Excellent Budgewoi students
We have had 2 great reports of student behaviour this week. Dean Hutton the visiting performer (from the ‘Curiosity’ TV show for those of us old enough to remember that) stated that Budgewoi was one of the best schools he had ever been to and the kids were great. We also had fantastic reports from the stage 2 teachers about the brilliant behaviour of the kids at the Wombat Stew excursion at the Civic Theatre on Thursday. Well done Budgewoi it is great to see that you are “being the best you can be!”

Uniform

There are children coming to school with black pants or tights under skirts and culottes, long sleeved coloured T shirts under school shirts and coloured jumpers which is spoiling the look of our uniform. We are more than willing to loan students items from our change pool if they are unable to have the correct uniform on as it is in the wash. Call in and see Mrs Small first thing and she will make the loan. Our school prides itself on the standard of uniform and the kids look fantastic when they are all in the correct uniform. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform each day.

Attendance

The reports printed for the Home School Liaison Officer are showing patterns of concern. Partial absences (late arrivals and partial absence during the day) are high and some students with a high incidence of this will be monitored. The absence rate for some students is high and these students will also be monitored. Please ensure your child is at school on time, appointments are made out of school hours if possible and students attend every day unless they are sick. I cannot reinforce enough the importance of consistent attendance in the early years of school when students are developing literacy and numeracy skills. Children who are at school when the bell rings, have a much more settled start to the day. The start of the day is when all our literacy work is done and consistently missing sections of this will impact on student achievement. The government has introduced harsh fines for parents. Regular attendance is essential if students are to maximise their potential.

School Numbers

With a recent influx of enrolments we have reached numbers for a 25th class. We currently have 25 classes as we have been funding an additional teacher from school funds to keep our class sizes down. The additional teacher who will be appointed will not happen immediately and will be used to support students and the school with special programs so this will mean there will not be a need for a class restructure.

Congratulations to Privilege Badge winners
KC Gabrielle, KD Olivia, KL Thomas, KJ Tyson, 1E Ellymae, 1K Jayde, K/1M Matilda, 1/2R Bohdi, 2C Crystal, 2J Kye, 2M Breanna, S2A Jay, S2B Alana, S2C Hannah, S2J Caleb, S2S Jonathon, S2/3SE Aaron, S3GR Tiarna, S3J Dakota S3K Kari, S3L Talesha, Unit 1 Cameron, Unit 2 Nicholas, Unit 3 Crystal & Unit 4 Katie.

Coming events for Term 3

Wed 6th Final date for payment Kinder Sense of Environment excursion
Public Speaking semi-final
Thurs 7th Yr 6 Discovery day Northlakes HS
Fri 8th Final date for payment for Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival Girls Basketball Gala day
Mon 11th KJ & KD Sense of environment Excursion Final date for payment Unit 2 and 3 excursion to the Reptile park
Tues 12th P & C meeting CEC 9.15am Final date for payment Yr 2 mini bee excursion
Thurs 14th Years 3-6 athletics carnival Unit 2 & 3 reptile park excursion
Fri 15th Yr 2 mini bee excursion
Mon 18th KC & KL sense of environment excursion
Wed 20th Final date for payment Yr 1 Need for Shelter excursion
Thurs 21st Final date for payment Yr 5 & 6 Bangabaoui Cultural Sydney Harbour cruise
Fri 22nd Boys touch Gala day
Mon 25th Yr 1 Need for shelter excursion
Wed 27th Yr 5 & 6 Bangabaoui Cultural Sydney Harbour cruise
Fri 29th Wallarah Zone athletics carnival
Wed 3rd Sept Public Speaking Grand Final
Wed 10th Bilby Bash for Yr 3-6 ATSI students
Mon 15th Choir performance at National View club conference
Wed 17th BPS showcase for dance, drama, guitar groups & choir

Best Attendance

Congratulations to Unit 2 and Unit 4 who had 2 absences last week. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School News

