Champion Athletes

Congratulations to all the students who represented Budgewoi and the Wallarah Zone at the Sydney North Athletics carnival. 3 of our students have been selected to represent Sydney North at the State athletics in Sydney on 15th and 16th October. Brooklyn O came 3rd in the Girls 12/13 Long jump, Kyle m 3rd in the 12/13 Boys 100 metres and Tyler I came first in the Senior Para 100m, 200m and discus. What a wonderful achievement and we wish them good luck at state.

Stars on Show performance

Next Wednesday at 7pm some of our students will be performing in our Stars on Show. These students are from our choir and junior singing group, drama groups, dance groups and juggling and unicycle groups. Notes have gone home to all groups but children need to be at the Kindergarten rooms at 6.30pm ready for a 7pm start. There are NO spare tickets and we have as many chairs as we have and can fit into the hall. It should be a great night. Unfortunately as only half the students in the school have returned the General Permission to Publish form sent home a few weeks ago parents and staff will not be able to take any photos during the performance. Forms are available from the office if you have not returned yours but it is unlikely we will have all forms returned by Wednesday so no photos or videos will be possible.

Central Coast Gifted and Talented camp

Well done to those students who were selected to be part of the GATS camp at Point Wolstencroft this week. We wish them a great week of learning.

Spelling Bee

Good luck to our Spelling Bee Finalists competing in the Central Coast Final at Wadalba community School this Thursday.

Choir

The senior choir has today done a wonderful job of singing the national anthem at the Central Coast View Club conference at The Entrance Leagues Club at Bateau Bay. They also sang Roar and this was also extremely well received. The View club gave them all a McDonalds Certificate of Appreciation so I am sure this will be useful for the school holidays.

Vacation

The vacation begins on Friday afternoon and classes keep working until then despite the misconception that children don’t do any work on the last day so all children are expected to attend school on this day. There is no school development day at the beginning of Term 4 but the first Monday is a Public Holiday so classes will resume on Tuesday 9th October.

Planning for 2015 – 2017

Members of our executive team have been out and about conducting surveys as part of the data collection for our new 3 year Strategic plan. Thanks to those parents who have spared a few minutes to answer the questions. If you have not participated in the survey but would like to copy of the survey is available from the school office.

Attendance

Tomorrow the Home school Liaison Officer will be visiting the school to do a roll check to look at student attendance. I am expecting some families may receive letters of concern about the attendance rate for whole and partial absences.

Importance of regular attendance from the DEC

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems later on. Regular attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Children must attend school on sport days. Sport and other exercise help the healthy physical development of children. Sport is part of normal school activity in which students must attend.

School excursions are part of the school curriculum and are organised to enhance learning activities in the classroom. Even if your child has been to a particular place, the focus of the excursion will be on different areas, including associating with their peers in public places.

Children should not be kept away from school for such reasons as birthdays, family payment / shopping days, hair cuts, minding other children etc.

Appointments with doctors or dentists should be made either before or after school if possible. As this is often unavoidable, send your child to school before the appointment and return them to school after the appointment, if possible.

Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacation periods. If you can only arrange your family holidays during school time, you need to inform the principal in advance and request permission for your child to be absent. An exemption from school attendance may be sought for 5 or more consecutive days of absence. At least 14 days notice prior to date of exemption is required for processing. Please contact the office for further information.

It is important to let the school know when your child is away. The parent or caregiver should telephone the school or provide a written note of explanation.

Make attending school a priority. If a poor attitude to attendance is begun in the early years, it becomes extremely difficult to change the habit in later years.

Teach your child that punctuality is a favoured characteristic and ensure that they arrive at school on time. They often miss important information if they arrive late.

Congratulations to Privilege Badge winners

KC Joshua, KD Linken, KL Hayden, KJ Quinn, 1E Daniel, 1K Kelsey, K/1M Taj, 1/2R Billy, 2C Ethan, 2J Shayna, 2M Marlee, S2A Lachlan P, S2B Noah, S2C Marcos, S2J Cooper, S2S Brodie, S2/3SE Brathie, S3GR Zara, S3J Zac, S3K Kari, S3L Natayah, Unit 1 Mitch, Unit 2 Nicholas, Unit 3 Leasha & Unit 4 Britney.
Early Arrivals
We have been getting way too many students being dropped off at school early. Teacher supervision does not begin until 8.35am so children should not be on school grounds until this time. If parents/carers need to get to work they should book children into the OOSH (Out of school Hours) centre. The OOSH is open from 6-9am and from 3-6pm. The number for the OOSH is 0419413017.

Coming events for Term 3
Mon 15th - Choir performance at National View club conference
Wed 17th - Regional Spelling bee finals
Fri 19th - Last day of Term 3

Best Attendance
Congratulations to Unit 4 who had 1 absence last week. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School News
KC news
KC has been learning how to be safe when crossing the road. We need to:

1. STOP!
2. LOOK!
3. LISTEN!
4. THINK!

Always remember not to cross on a corner. When you get off the bus, wait for the bus to leave and then find a safe place to cross. Never cross the road by yourself. Always cross the road with an adult! The safest place to cross is at the crossing.

K-2 Sports Carnival 2014
This year the K-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Friday the 10th October (Term 4 – Week 1) on the school oval (weather permitting). Family and friends are invited to watch the children take part in tabloid field events and age races. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours to compete. Spectators are reminded that the carnival is non-competitive and are asked to keep the tone of the day encouraging and fun. This year the carnival will start at 11.35am (after the Recess break) and continue throughout the afternoon. The alternative wet weather date will be Friday 24th October (Week 3). We look forward to seeing lots of parents to help support the children in having a fun day at the K-2 Sports Carnival.

Rachel Langley

School Banking Redemption Days
Don’t forget that TUESDAY for Infants and WEDNESDAY for Primary is the School Banking days and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Budgewoi.

News from the P & C
2 vacant executive positions were filled at last Tuesday night’s P & C meeting. Annie Vandertouw was elected to the position of Vice President Melissa Baker. Secretary and. Congratulations to both.

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning 16th Sept 2014:
Tues 16/9/14 - Denise Wilson, Trish Bambury
Wed 17/9/14 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Sue Walker
Thurs 18/9/14 – Denise Wilson, Vanessa Allen, Denise Cuff,
Fri 19/9/14 - Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Ferah Aral
Mon 7/10/14 - Denise Wilson

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

Next Term we will be trialling opening our Uniform shop between 8.30am and 10am on Tuesday mornings only. If you need uniforms please try to buy them at this time.

From the DEC
Reduce, reuse, recycle
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREyV

Selective schools
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

Community news
Play Ball With the Wyong Wildcats Junior Baseball Club
PLAYERS AGES: 6 to 16 years
REGO DAYS: Sun, 14 Sept 2014
Sun, 21 Sept 2014
Sun, 28 Sept 2014
TIME: 10am til 12pm
WHERE: Wyong Baseball Park
4 De Lisle Dr, Watanobbi
MORE INFO: Nathan Corrigan, President 0410 439 664
James Donoghue, Vice Pres 0425 268 004
wyongwildcats@yahoo.com.au

Surf Club Open day
Visit us at Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving 10am -2pm Sunday 21 September 2014 for demonstrations, information, etc.