**Week 2 Term 4 2015**

**Chicken Pox**
We have been notified that 2 of our students in Year 1 and year 4 have chicken pox. Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. The rash appears over three to four days. Persons who are previously vaccinated can still get chickenpox although it is usually mild and less contagious than in an unvaccinated person. If your child has any of these symptoms please see your Doctor.

**Coming events for Term 4**
- Fri 16th Year 6 Photo
- Fri 16th K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Tues 14th P & C meeting 9.15am in CEC
- Thu 22nd Stage 2 Recycling Workshop
- Tues 27th 9.15 Northlakes High school talk for Yr 6 parents
- Thu 28th Stage 3 Start Smart
- Fri Stage 2 Start Smart
- Fri 31st K-2 Science Fun day
- Tues 3rd Young, Black & Ready K 2016 transition mtg
- Wed 4th Nov Kinder orientation Session 1
- Wed 11th Kinder orientation Session 2
- Wed 18th Kinder orientation Session 3
- Tue 24th Northlakes High School Orientation Day
- Wed 25th Eat it to Beat it Cancer Council parent session
- Tues 1st Scripture assembly
- Fri 11th Year 6 Big Day Out & Year 5 class parties
- Mon 14th Presentation Day Reports Home
- Tues 15th Year 6 Farewell Class parties Kinder – Year 4
- Wed 17th & 18th Last day of term for students

**Privilege Badge winners**
- KC Isabella, KD Cooper, KL Malaki, KE Amber Rose, 1K Charlie, 1M Allirah, 1MC Max, 1O Blake, 2J Jordan
- 2M Roy, 2WB Rihanna, 2SA Kaelah, S2B Alana, S2C Kade, S2EV Danielle, S2J Maya, S2L Shanay, S3B Jay, S3C Madie, S3GP Blake, S3L Luke, S3SW Chelsea, Unit 1 Jarod, Unit 2 Tyler, Unit 3 Mitchell & Unit 4 Katie.

**Best Attendance**
Congratulations to Unit 1 who had 1 absences last week. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore, Principal

**School News**
**Frequent Reader 100 Club**
Congratulations to the newest members of our Frequent Reader 100 club; Roy Z (1MC), Madison H (S2C) and Jessie C (S3SW). Congratulations to our newest 200 club member; Amber D (S2B), Byron BH (S2C), Linken H (1MC), Eden J (S3SW) and Bailey D (S3SW).

**Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting**
Our theme for the year 6 Farewell this year is “Surfs up”. The hall will be decorated in a beach theme students are not to dress in this theme. Boys need to wear long pants and a button up shirt. Girls are required to wear dresses that are of an appropriate length. No thong sandals are allowed and shoes need to be of medium height only to avoid injury during the disco. Stilettos are not permitted as they damage the hall floor and are difficult to dance in. There will be a quick parent committee meetings on Thursday 22nd October at 3pm and Thursday 26th November at 3pm in Mrs Lindsay's Room. We will be forming our committee groups to discuss and plan the menu and decorations for the evening. All Year 6 parents welcome. Thanks, Stage 3 Staff

**Year 6 Farewell DVD**
It is unfortunate this year that many of our Year 6 students do not have permission to publish photos. Unless we get close to 100% there will not be a DVD to present at the farewell and be given to each student. If you would like your child to have photo permission, you will need to complete another general permission to publish form which has been sent home with your child. The form needs to be in by this Friday 16th October (Week 2).

**Year 6 Big Day Out**
Permission notes have been sent home to Year 6 students for the Year 6 Big Day Out which will be held on Friday 11th December, 2015. The cost will be $25.00. Payment must be made by Friday 4th December 2015 in order for your child to be able to attend. No payments will be accepted after this date.
The bus will depart school at 9:00am and return to school by 2.45pm. Cost includes travel by bus, one game of ten pin bowling and admission to watch a new release movie, to be advised, of a PG or G rating. Attendance at this reward day is a privilege and students must display compliance with the school rules in order to attend. Stage 3 Staff

**Year 6 Photo**
Photos will be taken for our Year 6 students and Leaders this Friday 16th October at 9:30am. Students need to be dressed in full school uniform including the white BPS shirt and black shoes. Please do not come dressed in the blue Year 6 shirt.

