Week 4 Term 4 2014

Special Award
I was honoured to receive a special presentation of a Fellowship Award from the NSW Primary Principals Association at the Sofitel Hotel in Sydney last Friday. The presentation was made to me by Greg Prior who is the Deputy Secretary of Department of Education and Communities and comes after a nomination by my colleagues. The Fellowship reads “In recognition of your outstanding leadership of Public schools and your valued contribution to the NSW Primary Principals’ Association”. I am extremely proud to be this year’s recipient of this prestigious award. It is now hanging proudly on my office wall.

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
Wed 29th Canteen ice Cream day
Fri 31st K-2 Science Fun day
Wed 5th Nov Kinder orientation Session 1
Tues 11th Final P & C meeting 7pm library
Wed 12th Kinder orientation Session 2
Fri 14th KC and KL sense of environment excursion
Wed 19th Kinder orientation Session 3
Tues 2nd Scripture assembly
Thurs 11th Year 6 Big Day Out & Yr 5 class parties
Mon 15th Presentation Day
Reports Home
Tues 16th Year 6 Farewell
Class parties Kinder – Year 4
Wed 17th Last day of term for students
18th & 19th School Development days – pupil free

Privilege Badge winners
KC Ebony, KD Natasha KL Hannah, KJ Lyla, 1E Sid, 1K Brock, K/1M Sienna B, 1ZR Blake O, 2C Mackenna, 2J Nakiesha, 2M Jack O, S2A Callum, S2B Ebony, S2C Rowan, S2J Jamieson, S2S J.J, S2/3SE Aleeza, S3GR Reuben, S3J Dakota, S3K Paige, S3L Hannah, Unit 1 Tyler, Unit 2 Lucas, Unit 3 Iesha & Unit 4 Hayley.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to Unit 2 and Unit 3 who had 1 absence last week. Well done!

Mrs Kerry Moore Principal

School News
KD News
Independent Writing from KD

Christina – The baby kangaroo is jumping up on the mothers back because she wants to have a ride.
Blake H – the two little joeys are playing with the dad in the bush because they are on holidays.
Linken – The kangaroo looked at the mother kangaroo because he wanted to go home. He was hungry a long time ago.
Haydon – The baby kangaroo is playing in the forest because it is a sunny day.
Joshua – The little kangaroo is whispering in mother kangaroo’s ear.
Aurielle – The Joey is whispering in the mum’s ear. The mum and Joey went on a holiday together. The Joey and mum are playing Chinese whispers.
Haylee – Joey and mummy are at the zoo. Joey is happy they are playing Chinese whispers.
Ellie- The kangaroo is at the zoo. The kangaroos are at the zoo playing Chinese whispers. The kangaroos are having a party after lunch because they wanted to invite everyone.
Chase – There is two joeys. They are here because they don’t want anybody to hear them in the day time.
Elle – The kangaroo is telling a secret. The kangaroo is at the zoo.
Natasha – The Joey kangaroo is playing Chinese whispers. The Joey is jumping up and down. The Joey is at the zoo. He is climbing up the mother’s back because are going back home. The Joey’s name is Ellie. Ellie likes to eat grass. Ellie is a girl. She likes to play with her friends. Her mum said dinner time. She is having grass for dinner. Grass is Ellie’s favourite food to eat. The two little Joey’s are friends. They like to ear grass together. The mother kangaroo’s name is Natasha.
Blake K – The kangaroos are at the zoo. The kangaroos are playing Chinese whispers. The kangaroos are in the bush. They want to play in the bush. They want to play today.
Michala – The Joey went for a holiday. The kangaroos live at the zoo.
Jimmy – The little Joey kangaroo is whispering in the mummy’s kangaroo’s ear. The two kangaroos are at the zoo. The kangaroo asked a monkey what is his name.
Cooper – There is two little joeys playing. They are playing Chinese whispers. The two kangaroos are at the zoo.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Last week we ran a BUZZ DAY with new fun new rewards which were offered the following day. The children who wore full school uniform and were on time to lines enjoyed Crazy Hair in class OR Smelly feet OR ten Bee Tickets. Well done all. Our overall result
was 82% which leaves some room for improvement later in the Term when we hold our next BUZZ DAY. Stage results were: Kinder- 88%, St 1- 84%, St 2- 81%, St 3- 78%, Unit classes- 78%

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. All applications need to be brought into the office by 7th November 2014. 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.

Book Fair
The 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

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

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.

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.

Canteen News
Large bucket hats now available. Uniform shop is open from 9am till 10am Tuesday mornings. Come and layby or buy your uniforms for next year. Kindergartens parents for next year are welcome to attend.

If you have placed your order Streets Cyclone iceblock day this Wednesday 29th October. Please come along to the canteen if you have any spare time to help. It’s a great fun environment to learn all about the school and make new friends. If you would like to help out please see Cheryl or Sophie in the canteen.

Roster for week beginning 28th October 2014:

Mon 28/10/14 – Denise Wilson
Wed 29/10/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Sue Walker
Thurs 30/10/14 – Denise Cuff, Vanessa Allan, Denise Wilson, Rowena Brosnahan
Fri 31/10/14 - Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis
Mon 3/11/14 – Volunteers needed urgently

Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Community News
Mobile Phone Recycling - The Humane Society International are seeking old mobile phones to recycle. “When you donate your old mobile phone you will be helping to raise funds to protect mountain gorilla habitat and protect the environment.” If you would like a postage pre-paid phone satchel please see Mr. Barron in the library or drop your old mobile phone in. Thank you.

NSW Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

For more information contact your local Energy Council or call 13000 761 761

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