**Week 9 Term 1 2016**

**Assistant Principal Position**

Congratulations to Mrs Lindsay who has been successful in obtaining the Assistant Principal position through merit selection following Mrs Rich’s promotion to Deputy Principal at Valentine Public School. Mrs Lindsay will commence duty in Term 3 when she returns from maternity leave.

**Easter and vacation dates**

This year Easter does not fall in the school holidays. Good Friday is this week 25th March and Easter Monday is 28th March. The students return to school on Tuesday 29th March. The school vacation commences at 2.50pm on Friday 8th April with Term 2 commencing for students on Wednesday 27th April. Happy Easter everyone and take care on the roads if you are travelling.

**Health and Safety**

A gentle reminder that Health and Safety Regulations state there should not be smoking within a 4 metre distance of school boundaries. We have had concerned parents mention that smoke can clearly be smelt in Top Quad by volunteers who do our Home Reading program with Kindergarten students. We all wish our children to have the best start in life, so please consider the regulation and act within the guidelines.

**School Photos**

School photo day is next term, Thursday 26th May. Please mark your calendar. Further details will follow and payment envelopes will be distributed AFTER the holiday break.

**ICAS Competition**

A final reminder if you would like your child to participate in either the Digital Technologies, Maths or English competitions to be run later in the year, final payment date is Wednesday 6th April. Each test paper costs $8 to participate. Candidates need to be in years 3-6 and enjoy a strong challenge.

**Coming events for Term 1 (updated as events arise)**

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**Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners**

KCN Harley Rose, KL Kai, KEB Tyson J, KD Sienna, 1K Samantha, 1M Cooper, 1T Khloe, 1/2J Jimmy, 2C Blake E, 2M Destiny, 2JR Linken, S2SE Mackenzie, S2J Mia, S2F Matilda, S2L Brayden, S2A Ellymae, S2O Breanna, S3W Amber, S3K Jessica, S3GP Aiden, S3VL Layne, S3M Keeley, Unit 1 Oliver, Unit 2 Camryn, Unit 3 Clinton and Unit 4 Katie.

**Best Attendance**

Congratulations to U2 who had one absence last week. Well done! Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

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**School News**

**K-2 Easter Hat Parade**

This Thursday, 24th March, after the end of lunch bell the children will be making final preparations for the 2016 K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Family members are expected to gather under the pergola from 2.00 for a 2.15 start. It is anticipated that all children will arrive at school with a hat representing the Easter Season to wear in the parade. Everyone is excited and looking forward to seeing many wonderful hats at this celebration. If you have any questions, please contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your efforts and cooperation. Miss Jurd (Easter Hat Parade Coordinator)

**S3M News**

In S3M we are focusing on the novel Hitler’s Daughter. Throughout this novel, students have been learning about World War II and engaging in rich discussions. Students have been participating in activities related to each chapter of the novel and have recently written wonderful descriptions depicting a specific house from World War II. Through the strategy of visualising, students have depicted the house using certain colours and words to describe the appearance and atmosphere of this venue. Students engaged in this activity by pretending to be the character in the book and writing from the character’s point of view.

Written by Emily:

Our house is dark and gloomy. There is almost always lightning and rain to keep the bombers away. It also has cracks and every time you open a door it creaks.

Written by Abi:

There I was, sitting in the car, shocked at what the house looked like. It was brown with cracked wood everywhere and a chimney blowing out some smoke.
Library News
Book Fair for this semester is this Thursday 24th March. A great opportunity to get a good book to read over the Easter break or as an Easter gift! Doors open at 8 am. Children will be viewing books during the week and completing wish list order forms. Online payment by credit card can be done and this will speed up purchases, just return the wish list with the receipt number. There are lots of new books and novelties starting from $1. Children will also have opportunity to come to the Library during the day to purchase items.

Premiers Reading Challenge has started. All students have to do to complete the challenge is borrow the labelled books from the library and complete a reading log. This can also work in conjunction with regular home reading. If your child would like a PRC reading log to complete the challenge please ask Mr Barron.

Sporting achievements- Sydney North Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our fabulous swimmers who attended the Sydney North Swimming Event on the 16th March representing the Wallarah Zone. All students were a credit to the school and swam to their very best. Special mention goes to Cameron McM who qualified 3rd in the AWD category.


Stage 2 Excursion “52-Storey Treehouse” Civic Theatre, Newcastle
Next Term, Stage 2 will have the opportunity to attend the play “52-Storey Treehouse” at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle. The 52-Storey Treehouse is a play by Richard Tulloch, adapted from the best selling book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Andy Griffiths’ and Terry Denton’s latest best seller comes to life on the stage as the team behind the hit adaptations of the 13-Storey Treehouse and the 26-Storey Treehouse return with this crazy, imaginative and engaging play. A permission note for this excursion has been sent home with each child. The excursion will be on Wednesday 18th May 2016 and travel will be by bus. The cost of the show is $30. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned to school by Friday 8th April (last day of this term). Money needs to be in by this early date as the show is very popular and the tickets at the theatre need to be confirmed and paid for well before the performance.

Wyong High School’s 2017 - Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class
Please note applications for the IT Selective Class close on Thursday 24th March at 3:00pm and the test date is Wednesday 6th April 2016 1:15pm to 3:00pm at the IT Centre Wyong High. Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Wyong High School on 4353 1088

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning 15th March:

Tues 22/3/16 - Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess.
Wed 23/3/16 – Denise Heath, Jenny Leatham
Thurs 24/3/16 – Denise Wilson, Georgina Atkinson
Fri 25/3/16 - Public Holiday
Mon 28/3/16 – Public Holiday
Tue 29/3/16 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess

 Helpers, if for any reason you cannot attend, please contact Sophie early on 43992238.

P & C News
More Easter raffle tickets are available if required. Please return tickets either sold or unsold to the school office. Tickets are $1ea or 3 for $2. Prizes will be Easter baskets. The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at the end of the Easter Hat Parade.

The next P & C meeting will be held Tuesday 10th May at 9.15am in the CEC room. All welcome!

Community News

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
Date: Wednesday 30th March 2016
Time: 9:05am until 11:05am
Venue: Budgewoi Public School
Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending
- Pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 23/03/2016 by:
email: edititobeadit@rswcc.org.au
visiting www.cancercouncil.org.au/edititobeadit/register
or phoning (02) 4923 0704

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