rotating between the teachers of their year group, which will provide them with a variety of science based experiences. These opportunities will be provided by the school at no cost to parents and caregivers. They will also take some experiments home with them at the end of the day. It should be a great day.

Swimming Scheme remaining places now open to Years 5 and 6

We have approximately 15 places available for children in Years 5 and 6 who can swim freestyle but who may like to learn survival techniques. These places will go fast so you need to collect a note and get payment of $45 in to the office ASAP if you are interested. This is a great end of year activity for children to either learn to swim or improve their stroke. The lessons are free so the only cost is for the bus and pool entry. This is a great opportunity for students.

Coming events for Term 4

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Privilege Badge winners

KC Sieana, KD Damon, KL Chace, KJ Rayah, 1E Lilly, 1K Indyra, K/1M Ellis, 1/2R Brianna, 2C Jasmine, 2J Kade, 2M Will, 2A Victoria, S2B Noah, S2C Tyler, S2J William, S2S Jason, S2/3S Jacob, S3GR Braxton, S3J Elia, S3K Kym, S3L Reece, Unit 1 Braedon, Unit 2 Jarod, Unit 3 Cale & Unit 4 Oliver.

Best Attendance

Congratulations to Unit 2 who had 2 absences last week. Well done!

Mrs Kerry Moore Principal

School News

S3GR News

This term in S3GR we are building on our written vocabulary. We are using picture books and poetry to improve our vocabulary and adding interesting words to our Word Wall. Here are some examples of our descriptive writing.

I smell the sweetness of the crystal clear water and the blooming flowers that smell like a million scented candles. **Kyle**

I feel the mist brushing my face from the trickling water while the fish tickle my feet. **Phoebe**

I see water splashing down on me. I feel the cold and misty breeze on my shoulders. I smell the cold moss on the enormous slippery wet rocks in front of me. I hear the sound of fish jumping out of the water. **Samuel**

I hear the trees blowing from side to side and my footsteps crunching on the dry autumn leaves as I walk. **Ella**

I taste the cool crisp relaxing air, as it blows through my long shiny flowing hair. **Tiarna**

I hear bees buzzing while baby birds are singing a tune in the distance. **Keeleia**

Year 6 Big Day Out

Notes will be soon sent home to year 6 students regarding the Year 6 Big Day Out which will be held on Thursday 11th December. We have been fortunate to have a large part of the cost subsidised to bring the cost down to $10.00 per student. This includes travel by bus, one game of ten pin bowling and entry to the movie ‘Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day’ based on the children’s book by Anthony Browne including popcorn and a drink. The movie is rated PG. Students will be able to wear suitable multi clothes on the day. Money will be due to school by Friday 5th December. Further information will be on the permission note. **Stage 3 Staff**

Stage 3 Camp 2015

Just letting families know that the Stage 3 camp will be held in 2015. This is the major excursion for year 5 and 6 in 2015. At this stage we are looking at early to mid term 2 depending on available dates. There is a significant cost for this excursion and we need to let families know in a reasonable time frame. Further information will be provided at a later date. **Stage 3 Staff**

K-2 Sports Carnival

Thank you to all the parents that came to support the students at the K-2 Sports Carnival in Week 1. The students were great competitors in their age races and then had lots of fun after lunch participating in the tabloid activities. The students all tried their best and should be congratulated for their excellent behaviour on the day. The results of the carnival were Slade in 1st place with 452 points, Hargraves in 2nd place with 409 points, Doyle in 3rd place with 394 points and Timms in 4th place with 372 points. Well done to all competitors and I look forward to the carnival in 2015. **Rachel Langley**

Year 2 to 3 Bus Passes

As Year 2 students enter into Year 3 in 2015 they will need a new bus pass. All Year 2 students who catch a bus to and from school were given a new application form for a bus pass for 2015. If your
child did not receive an application please collect a form from the Office.

As Year 3 is Primary different conditions apply to bus travel and therefore it is necessary to reapply. Not all children are eligible if you live within a 1.6km radius of the school and parents within this area would need to include a letter to Busways supporting their need for a bus pass eg dangerous busy highway to cross and no crossing. Please return these applications to the office as soon as possible.

Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting
There will be a quick meeting on Thursday 23rd October at 3pm in Mrs Jones Room. We will be working in our sub committee groups to decide on the menu and decorations for the evening. All Year 6 parents welcome. Thanks
Stage 3 Staff

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning 21st October 2014:
Tues 21/10/14 - Denise Wilson, George Thomson
Wed 22/10/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham
Thurs 23/10/14– Denise Cuff, Leah Wensley
Fri 24/10/14 - Madeline & Dale Clinten, Megan Lewis
Mon 27/10/14 – Volunteers needed urgently
Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2016 - Applications open 14 October
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14th October to 17th November 2014. Any interested parents, please complete the intention to apply form in the newsletter and return the slip to Mrs Rich. The application information booklet and online application form will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

For further information, please see Mrs Rich

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Please return to Mrs Rich Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Student Name...........................................

Class....................................................

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2016
Yes       No

If Yes, EITHER
I have internet access and will be applying online

OR

I do not have internet access

Signature of Parent / carer

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Note: This is a notice to the school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application. To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High performing Students application website.

Northlakes High School Information Session
Attention: All Year 6 Parents/Caregivers
Come along and have an informal chat and find out more about what to expect in High School. Find out how to know what is happening in the school, how to read a timetable, and how to help your child be prepared!
WHERE: The AV Room, Budgewoi Public School
WHEN: Thursday 23rd October, 2014
TIME:   9:10am till 10:10am
An invitation will be sent home with your child to RSVP, or to let me know if you would prefer an evening session. Angela Bamby NHS

Book Fair
The next Book Fair is on Thursday 30th October in the Library beginning at 8:15 am. There are lots of new books and a variety of items for sale. All proceeds go to purchasing new books for our school library. In the week leading up to the book fair students shall be viewing the books for sale and filling out wish lists so that parents unable to attend can still purchase for their child by completing the payment by credit card on the wish list or supplying the correct amount on the day. Books that run out of stock can still be ordered. Your support for our library is greatly appreciated. - Mr Barron

School Banking
Don’t forget to cash your tokens in for a prize once you reach your 10 tokens. The penguin key ring and whale pencil case are now out of stock. All other 2014 rewards are still available. If you need a prize reward sheet just ask at the office for a copy. Also make sure you keep your tokens safe at home so you do not lose them.

Is your child a Smart Saver? The Commonwealth Bank measured the ‘Saving IQ’ of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition. Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to save their money to a maximum of 6 entries). For more information, visit www.commbank.com.au/deepsavers

The Commonwealth Bank is running another promotion to reward regular savers. The Dollarmites have found the ancient Clam of Fortune, a mythical shell packed with precious prizes. The precious prizes GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras and Slip'n Slide Double Wave Riders. To be in the running, students simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20 October-30 November 2014. The more time you bank the more entries (up to a maximum of 6 entries). For more information, visit www.commbank.com.au/deepsavers

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