Local Council Art Project

Last week a small group of students, Years 3-6, participated in an Art Project which will see their work displayed at a local park which is undergoing a makeover. Local artist Margrete came to our school and assisted a group of students to work on clay pieces which she will now fire as a lasting display at the park.


More information about School Exemptions/Holidays.

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has now changed the procedures for registering Exemption from school requests. From The beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of school holiday periods needs a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel available from the school. The principal should accept a reason for travel during school term if it is in the best interests of the student, such as educational, social and participation reasons; this also includes family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

On accepting a parent’s Application a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel must be issued. The certificate is provided to the parent. A principal may decline to accept a parents Application of a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel, the parent will be advised in writing. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes by DEC and will be recorded as L – Leave and will count as an absence on your child’s school report.

Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful cool and cloudy day for our carnival. Fun was had by all with some stunning swims as well. Thanks must go to Mr Clifford and his support team who as always produced a well organised, smooth day for the students. Results will be in next week’s newsletter and ribbons will be handed out at a later date.

Prohibited Employment Declaration for volunteers

The NSW DEC requires Volunteers to sign this form. Anyone who works in the school in any voluntary capacity needs to sign this at the office as soon as you can.

University Competitions

Each year we offer students the opportunity to enter the International Competition and Assessments for Schools testing program (ICAS). We offer student entry to English, Mathematics or Digital Technologies (Computer) papers at a cost of $8 which goes directly to the organising body. The school administers the tests here on the ICAS chosen date and then forward the papers. If you are interested in knowing more about these competitions please ask your child to see me at the Office or to tell their teacher so a permission note can be sent home. (Mrs Keats)

Facebook Page

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page for regular updates.

PBL NEWS

We have already held two Buzz days this term with fabulous results and many students able to enjoy rewards.

‘Wear your Uniform with Pride’ resulted in an overall result of 92% in our school wearing their full school uniform. These students have already received their rewards. Our second Buzz Day for ‘On time’ saw a stunning result of 98%. The PBL team are delighted with these results, keep up this high standard Budgewoi. A third Buzz Day will be coming soon Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner.

A PBL message to our parents please be aware that in the morning before school K-2 students remain under the pergola and 3-6 students play in Bottom Quad. This is a rule designed for safety as the pergola area is not large enough to safely supervise larger numbers of students. Our student mantra for rules is Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time. Thank you for reminding your child of this morning rule.

Healthy Harold is Coming Soon!

Life Education and Healthy Harold have been successfully supporting primary school drug and health education since 1979. They offer a range of programs which link to our current NSW PDHPE curriculum. The Life Education van will be coming to our school and students will be participating in various engaging and educational health programs and activities.

Harold will be in our school on Thursday 12th March to Thursday 26th March (Week 7, 8 and 9 of this term). The cost per student is $4. The last day for payment is Friday 6th March; make sure you don’t miss out!

Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)

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Last day of Term 1

Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners

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Best Attendance

Congratulations to 1M who had one absence last week. Well done! Mrs Vicki Keats (rel Principal)
ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS
At week 6 Stage 2 & 3 Assembly, Doyalson RSL will be presenting our School Leaders with a 100 year Commemorative ANZAC medallion. All Budgewoi students will be presented with their medallions at a special Anzac ceremony to be held in Week 11. We are also encouraging our students to represent our school and attend the Anzac Day March at Toukley on Saturday 25th April.

S3L News - The haunted house
One day Zoe was walking home from school and she noticed something on her normal path from school. She had a sudden feeling that she needed to go suss the unknown path. Then she saw her friends Ella and Maddie. They ran to Zoe and said ‘what are you doing girl?’ Ella said. ‘Well I just found this unknown path I really want to suss out, do you want to come?’ Zoe added. ‘Yeah sure’ said Maddie and Ella.

As they walked down the strange path they started getting shivers down their spines. They even started smelling something HORRIBLE as they walked further and further. They turned around and noticed that they couldn’t see the place that they came in from. As they kept walking they noticed something, a bit, too, creepy! Were you wondering what they saw? Well I’m going to tell you. It was a, a, a grave yard with loads of dead bodies and blood! ‘ah girls, look over here’ said Zoe. The girls looked over to their left. ‘ummmm, I’m scared” said Ella. ‘I want to go back!’ said Maddie. ‘Girls, I think this place is haunted’ said the girls. ‘I want to go back’ said Maddie. ‘NO! We must keep going’ said Zoe.

