Budgewoi Public School
Opportunities to achieve in a unique, caring school

Week 5, Term 2 2014

Budgewoi Public School Facebook page
I am in the process of developing a Budgewoi Public School Facebook page. Parents who like the page will get reminders of school events and current information can be added easily. I encourage all those people who have a Facebook account to like the page as it will be another good communication tool. It should be up and running sometime this week so keep an eye out for it.

Smoking outside corner shop
I have had further complaints from several parents about the group loitering outside the corner shop from 2pm and smoking and using highly inappropriate language in their conversations. The parents are concerned about their pre-schoolers being exposed to the smoke as they walk through the group and also hearing some of the language being used. As previously mentioned the lady from the shop has also complained. Perhaps the people involved could meet at one of the group’s houses for coffee etc for their social interaction. Please be considerate of members of our local and school community.

SEA Program
This program commenced last week and has been a big hit with the Year 5 boys. The program has been sponsored by several local businesses and we wish to say a HUGE thank you to them: Beyond Blue Pool and Spa Services, Pizza Pit, Coastlink Real estate, Universal Fire protection and lake Macquarie FM 97.3

Horizons Family Service
Further to their support of the SEA program, Louisa from Horizons will be available at school 28th May, 4th and 11th June (all Wednesdays) from 2pm for a coffee and chat if you wish to access services. The Horizons service can offer support with available services for counselling, organising budgets, health, housing, child support/care, legal services and Centrelink. These meetings are strictly confidential.

Animals at School
Strict regulations govern the use of animals in classrooms in accordance with the Animals in Schools guidelines. The Companion Animals Act 1998 states that animals are prohibited from school grounds or school activities eg cross country, athletics carnival etc unless there is permission from the school Principal. This includes pets for news items, dogs accompanying athletics carnival etc from school grounds or school activities in accordance with the Animals in Schools guidelines. There must comply with the legislative requirements of using animals in schools please be mindful of the rules that govern us before bringing pets to school.

Parents entering School Grounds
Parents are reminded that when entering school grounds during the day you are required under Workplace Health and Safety legislation to report to the office, sign in and get a visitors badge. You then sign out when you leave and return the badge. In the case of an emergency we are required to account for everyone on school grounds. This includes all classroom helpers, volunteers and visitors at school for any purpose. You may be stopped and questioned if you are not wearing the visitors badge and are seen during the day. Obviously parents bringing children to school and collecting them in the afternoon do not need to this but during class time these procedures must be followed.

Plea to parents
We urge parents to check the newsletter or Facebook page before phoning the office for information about school events as we receive so many phone calls about information already provided. The newsletter is also placed on our website or you can have it emailed. Our administrative staff are extremely busy and it would be greatly appreciated if the number of unnecessary phone calls could be decreased. We thank you for your cooperation.

Afternoon messages
We would appreciate parents making arrangements for afternoon collections with their child in the morning. We have had a number of phone calls to get messages to children to have them meet parents at a particular location within the school grounds. The office ladies will not interrupt classroom teaching unless it is an emergency so please bear this in mind and organise arrangements with your child so they know how they are getting home. We understand that occasionally things crop up during the day which require a change of arrangements and if this happens please contact us as early in the day as possible as it is not always possible to get messages to children close to the bell.

Coming events for Term 2 (updated as events arise)
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Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners
KC Braxton, KD Haylee, KL Paige, KJ Lyla, 1E Piper, 1K Ethan, K/1M Blake, 1/2R Jordan, 2C Abi, 2J Judah, 2M Ashley, S2A Victoria, S2B Chan, S2C Ryan P, S2J Justyn, S2S Rachel, S2/3SE Shianne, S3GR Hayley, S3J Matthew, S3K Marni, S3L Hannah L, Unit 1 Shaely, Unit 2 Alexander, Unit 3 Keira-Lee & Unit 4 Britney.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to Unit 2 who had 1 absence last week. Well done! Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

26th May 2014
School News

News from Unit 2

Students in our class have been doing a great job learning how to write a sentence including a full stop and capital letter. This week we wrote sentences about the dog in this picture. Some children even used an exclamation mark.

Kye B
The dog is funny!
The dog is swinging on the swing!
The doggy is cute!

Deanna C
The dog is cute.

Jarod A
The doggy is on the swing.
The dog is cute.

Alexander S
The dog is at the park?

Nicholas E
The dog is flying.

Tiarna Orr
The dog is flying.

Year 6 Discover Uni Day – a free excursion to the University of Newcastle Wednesday 11th June

Just a reminder that Year 6 students and their families have the opportunity to experience a day on campus and see what university is all about. The day is for family members and students to see and hear about university together. We strongly recommend a parent, guardian, carer, grandparent, relative or an older brother or sister, attend on the day. Please ensure that students are at school by 8:35 am as the bus will be leaving at 8:50 am. PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTES IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY DONE SO.

What to bring:
- Morning tea, lunch and water. Please be aware that there will be no opportunity to buy food and drink on the day.
- Wet weather gear
- Hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water

What to wear:
- Students to wear school sports uniform
- Family members to wear flat, comfortable shoes as there is some walking

For more information see Mrs Rich

Stage 2 OFF THIS PLANET is Indeed Off This Planet!!!

On Monday stage 2 students were fortunate to be able to participate in the “Off This Planet” Earth and Space Education Incursions for the planetarium and space show. The students got up close with all manner of items that scientist use to explore space. From looking at telescopes to exploring satellites, the students were all buzzing with questions. This was capped off with a trip into the Skylab where students got to get really close to the night sky and learn about the Milky Way and its treasure trove of stars. Both students and teachers were buzzing about the show. Thank you Lyn and Peter for your visit to our school. We are all smarter for it.

SRC News

On Tuesday 17th June students from Budgewoi will have the opportunity to donate to the Give Me 5 For Kids Money Snake. Sarah and Paddy from 2GO radio will be visiting the school and meeting the students. Please start saving any spare change so that students can place their coins on the Money Snake. All money raised will go directly to helping children’s services at Gosford and Wyong hospitals.

Canteen News

The P & C would like to welcome back Cheryl from her overseas holiday. Sophie Everly will be taking on the relieving canteen Supervisor’s role from this week.

A reminder that Wednesday is Pizza Day at the canteen for those who have ordered them. No further orders can be taken.

Roster for week beginning: Tuesday 27th May

Tues 27/5 - Denise Wilson, Trish Bambury
Wed 28/5 - Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Megan Lewis
Thurs 29/5 – Monique Hall, Nancy Whiter, Alana Paku, Leanne Faber
Fri 30/5 – Mary Kibler, Kristy Bowman Payne
Mon 2/6 – Kat Rowe

New Volunteers are needed in our school Canteen. If you are available to come in and help out one day a month, Mums, dads, grandparents are all welcome. Your children love to see you at school so come see us in the canteen.

School Banking

For the next 2 weeks we will be holding redemption days. If you have 10 tokens and would like to cash them in please return them to the office with your prize. All prizes are on display in the office if you wish to have a look before you order.

To: School Office Kindergarten 2015
If your child or a friend or neighbour is eligible for enrolment please complete the following details or pass it on to them and return it to the office so that we can forward enrolment details. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s readiness for school please contact Mrs Moore or Mrs Keats.

Child’s name........................................................................

Date of Birth..............................................................

Parent Name ......................................................................

Address ...........................................................................

Phone Number ...............................................................

Name of child at school to deliver information

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