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Week 9, Term 1 2015

Assistant Principal Position
This week the process of shortlisting candidates for the Assistant Principal vacated by Mrs Christiansen will begin. A panel comprising of myself, a parent, staff, AECG and Director’s representatives will consider applications and interviews will be conducted next week. The successful candidate will be announced and commence next term.

Harmony day
Harmony Day was celebrated at Budgewoi school with a variety of in class activities. It was great to see students wearing their orange ribbons and showing kindness and tolerance throughout the day. Some recent events have highlighted how kind our students can be. Examples include the senior boy who saw a school mate sitting at the buddy bench, went over and asked him to join in the game; leaders who when placing equipment out for students have stopped and demonstrated the best way to have fun and then actually stayed on to play with younger students for the whole session and the students who assist us with drawing fun in the Library. These three examples are a small sample of the wonderful things our students are doing to be harmonious at Budgewoi School. Well done everyone!

A happy harmonious S3C enjoying Harmony Day

Stranger Danger
We have received advice from District Office that there have been two separate incidents on the Central Coast of cars following students as they walk to or from school. This is now in the hands of the Police. Whilst these incidents are not in our area please take a moment to remind your child of what they should do if they feel unsafe. Classes will also review Stranger Danger this week as well.

Head Lice
We seem to be experiencing an epidemic with head lice at the moment. Please assist us by checking your child’s hair regularly, tying back long hair and advising the school of any outbreaks so we can let other class members be vigilant as well. A very inexpensive solution to the head lice problem is to cover the hair thickly with cheap conditioner and after a short wait, combing the hair with a fine nit comb to remove eggs. The removal of eggs whilst painstaking is the most important part of the process. Hair needs to be checked for a period of 7 days as eggs hatch during this time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The crossing corner
We have had further complaints about the smoking group on the school corner. Parents of students with asthma are concerned that their children are having to breathe in the smoke which is having a negative impact on their health. Please give thought to the young children and their parents who pass by and do not wish to be affected by smoke and perhaps move across the road or to an alternate location.

High School Enrolments
All students in Year 6 have received their High School Enrolment forms. Every student must complete this paperwork even if they will be moving to the independent, non-government system. These details must be entered onto computer and this is a very lengthy process. Unfortunately, our delivery was delayed and we are behind in our deadline so we kindly ask that you return your completed form as soon as you can. If you are unsure of where your child may be attending high school, please still return the form as information can be adjusted once data entry is complete. The first most important step is the get the data into the system.

PBL Awards
We have several positive awards which you will be familiar with such as ‘Daily Buzz’, Class Merit Awards, Home reading Awards, ‘SAFE’ playground tickets, Bee tickets and of course class based positives. The PBL Team have decided to add in a new Kindness Award and a Sport Buzz Award. This has been prompted firstly by the success of the Buddy Bench strategy and playground programs and secondly to promote sportsmanship, participation and fair play in grade sporting sessions. Nominations will come to the Executive for the Kindness Awards and Sports Buzz will be announced at the end of grade sport each week. We are looking forward to seeing many happy faces on the students receiving these new awards.

Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)
Thurs 12th – 26th Life Education program
Mon 23rd Assembles this week
Fri 27th Science Fun day
Wed 1st April Book Fair NEW
Thurs 2nd K-2 Easter hat parade

Last day of Term 1

Primary Principals State Council meeting
Last week I had the privilege of representing Central Coast Principals at the State Council meeting for Principals with the Minister of Education and a variety of Executive Directors in charge of different areas. This year the Department is in a state of great change and it is a great opportunity to be briefed on the latest issues affecting schools and students in NSW. These meeting will occur for 2 days each term.

Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners
KC Olivia, KD Dean, KE Zane, KL Khloe, 1K Ella, 1M Elle, 1MC Jamie, 1O Rayah, 2J Jordan, 2M Zac, 2WB Bodee, S2A Jayden, S2B Jasmine T, S2C Hannah, S2EV Sophie, S2J Matt, S2L Brooke, S3B Jay, S3C Braith, S3GP Blake, S3L Tyler M, S3SW Nicholas, Unit 1 Nicholas, Unit 2 Leasha, Unit 3 Kye and Unit 4 Cale.

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

School News
K-2 Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 2nd April at 2.15 pm Budgewoi K-2 children will be having a Hat Parade under the pergola. They are invited to make a hat at home based on the theme of Easter and parade for family members. The
hats are not expected to be extravagant but simply represent the Easter Season. Children can decorate hats and caps or make a special one from cardboard etc. It would be great to see all children have a hat to wear and join in the fun of the occasion. If you have any questions, please contact the school at your earliest convenience.
Miss Jurd (Easter Hat Parade Coordinator)

Anzac day Assembly and March
April 25, 2015, marks 100 years since Australian troops lost their lives at the landing at Gallipoli. On Friday 24th March (Term 2, Week 1), all Budgewoi Public School students will be participating in a special assembly where students will receive their 100 Year Anzac Medallion kindly donated by Doyalson RSL. As a gesture to show our appreciation, Budgewoi Public School will be marching at Doyalson this year.

