Budgewoi Public School
Opportunities to achieve in a unique, caring school

Week 3, Term 1 2016

Bomb threats to schools
Last week saw more bomb threats to NSW schools including some on the Central Coast. We have instigated an action plan in the case of one of these automated bomb threats that are being sent to schools all over the world at the moment. We will make sure students are safe and have food, drink and hats to take out to our assembly point in the case of an emergency. Whilst we are hopeful that our school will not be targeted we need to be proactive as this could happen to any school at any time. In the case of an occurrence please keep an eye on our Facebook page or Budgewoi Public School-Skoolbag app which is available free from either the App Store or the Play Store for the correct information. The police have advised schools to inform their parents not to call the school or come to the school to collect children as the school will be in lock down. A group of Russian hackers have claimed responsibility as they thought it would be “fun”. A second group of copycat teenagers have been arrested as well. We are hopeful our plans will never be needed and now that they have had their fun these hoaxes will stop.

A great start to School
I am delighted to say that classes have been working extremely well. We are indeed fortunate to be able to maintain the current class structure when numbers are submitted this week. The standard of school uniform is high although some families have not yet acquired black shoes and it would be great if all students could have these in order to be in full school uniform. They are still plentiful in shops but will be wound down soon. We do have a small number of pairs of black shoes that have been donated if families are experiencing hardship. Please see Mrs Moore if you require a pair.

Anaphylaxis
As we have a number of children in the school with anaphylaxis and Epipens at school we do ask that parents consider not sending peanut butter sandwiches to school and speak to their children about not sharing food at recess or lunch time. If your child has anaphylaxis please make sure we have their current Anaphylaxis Care plan. All staff have just completed intensive anaphylaxis training. If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs please let us know as soon as possible.

100 point check for Volunteers
The NSW Department of Education requires Volunteers to bring in 100 points of identity and complete a form as part of its’ Child Protection strategy. Anyone who works in the school in any voluntary capacity in classrooms, canteen or transporting students to any sporting venue etc needs to bring in a few forms of ID and complete the form at the office as soon as you can.

School Contribution (Fees)
Each year the school receives a resource allocation from the State Government. Out of this grant such things as teaching resources for the Key Learning Areas, relief staff salaries, telephone, water, electricity, first aid and the basics such as stationery, art and craft materials, toilet paper are purchased. This year your child/ren will be provided with school resources such as exercise books, work stencils, paper, pencils, other school stationery, home readers and art/craft resources from school funds. The money raised from the

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School Contribution will be used to purchase on new readers for classrooms and the home reader program. We can make a great school even better by providing additional resources and facilities for our children. The government’s allocation provides basics but money collected from the School Contribution allows us to purchase much needed resources to enrich your child’s education. The school contribution is $30 per student. Please pay this at the school office. We are trying to assemble some prizes for a prize draw for people who have paid by 1st April. If any parent has a business and would like to donate anything for our prizes we would be very grateful to publicise your business in return.

S3VL
Sincere apologies to Mrs Paula Vincent and the students of S3VL as their class was omitted from the list of classes last week. Oops!

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2015
Thank you to all or the parents who participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program last year and collected stickers for our school. With the points collected, we were able to order Science and Maths resources. The Science resource ordered was a fantastic resource for Space called “Double Globe Planetarium” which projects the solar system around the room. We look forward to participating in the program again this year, so if you shop at Woolworths, please remember to ask for the stickers as the rewards when the promotion starts.

Quicksmart
26 students have been identified to go on our Quicksmart Numeracy program. This program involves 3 x 30 minute lessons per week with Mrs Brooker. Permission notes were sent home on Friday so please return these as soon as possible.

School News
2JR News
In 2JR last week we read the book ‘The lion who wanted to love’ These are our stories we wrote as a response to the text. Leo the lion just couldn’t stop thinking about hugging every animal in the world. Leo is appreciated for who he is and he’s happy to be himself. He’s also caring to the animals and teaches birds to fly and shows the hippos to the waterholes. He is a sweet, friendly and caring cub that loves everyone.

