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Week 8 Term 4 2014

Kindergarten Orientation
How wonderful to welcome our 2015 Kinders to school on Wednesday for their final orientation visit. We were very impressed by our Year 5 students who were not only wonderful tour guides on the day but also very kind and caring buddies. Next year these students continue in this role to provide ongoing support to the new Kindergarten students. Well done Year 5, you have made us proud!

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Congratulations to Budgewoi Public School students, parents and staff! On Thursday 20th November Miss Atherton and Mrs Lyons represented our school at the regional PBL Expo. This is a very prestigious event held annually in Newcastle to showcase the work being done in schools that follow the PBL framework. A colourful and dynamic display of our resources, systems and processes was organised with many schools commenting on our initiatives and requesting further support in their PBL journeys. On the day we were presented with a GOLD Award which acknowledges the school’s hard work in PBL. This is a very special award and was presented by the Executive Director Frank Potter. Further, on the day, Miss Atherton was our lucky charm winning the ‘door prize’ of a gift voucher to spend on PBL related signage. Go Miss Atherton!! We are very proud of this achievement! Thanks must go to the dedicated PBL team at BPS who meet fortnightly after school for work tirelessly to create a safe, positive learning environment for our students.

Swimming Scheme
2014 School Swimming and Water Safety Program
It is great to see that many students have chosen to participate in this year’s School Swimming and Water Safety Program because it is very important that children learn to swim. This is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. It will give them the opportunity to participate in water sports anywhere.

The scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday, December 1st, to Friday, December 12th. Lessons will take place at Toukley Aquatic Centre under qualified teachers. All children attending must come prepared with the following items: a towel, underwear, a brush or comb, warm clothing, a t-shirt or rash shirt (optional), a strong plastic bag to take home wet items and goggles (optional).

The children are to wear their swimming costumes to the pool under their uniform and it is essential that all their belongings are labelled.

Our lessons have been organised in the middle part of the day. Group 1 (2C 2J 2M 1/2R S2-3SE S3GR S3J S3K S3L) commences at 12 midday and Group 2 (S2A S2C S2B S2J S2S) at 1.00 pm. Swimmers may order hot food from the canteen for recess and must indicate they are a swimmer on their bag. It may be wise to encourage your child to eat more food than normal at recess during this time, particularly if they are in Group 2. Some children might like to eat their lunch at recess and their recess later.

PBL Buzz Day
A reminder that the BUZZ DAY rewards are organised for this week and students will have received their vouchers today.

Rotary Awards
Congratulations to our nominated students Brooklyn and Keewen who received Citizenship Awards from the Toukley / Northlakes Rotary Club at a dinner at Halekulani Club on 19th November. Both students are a credit to our school and their families. Well done!

Coming events for Term 4

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Class Item K/1M
In our class last week we were reading the book, “Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge” by Mem Fox. We were able to have great class discussions and write some fabulous, imaginative writing throughout the week based around the text. Our favourite writing lesson was when we wrote a senses poem all about our memories.

Memories smell like fish fingers,
Memories taste like lollies,
Memories look like pictures from the past,
Memories feel like soft, fluffy dogs,
Memories sound like crashing waves.

Written by Matilda K/1M

Memories smell like a warm milo,
Memories taste like my mum’s homemade cake,
Memories look like my old home,
Memories feel like soft sand,
Memories sound like the sea.

Written by Ruby K/1M

Privilege Badge winners
KC Talan, KD Aurielle, KL Paige, KJ Maddison, 1E Seth, 1K Isabella, K1 M Kaitlyn H, 1/2 R Zac, 2C Jaymes, 2J Rebekah, 2M Ashley, S2A Carmen, S2B Shania, S2C Slater, S2J Shaina, S2S Erika, S2/3SE Zac S, S3GR Noah, S3J Liam, S3K Telisha, S3L Liana, Unit 1 Shaely, Unit 2 Nicholas, Unit 3, Oscar & Unit 4 Jess.
Best Attendance

Congratulations to Units 2 & 4 and 1E who had 3 absences last week.

Mrs Vicki Keats Relieving Principal

School News

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell

A note went home last week regarding the Year 6 Farewell to be held on Tuesday 16th December. If you are available to assist with setting up of the hall or with food preparation on the day, could you please return the slip on the note or see Mrs Rich.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition / Orientation Day

The formal transition process will begin for some students during week 7 and 8. Notes have already gone home to the particular students involved.

The major Orientation Day for students attending Nortlakes HS, Gorokan HS and Morisset HS will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 3rd December. Please note that a note did go home regarding this and families are responsible for organising transport for their child to be dropped off and picked up from their particular High School. If you haven’t already returned your permission note, please do so as soon as possible.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Favourite Sporting Team Supporters Day

The last Year 6 fundraiser for the year will be held on Friday 5th December (Week 9). All students will be encouraged to wear their favourite sporting team colours for the day. No coloured hair please and appropriate footwear is required. (No football boots). Students wearing their favourite colour need to donate a gold coin.

Big Day Out

The Year 6 Big Day Out will be held on Thursday 11th December. This year the students will be going to Bateau Bay and The Entrance where they will be going Ten Pin Bowling and then to the movies to watch ‘Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day’. This will also include popcorn and a drink whilst at the movies. The cost is only $10 per student as this excursion has been subsidised through part of our fundraising this year. Students are still required to bring a packed recess and lunch and drink. Students are able to wear mufti but must ensure they wear suitable shoes and appropriate clothing. (No singlets or thongs).

Year 5 Pizza Party

This year all Year 5 students will be having a pizza party for their end of year celebration party. This will be held on the same day as the Year 6 Big Day Out and will cost $5 per student. This will include pizza, a drink and an ice-block. Money is to be paid to the class teacher.

School Banking

We are getting close to the end of the year so don’t forget to cash your tokens in for a prize once you reach your 10 tokens. Tokens will continue next year so if you don’t have enough tokens for a prize don’t worry you can keep saving them and order a prize next year. The handball and swimming bag is very low in stock so if you are going to choose one of these item also send in a second choice in case they will be out of stock by the time your child order their prize. The penguin key ring and whale pencil case are out of stock. If you need a prize reward sheet just ask at the office for a copy. Make sure you keep your tokens safe at home so you do not lose them.

Canteen News

The Uniform Shop is open from 9am till 10am Tuesday mornings. Please try to buy uniforms at this time. Please place your 2015 LAYBY’S now on a no deposit layby.

Deleted Paddle Pop fruit stack 50c. New line $1 Funny Finger.

Canteen helpers are needed. Please consider helping even if you can only spare an hour or two. We have great fun, chats and it’s a great place to make new friends. No experience necessary.

Roster for week beginning 25th November 2014:

Tues 25/11/14 - Denise Wilson
Wed 26/11/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Sue Walker, Vanessa Allan
Thurs 27/11/14 – Rowena Brosnah, Denise Wilson, Denise Cuff, Megan Lewis, Jana Williams
Fri 28/11/14 - Madeline & Dale Clinten

Mon 1/12/14 – Kat Rowe, Georgina Atkinson

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

Community News

LAKEHAVEN Christmas Family Night

Thursday 4th December 6pm to 8pm

Kid’s Zoo, Balloon Animals, Visit from Santa, Xmas Face painting

Kids DIY (Bookings Essential), Light Refreshments, Jumping Castle (Bookings Essential)