Anzac March
Due to the significance of the 100 year Anniversary, our students have been participating in a unit called ‘Honouring Anzacs’. This year we are encouraging our students to march and would love to see as many students as possible representing our School. This year we will be marching at Doyalson RSL and students will need to assemble with Miss Martin, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Rich this year at the lights near the Baptist Church on the Wyee Road at 8:00am. The march will begin at 8:30am and we will march towards Doyalson RSL for the 9:00am service. The student leaders will be laying a wreath on behalf of Budgewoi Public School.
Students are to be in full school uniform, including black shoes. Students are also encouraged to wear their Anzac Medallions. Any child that does participate in the march will be given a drink and a packet of chips donated by the RSL after the service.

Healthy Harold is here!
Many classes have already visited the van and they have had a wonderful time. Reports indicate the children have been enthralled by Harold and his message this year. We still have some classes to go this week, so have fun everyone. If you wish to purchase any Harold merchandise, please bring your money on the day of your visit and you can buy it from Natalie when it is your lesson time in the van. Have fun!

S3B News
Is Your Child Trying to Persuade You?
If your child is trying to talk you into buying that game or toy that they really want and they are making good points it is probably due to the fact that this week the students have been working hard on their persuasive language. Students in S3B have been dealing with some big issues; one being; Is social media unnecessary? April states that it is unnecessary and she makes this very clear - “Firstly, social media is taking over not only adults but children too, playing on an iPad instead of playing outside in the fresh air, and adults that won't put their phone down in case they miss some useless text.” Jay argued that there shouldn’t be any consequences for not using correct punctuation, spelling and grammar and did so with confidence and humour - “We shouldn’t get punished if we don’t use correct punctuation and grammar and if you think the opposite, I will change your mind.” “Some people can’t spell or make mistakes and I probably spelt supercalifragilisticexpialidocious wrongly and probably just did again!”

So don’t be fooled, your kids are smart, talented and persuasive writers and they are all doing a great job.

Environment Group News
The Environment group regularly meets on a fortnightly basis and is looking for any interested members of the community to be a part of it. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 25th March at 8:15am in D12 (Miss Jurd’s room) and all are welcome. Mick has already begun working with students in the garden area and this week KC 1K will spend time in the garden trying to regenerate an old garden in the top quad area. Our next fundraising activity, a sausage sizzle will be held on Thursday 2nd April outside the First Choice Liquor store at San Remo. Mick aims to set up the stand at around 3 in the afternoon and it is hoped that people will be able to help at the stall for an hour or two during the afternoon. All offers of help will be accepted and appreciated. Christine Copper

School Banking
We have 70 eligible bankers to collect prizes. When you have 10 tokens you can cash them in for a prize. Just remember you cannot use any other people’s tokens only your own. Prize sheet went home earlier this year if you did not receive one please collect one from the office

P&C News
Easter raffle tickets reminder. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. Please return tickets and money to the office. If you do not wish to sell the tickets please return them to the office. Prizes will be Easter egg baskets.

Book Fair- DATE CHANGE
The Book Fair this term will be held on Wednesday 1st April from 8:30am-4:00pm in the Library. There will be lots of new books and novelties to purchase. Pupils will be viewing books in library lessons the week before and will completing wish lists for books they are interested in. All proceeds raised go towards purchasing new books and resources for the school library. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks Mr Barron

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning 24th March 2015:

- Tues 24/3/15 - Michelle Burgess, Denise Wilson, Jana Williams
- Thurs 26/3/15 – Denise Cuff, Kelly Falconer, Vanessa Allan, Georgina A
- Fri 27/3/15 - Madeline & Dale Clintion
- Mon 30/3/15 – Alison Sutton, Alana Paku

Football Charity Event
Saturday 28th March there will be a visit to the Coast by Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Menzies, Josh Perry and they will be doing an appearance at Zibara clothing, Erina. They will be selling Hog’s for Homeless shirts (With all proceeds going to “Youth off the streets”) and we have 200 footballs to give away for the first 200 kids to arrive. We will also have posters and stickers to give away with the boys doing a signing.
Date: 28/3/15 Time : 12pm – 1.30pm
Address: 227 Central Coast Highway, Erina NSW 2250
Players: Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh, Steve Menzies, Josh Perry.