100 points

Katie R
Once upon a time there was a pride of lions and one little lion wanted to love. His mother said he didn’t have a place in the pride and Leo was very sad. One day Leo woke up and there were leopards hunting so he got the animals and gave them something to eat so they could run away. One day Leo saw a leopard stuck in a current near a waterfall so he splashed into the water and got him back to shore. Leo was now stuck in there and then all the animals in the jungle came to help. A big lion lifted him up and he was safe again.

Arthur B
Leo the lion wanted to love but his mum didn’t like it. Leo didn’t want to be mean so his family made him leave the pride and he found a place to sleep. He couldn’t sleep because the animals going somewhere and he had to save the baby antelope. Jasmine
P & C Meetings
Tomorrow morning 9th February is the first meeting of the P & C for 2016. It will be held in the Community Education Room and is a great opportunity to meet new people and find out what is going on in the school. To be eligible to vote in next month’s AGM you must be a member so this is the last meeting to join. Next week we will have the roles of the P & C executive so please consider taking on a role. We would love to see our new parents at this meeting. Come along and find out what is happening in the school.

Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)

- Tues 9th: P & C meeting in the CEC 9.15am
- Wed 11th: Little Oxen Kids Club begins in library 3-5pm
- Mon 15th: Year 1 and 2 assembly 2pm
- Frid 19th: Swimming carnival Yr 3-6 + Y2 swimmers
- Mon 22nd: Years 3-6 Assembly 2pm
- Wed 22nd March: Wallarah Zone swimming Carnival
- Tues 6th: P & C AGM 7pm in library
- Wed 16th: Sydney North swimming carnival
- Thurs 24th: K-2 Easter hat parade
- Fri 25th: Good Friday
- Mon 28th: Easter Monday
- Tues 29th: Students return to school
- Fri 8th April: Last day of Term 1
- Wed 27th April: Term 2 commences

Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners
KCN Cooper, KL Scarlett, KEB Nina, KD Jayson, 1K Jayde, 1M Ava, 1T Peyton, 1/2J Elle, 2C Quinn, 2M Riley, 2JR Emma B.P, S2SE Kayla, S2J Isabella, S2F Monique, S2L Ruby, S2A Billy, S2O Daniel, S3W Tahlia, S3K Tyler, S3GP Callum, S3VL Tom, S3M Chloe, Unit 1 Chloe, Unit 2 Keira-Lee, Unit 3 Deanna and Unit 4 Damon.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to KCN and KEB who had no absences last week. What a great start to your school life. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School Banking
School Banking has started for 2016. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. Parent packs will be distributed next week. Bank books are collected in the classroom, please hand to your teacher

School Banking days are Tuesday for K-2 and Wednesday 3-6.
We will be holding an account opening morning.
DATE: THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
TIME: 8.30AM -9.30AM
LOCATION: AREA IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE
If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No ID is required for students enrolled at Budgewoi, please bring along Birth Certificates for younger siblings not at school.

Book Club
Book Club Issue 1 will close on Monday 15th February. All cheques should be made out to Budgewoi P&C. No late orders accepted.

Canteen News
Today we have sent home our new school menu which also has all the information about the flexi schools payment system available at the canteen on the back.

Roster for week beginning 9th February:
- Tues 9/2/16 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess
- Wed 10/2/16 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Kirsty Johnston
- Thurs 11/2/16 – Annie Vandertouw, Kellie Falconer
- Fri 12/2/16 - Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Roxy Hill
- Mon 15/2/16 – Alison Sutton, Alane Paku

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.

Northern Lakes Power
Northlakes Oval, Emu Drive San Remo
We Play Sunday Footy Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-7 years) Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, For further information please contact the club on 0428 196 667 or head to playall.com.au

Little Oxen After school program run by St Luke’s Anglican Church Toukley
The Little Oxen after school program 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 from Wednesday 17th February.
Time: 3-5pm
Age: Kindergarten – Year 6
Come along for some free fun!

Little Oxen - Family News

Little Oxen – Kindergarten – Year 6
Come along for some free fun!

To: The Office
I would like to receive the newsletter emailed each week instead of receiving a printed copy from school.

Parent Name: __________________________
My Child’s Name is ____________________ Class _________
My email address is: ___________________