Sad return to school

Last week saw a sad start for our school community following the tragic passing of our beautiful students William and Piper Kulik. Staff and students have had access to counselling and this will continue for the coming weeks. Please let us know if your child has not taken advantage of the offer to speak to the counsellor and you would like them to do so. The cyclone played havoc with the floral tribute installed in the hall and some new doors installed on the

Staff Update

Congratulations to Miss Jones who has been successful in gaining the permanent Assistant Principal Position for Stage 1. Miss O'Connor will continue teaching 1O until a permanent teacher is appointed to this vacancy. Mr Edwards is on leave until 13th May. Mrs Nolan will be teaching KE until his return. He will be here for the class photo on Tuesday. Miss Atherton will be relieving as Assistant Principal supervising Kindergarten until Mr Edwards returns. Mrs McBride is also on leave this week so Mrs Weaver will be assisting in the office. Mitchell Neal our General Assistant is unwell and is now home from hospital. He will be on sick leave until the end of June. Martyn Regan is taking his place during this time. Mr Wootton will return from his leave tomorrow.

Facilities Upgrade etc

A number of maintenance jobs were done over the holidays. The 2WB, KL and KE classrooms have had gyprocking done on their ceiling to replace stained ceilings and drooping tiles. A shade sail has been installed over the outdoor play area. New louvres are being installed in the hall and some new doors installed on the electrical cupboards. A covered walkway has been installed to the 1MC classroom and also over the missing link to the canteen. This now means that we have undercover access to all parts of the school. We are still waiting for a covered walkway over the new pathway past the CEC to the Disabled driveway access. This is being funded by the department of education rather than the school so it is a slower process. The lines on the stairs up to the canteen have also been painted as well as the handball squares under the pergola.

School Photos

School photo envelopes were distributed last week and need to be returned on photo day tomorrow. Family photo envelopes are available from the print room. Online orders can also be made for people wishing to purchase by credit card. If using this option you need to write the receipt number in the appropriate box on the back of the envelope and send the envelope in with your child tomorrow.

School Contribution

The prize draw for those parents who have paid their school fees will be done at the end of Term 2 as we have been so busy we have not had time to organise prizes. A huge thank you to Kristie and Greg James for their extremely generous donation of dinner for 2 and a night’s accommodation at the Beachcomber which will be our major prize. If you have a business and would like to donate something for the prize drawer in

return for publicity throughout our school community please either send the prize in or contact Mrs Moore or Mrs Keats.

ANZAC Day March

Over 140 students represented our school at the ANZAC Day march at Doyalson. Thanks to the staff who also attended.

World War 1 Living History visit K-2

Students in Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to show respect for the centenary of Gallipoli by participating in the WW1 Living History interactive display on Tuesday 28th April. The school will be paying the cost of this show so there is no charge to students.

Storm damage

We have 4 trees over and another 7 partially over and being held up be either the school fence or other trees. Unfortunately the children will not be able to play on the oval until these trees are removed which may take some time. 2M classroom has a roof leak and the door to 1MC is swollen and cannot be opened and all these have been reported for repair. The power pole in the school grounds in Lukela Ave has now been replaced and I had a cold and wet 4.5 hours here with Ausgrid yesterday while this was done. It was good to get it done however as we are ready for a good week this week. We have about 50 branches down around in the school grounds and these will be cleaned up as soon as we can get to it.
When we received the command to commence the landing the night was eerily quiet but as we approached the beach the sky lit up with heavy shell fire and the shrapnel rained down on us. Bill started shaking and breathing very heavily, he was obviously terrified. I don't blame him as I was feeling very similar. My heart was pounding so hard it felt like it was going to bust its way through my chest and fall on the floor in front of me. The shrapnel was taking its toll on the men in my landing boat with many of them slowly succumbing to their injuries. As the boat crashed into the rocky beach we all heaved forward and then readied our rifles. It was time to fight for our lives, the lives of our mates, the lives of the men and women back home and the freedom of our country. As soon as I hit the beach my only thought was survival. The rest of the day seemed to pass by in a blur of rifle fire and death. I don't remember how I made it to the safety of the trenches but I am thankful I did. With any luck tomorrow will be a better day.

Stage 3 camp
Thank you to those families that have paid their deposit for camp. A package should have gone home with your child explaining the 3 day excursion. Please return the Medical, Activity and consent form as soon as possible to Mrs Rich. Please also remember that full payment is due. If there are changes to your circumstances and you do not wish to make full payment, please advise the office as there is a waiting list of Stage 3 students who now wish to attend. Thanks, Stage 3 Staff

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. This class at Wyong PS helps 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. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015. Please see Mrs Rich for more information.

Canteen News Save the Date: Friday 1st May is ice block and cake day. We will be selling Cornetto’s $3.00 and pink cupcakes $1.20 on a first come first served basis at recess and lunch. Yum!

Roster for week beginning: Tuesday 28th April
Tues 28/4/15 - Michelle Burgess, Denise Wilson, Jana Williams, Amanda Ashton
Wed 29/4/15 – Jenny Leatham, Denise Heather
Thurs 30/4/15 – Denise Cuff, Vanessa Allan, Georgina Atkinson
Fri 1/5/15 – Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis
Mon 4/5/15 – Alison Sutton
Helpers, if for any reason you cannot attend, please contact your supervisor early on 43992238.

Book Club Book Club issue 3 will close on Wednesday 6th May 2015. All cheques should be made to Budgewoi P&C. No late orders accepted.