**Northlakes High School Information Session**
Attention: All Year 6 Parents/Caregivers
Come along and have an informal chat and find out more about what to expect in high school. Find out how to know what is happening in the school, how to read a timetable, and how to help your child be prepared!
WHERE: The AV Room, Budgewoi Public School
WHEN: Tuesday 27th October, 2015
TIME: 9:15am till 10:15am
An invitation will be sent home with your child to RSVP.
PBL
Hooray - our flags have arrived and don’t they look fabulous! Make sure you take a look at them the next time you come through the main front gate. Thanks to Martyn for installing our flags. During Term 4 we will have more BUZZ days and rewards so keep up the great work in class and around the school to ‘Be the Best You Can Be’. PBL Team

Unit 1 News
We have been learning to write descriptions in Unit 1 this year. These are some descriptions that the children wrote by themselves after reading the book *don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems.

**Clinton**
The pigeon is not happy. He is going to drive the bus. He is big.
The pigeon is

**Lucas**
The pigeon has a scary head. The pigeon is begging to drive the bus. The pigeon is purple. The pigeon has two feet.

**Jarod**
There is only one pigeon. It is blue. It is small. The pigeon is furry. It is near the bus. It has a white square.

**James**
The pigeon drives the bus.

**Damon**
The pigeon wants to drive the bus, but he can’t because he is a bird.

**Deanna**
The pigeon has a circle head. He wants to drive the bus. He is begging to drive the bus. The pigeon has black eyes. He is small. He is in the bus.

**Nicholas**
The pigeon is begging to drive the bus. It is smooth.

School Banking
Please check the office noticeboard for prizes available this term.

News from the P & C
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October at 9.15am in the CEC.

Bookclub – Issue 7 will close on Thursday 22 October. No late orders accepted. Cheques made payable to Budgewoi P & C.

Canteen News
**Roster for week beginning 13th October 2015:**
Tuesday 13/10/15 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess, Amanda Ashton
Wednesday 14/10/15 – Christine Watson, Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham
Thursday 15/10/15 – Vanessa Allan, Georgina Atkinson
Friday 16/10/15 – Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Kristie Hermson
Monday 19/10/15 – Alison Sutton
Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

This Friday is the K - 2 Athletics carnival. The canteen will be having a cake day and the P & C will be running a sausage sizzle. Please come along and support your school. Senior skirts have arrived.

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2017 - Applications open 13th October, 2015.

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 13th October to 16th November 2015.

**What are selective high schools?**
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

**How do I apply?**
Applications will open on 13 October 2015 and will close on 16 November 2015. Parents must apply online at the following link: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and should read the instructions carefully. You will register to receive a password and then log in to complete the application and submit it. Once you have successfully submitted your application you will receive an email with a copy of your application containing your child’s student number. You must quote this number

**Key dates**
Tuesday 13 October 2015 - Application website opens
Monday 16 November 2015 - Application website closes. Late applications will not be accepted
Thursday 25 February 2016 - Test authority letter sent by mail and email
Thursday 10 March 2016 - Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2016 - Placement outcome information
Any interested parents, please complete the intention to apply form in the newsletter and return the slip to 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

Signature of Parent / carer

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.

To: School Office

**Kindergarten 2016**
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.

Child’s name…………………………………….

Date of Birth…………………………………….

Parent Name…………………………………….

Address……………………………………………..

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Name of child at school to deliver information

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Community News
**Tennis** - For-Fun, Fitness, Friendship. McDonalds Tennis Academy, Ray St, Toukley. 43 333380 or 43 965033. Free Junior Racquet For New Enrolments - $39.95 Value Tini – Tots Program – 5 - 9 Years, Tennis Australia ‘Hot Shots’ Program, Junior Squads: Junior Comps, Private + Semi Private Lessons, School Holiday Camps: Social Play.