Finally, the girls reached one of the creepiest out of the whole adventure! THE HAUNTED HOUSE! Zoe said, ‘let’s go suss this creepy looking house.’ When they walked in and as soon as they were all in the house, the door slammed shut and the lights switched on. The girls looked at each other scared as anything. Then suddenly, they all completely disappeared! What happened? It’s all a mystery…… By Erika S

Q4:H2O – 2015 Central Coast Schools Health Week - Stage 2
In Week 6, Stage 2 will be participating in the Q4:H2O program to educate them about making healthy drink choices. They will participate in classroom activities to encourage them to drink water and reduced fat milk, and reduce their intake of sugary soft drinks and cordials. Students will bring home a card on Monday week 6 on which they can record their drinks for the week. They need to complete the card, record the points they have earned and bring it back to school the following Monday. Classes will then tally points and students will reflect on what they have achieved and gained from the activity. Have fun making healthy drink choices!

Schools Clean Up Day –
Friday 27th February 2015 is Schools Clean Up Day when schools across Australia are encouraged to get out in to the school grounds and clean them up. The day is part of the larger Clean Up Australia Day which takes place on Sunday March 1st.

This year students K-6 will be encouraged to participate on the day. Class teachers will be taking their students out in to various parts of the school grounds and basically spending some time cleaning up the waste that has either been dropped or blown in to the school.

We do not foresee there being any dangerous waste products in the school grounds but in the interest of safety and personal hygiene we are encouraging students to bring along a pair of gloves and a plastic bag on the day. Please note: This is not a mandatory student activity and participation is voluntary.

School Banking
Your Commonwealth School Banking days are Tuesday’s for Infants and Wednesday’s for Primary. Remember to keep you tokens at home somewhere safe. Please do not leave them in your bank book. In a School Banking first, we are introducing a new Grand Prize competition in 2015. The grand prize: a family trip to Disneyland.

Students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000 spending money. For further competition details visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

P&C News
Many thanks to Mick Shelley who organised the fundraising BBQ at First Choice last weekend. Funds received will be directed to our Environmental Committee at school to assist with ongoing projects. Extra thanks to the small band of volunteers who also arrived on the day to support our school.

Canteen News
Our uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 9am till 10am. Please try to buy your uniforms at this time.

Save the Date: Tuesday 3rd March is ice block day. We will be selling Coretto’s $3.00 and Splice $2.00 on a first come first served basis at recess and lunch. Yum!

Roster for week beginning 17th February:
Tues 17/2/15 - Michelle Burgess, Denise Wilson
Wed 18/2/15 – Jenny Leatham, Tammy O’Neill, Kirsty Johnson
Thurs 19/2/15 – Denise Cuff, Kellie Falconer, Leah Wensley, Annie Vandertouw
Fri 20/2/15 - Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis
Mon 23/2/15 – Alison Sutton, Alana Paku

Community News
Little Oxen (an after school program run by St Lukes Toukley) is on again this year. These are afternoons of fun and excitement to support and nurture children in a safe and caring environment. There is a range of activities including arts, crafts, drama & music. A free afternoon tea is provided. It is run in the Budgewoi School Library on Wednesdays. Time: 3-5pm. Age: Kindergarten – Year 6.

The Entrance Hockey Club is looking for new players in all age groups from U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 (boys, girls) women and men. We have our first training 26th February at Wyong Hockey Complex starting at 5.30pm. Best thing about hockey we play same time, same place every week and never get washed out. Please contact Club President Mick on 0418976428 or visit our Facebook page at The Entrance Hockey Club. We can also offer a payment plan for fees after initial Hockey NSW fee.

Northern Lakes Power AFL
Northlakes Oval, Emu Drive San Remo
2015 Registration Days
11am – 1pm Sunday 1st March 2015
Come and Try AFL 19th March 2015 (Charmhaven Oval)
We Play Sunday Footy
Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-8 year olds) - $80
Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, Youth Girls: U14’s,
Registration Early Bird $120
$130 Normal Registration Fee (after 1st March)
For further information please contact Lisa Eldridge on 0428 196 667 or head to play afl.com.au

Tennis
For-Fun, Fitness, Friendship. McDonalds Tennis Academy, Ray St, Toukley, 43 333360 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.