Week 4 Term 4 2015

K-2 Carnival
Thanks to Mrs Langley and the K-2 staff for their work in organising and running the K-2 Carnival on Friday. Despite the heat the children enjoyed the activities. We will make sure we have lots of shade structures organised for next year in case we have another hot day. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support the children and to the P & C volunteers who ran the barbeque and worked in the canteen. The parent race attracted many competitors and everyone enjoyed seeing the parents putting in such a great effort. The carnival results were as follows: Slade were the winners of the day with 486 points, Timms received 383 points, Doyle received 373 points and Hargraves received 354 points. We look forward to seeing you all again at the 2016 carnival.

Year 2 to 3 Bus Passes
As Year 2 students enter into Year 3 in 2016 they will need a new bus pass and as Year 3 students they are no longer entitled to a free one if they live within a 1.6km radius of the school as the crow flies. Parents within this area would need to include a letter to Busways supporting their need for a bus pass eg dangerous busy highway to cross and no crossing etc. All Year 2 students who catch a bus to and from school will be given a new application form for a bus pass for 2016. If your child does not receive an application within the next few days please collect a form from the Office. Please return these applications to the office ASAP.

Emergency Evacuation Practice
Under Workplace Health and Safety legislation we are required to have 2 Emergency evacuation or lockdown/lockout practices per year. Our second practice is due before 1 st November so teachers will be going over procedures in class before the practice is held. Parents may well hear the sirens or bells when the practice occurs but do not be alarmed as it will be just a practice.

Congratulations
Congratulations to our 2 students who attended the State Athletics last week representing Sydney North in the Para athletes category. Cameron Mc came 9 th in the 800m, 10 th in the 100m and 11 th in the 200m and Connor came 9 th in the long jump, 14 th in the discus and 16 th in the shot put. An wonderful effort from our boys and we are very proud of you!

Road Safety
Staff have witnessed some dangerous practices outside the school with parents stopping on the roadway and calling their children across the road to get in the car so they don’t have to park. This is both illegal and unsafe. In our Road safety curriculum we teach children practices to ensure their safety so we would appreciate parents doing the same thing!

Fitness track
There has been a small delay with the soft fall installation under the fitness track as the school wanted the AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) sleepers rather than the CCA (Copper Chrome Arsenate) treated pine ones and the AQF are much harder to find. We have now ordered them so hopefully they will be delivered this week and they can be installed and the soft fall ordered and put under the equipment. This is a very large job so if anyone is interested is helping our General Assistant Martyn with this work please contact the office or see Martyn.

Swimming and Water Safety program
remaining places now open to Years 5 and 6
We have 19 places available for children in Years 5 and 6 who can swim freestyle but who may like to learn survival techniques. These places will go fast so you need to collect a note and get payment of $51 in to the office ASAP if you are interested. This is a great end of year activity for children to either improve their swimming or learn water safety. The lessons are free so the only cost is for the bus and pool entry. This is a great opportunity for students.

Coming events for Term 4
Thu 22 nd Stage 2 Recycling Workshop
Tues 27 th 9.15 Northlakes High school talk for Yr 6 parents
Wed 28 th Stage 1 Start Smart
Thu 29 th Stage 2 Start Smart
Fri 30 th Stage 3 Start Smart
Tues 3 rd Young, Black & Ready K 2016 transition mtg
Wed 4 th Nov Kinder orientation Session 1
Wed 11 th Kinder orientation Session 2
Fri 13 th Year 1 and 2 Grandparents Day
Wed 18 th Kinder orientation Session 3
Thur 19 th K-6 Maths Fun Day
Tue 24 th Northlakes High School Orientation Day
Wed 25 th Eat it to Beat it Cancer Council parent session
Tues 1 st Scripture assembly
Fri 11 th Year 6 Big Day Out & Year 5 class parties
Mon 14 th Presentation Day
Reports Home
Tues 15 th Year 6 Farewell
Class parties Kinder – Year 4
Wed 16 th Last day of term for students
17 th & 18 st School Development days – pupil free

Privilege Badge winners
KC Lucas, KD Chelsea, KE Jett, KL Samantha, 1K Aleirah, 1M Chelsea, 1MC Sienna, 1O Olivia, 2J Abbi, 2M Mia, 2WB Amy, S2A Paige, S2B Joshua, S2C Lachlan, S2EV Shayna, S2J Matthew W, S2L Tahlia, S3B holly, S3C Riley, S3GP Tahlia, S3L Jacob, S3SW Jessie, Unit 1 Nicholas, Unit 2 Tianna, Unit 3 Kye & Unit 4 Blair.

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School News

KL News
At the end of Term 3, kindergarten students designed and created their own Dream Classroom projects. KL wrote about their projects.

My Dream Classroom has a sparkly disco ball and sparkly windows. My Dream Classroom has one bridge. Jayde
My Dream Classroom has a Foxtel TV. It has chairs. My teacher has a hand chair. Emily
My Dream Classroom has a soccer field and I have an X-Box. Rhys
My Dream Classroom has a TV. My Dream Classroom has a lounge room. It is a yellow and blue room. It has an eels picture of the eels. Khloe
My Dream Classroom has a slippery dip. It has a ladder. Byron
My Dream Classroom has beanbags. It is comfy to sit on. It has a swimming pool. My Dream Classroom has a smartboard. It has a kitchen. It has a tap. Zahli
My Dream Classroom has a tiger pet. My Dream Classroom has some chocolate. Billy

Frequent Reader 100 Club
Congratulations to the newest members of our Frequent Reader 100 club: Billy M (KL), Max J (KD), Peyton S (KD), Lara U (S3SW), Kathleen A (KC), Mason S (KC), Phoenix (KC) and Harrison R (U3). Congratulations to our newest 200 club member; Nate V (S2J) and Rhys B (KE).

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

News from the P & C
Congratulations to Natasha Stoddard who was re-elected as Secretary at last week's meeting after a minor glitch. Items discussed were an end of year disco, badges for P & C Executive and P & C fundraising possibly for a major project such as new fixed equipment.

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 20th October 2015:
Tuesday 20/10/15 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess
Wednesday 21/10/15 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Kirsty Johnson
Thursday 22/10/15 – Leah Wensley, Annie Vandertouw, Kellie Falconer
Friday 23/10/15 – Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Kristie Hermson
Monday 26/10/15 – Alana, Paku, Alison Sutton
Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.
A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at the canteen and at the sausage sizzle last Friday. The day was a great success and very busy.

Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting
There will be 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

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.

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 2017

Student Name

Class

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.