Year 2 “Growing and Changing” Excursion
As part of Stage 1 COGS unit, ‘Growing and Changing’, Year 2 will be going on a ‘Minibeasts’ excursion in Week 5 of this term. Year 2 will be going to Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre off Wattle Tree Road Holgate, 2J, 2C, 2M and 1/2R (Year 2 students only) will go on Friday 15th August. The students will need to be at school by 8.15am as the bus will be leaving at 8.30 sharp. We will
be back at school by 2.45pm. They will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear for bushwalking and a wide brimmed hat. The students will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks in a back pack clearly labelled with their name and class. No spending money required. No drinking water is available. A permission note was sent home last week. Please see your child’s teacher or ask at the office if you require another note. The excursion costs $19 per student. Please return the completed permission note and money by Wednesday 15th August, 2013. Thank you, Year 2 Teachers.

Unit 2 and 3 Visit to Northlakes High school
As part of the Education Week celebrations in our local area, Units 2 and 3 were invited to have a look at the Ag Plot at Northlakes High School. Mr Pankhurst, the Agriculture teacher, gave us a tour and let us look at, and even touch some of the animals. We saw a range of animals including pigs, cows, sheep, chickens, ducks and rabbits. The children learned about what the animals eat and how to take care of them. We had a great time. All of the children were very well behaved and we have been invited to visit again soon.

Shauna Crook                           Assistant Principal Support

Year 6 Farewell
Year 6 staff will be meeting to start the organisation of the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year. Any Year 6 parents that would be interested in being part of this committee are welcome to attend a quick meeting on Thursday 7th August at 3pm in Mrs Rich's room.

S2/3SE2 News
We have been doing procedures in our writing, here is an example.

How to Make Play Dough
Play dough is a special sort of mixture that you can roll around and make into different shapes and sizes.

Ingredients/what you will need
4 cups of flour
2 cup of water
Food colouring
2 table spoons of vegetable oil
1 ½ cups of salt

Steps
1. Pour the water equally into 4 bowls.
2. Add food colouring to all 4 bowls (different colours in each bowl).
3. Add ½ tablespoon of vegetable oil into each bowl.
4. Put dry ingredients into a separate bowl (1 ½ cups of salt and 4 cups of flour).
5. Mix the dry ingredients with a spoon.
6. Divide the mixture equally into the four bowls.
7. Then stir with a spoon.
8. Sprinkle flour on your cutting board.
9. Put one of your play dough onto the cutting board then knead it until it is smooth. (If it is too dry, add more warm water; too wet add more flour)
10. Repeat for all colours.
11. Store in sandwich bags, but make sure there is no air in it.
12. Test it!        By Cooper S23SE

Scrap paper needed
We are desperately in need of scrap paper (one side used) for a variety of uses, drawing, origami etc. If your work has any that can be donated please leave it at the office. All donations gratefully accepted.

Canteen News
We are always looking for new volunteers for our Canteen. All help is greatly appreciated. Come and have some fun and make new friends. The children love to see you to. If you have anytime however little, please see Cheryl or Sophie in the Canteen.

Roster for week beginning 29th July 2014:
Tue 5/8/14    - Denise Wilson, Trish Bambury, Fiona Stanford
Wed 6/8/14   – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Megan Lewis
Thu 7/8/14   – Jess Taylor, Denise Cuff, Ruth Guy, Annie Vandertouw
Fri 8/8/14   - Sophie Wills, Chantel Tierney
Mon 11/8/12 – Kat Rowe, Georgina Atkinsons

School Banking. New rewards released in Term 3.
Rewards available in Term 3 are:
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221 or completing a form available from the office. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

Cancer Council NSW
Nutrition Snippet
The simplest way
to make a healthy brekkly!

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, but did you know that many Aussie families skip it? A healthy brekkly improves energy levels, alertness and concentration, plus it’s an easy way to throw in an extra serve of fruit & veg.

Here are some quick brekkly ideas:
- Sliced bananas or avocado on toast
- Add chopped veggies to an omelette or savoury pancake
- Create a warm porridge or cereal with canned or fresh fruit
- Top a wholesome muffin or toast with cooked tomato, mushrooms, baked beans or creamed corn

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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