

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 17th November 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School Uniform

We are having a special P&C Meeting at 9.30am this Wednesday the 23rd November, to discuss our school uniform. There has been some consistent discussion around this issue as our uniform has grown into various 'bits and pieces' and it is now very difficult to judge what our uniform actually consists of. At this stage it is being considered that we could adopt a T-Shirt similar to the Year 6

T-Shirt that is being worn this year. This shirt is being considered because the children like it, it is comfortable to wear, washes well and is very long lasting, looks good and is being worn well by both boys and girls. This is obviously just a starting point and further discussion with students, parents and staff needs to be undertaken. If you would like to express your opinion or ideas, please come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend please feel free to write a note or send an email so that we are aware of your ideas.

Assessment Tasks

Students and teachers are working hard on assessment tasks at this time of the year in preparation for the end of year reports. I am looking forward to reading all reports in the coming few weeks.

Our school as teachers with amazing energy!

This is a good thing as we match our students enthusiasm for all the things that happen at our school.

This week Mrs Saunders organised a book display which was very popular with staff and students demonstrating our all round appreciation of books.

Next week we have the planting of a native bush garden with the assistance of the 'Bush Regeneration Group' and Rachel Binskin the Coffs Harbour Council Sustainability Officer. Thank you to Mr Bagust for his impressive care and coordination of our school environment. Year 4 students are learning about the environment in this project.

Ms Hook's class has already demonstrated their gardening prowess with some magnificent vegetables in their garden.

Stage 3 students are tuning up their bikes, making sure they are mechanically sound and safe for their big bike ride to the Jetty next Friday. Mr Newland has been in steady training for this big event.

Canteen Roster

Fri	18.11.11	Angela Phillips-Gow, April Ingram
Mon	21.11.11	Louise Pearsall
Tue	22.11.11	Canteen Closed
Wed	23.11.11	Kerrie Laroux
Thur	24.11.11	Louise Pearsall, Toni Montgomerie

Congratulations to the following achievers



Club 1000

Heath horsburgh	KC
Connor Gregory-East	KB
Mark Culgan	1G

Club 2000

Patrick Crawford	2B
Tor Boyton	KC

Remember all the soldiers
 Every November
 Many men and women fought in the war and died
 Everyday
 Morning
 Battles
 Raged
 Across the battle fields
 Navy
 Cannons
 Everybody remember

Bairan

Gotcha Being Good

Winners of this week's "Gotcha Being Good" awards for demonstrating one of our school rules—Be Responsible

Thu	10/11/11	Tori Van Stijn	5/6C
Fri	11/11/11	Bree Gitton	5/6G
Tues	15/11/11	Travis Studley	2/3T
Wed	16/11/11	Elizabeth Towns	4J

Remember
 Every
 Man
 Even
 Murphy the donkey
 But
 Remember
 America
 New Zealand
 Canada
 England who fought with Australia

Max

Remembrance Day Poems

As part of our Remembrance Day activities the students of 3KC wrote Acrostic Poems. Here is a selection of our work.

Remember
 Every
 Man
 Every woman
 Morning
 Battle fields
 Rage
 As
 Nurses
 Care
 Everyday

Brianna

Remember all the soldiers
 Every November
 Medals
 Every soldier that supported Australia
 Many men gave up their lives
 Badly injured men
 Really brave women and men
 All the men that fought in the war
 Nurses that cared everyday
 Cared for men and women
 Every morning and day

Imogen

The Scary Halloween Party

A Story written by 1P

It was a dark and stormy night. My mum told me it was time to have a party. The party had skeletons on the wall. It was scary. We needed to put decorations up. There were monsters everywhere. I invited my friends John, Tom and Harry. There were ghosts in the fridge. We went out the back. My friends were playing a laser gun game. I was excited and my friends were screaming because they were scared of a witch. The witch was ugly and she scared the kids away. I trapped the witch in a cage. Then we went back inside. The witch tried to get out by shaking the cage but she couldn't get out. The police came to take her away. We had some milo and went to bed.

Winners of the Commonwealth Bank

School Competition



Elias Honeyman KC
 Dakoda Bennett 2/3T
 Natalie Brewster 4HB
 Emily Brockett-Branster 5/6N

Remember all the soldiers
 Every November we remember the men who die in battle
 Medals are very important
 Every single day
 Men who die in battle
 Bright red poppies
 Remember the men who die in battle
 All of them dead
 Nice people now and forever
 Can we remember them
 End the battle now

Aiko

Priority Schools Program



Liam Taylor
and Ryley
Morrison with
Mrs Maureen
Solomon

Our school has been a part of the Priority Schools Program for the past three years. Priority Schools are those which serve communities with the highest concentrations of low socio-economic status families. This four year program is designed to assist students in the areas of English and Mathematics and has provided significant funds to our school. The program has also enabled us to employ Elizabeth Paff as our Community Liaison Officer. The CLO is a vital part of our school supporting strong partnerships between home, school and the wider community with the purpose of improving the learning outcomes for our students.

In the area of English the PSP program has funded Teacher Professional Learning in Accelerated Literacy and provided thousands of dollars worth of books for the students which are used in class. Most importantly, it has allowed us to employ extra Teachers and Teacher's Aides to run the Multilit and RAWR programs. Both programs have been very successful in assisting children to improve their reading and comprehension skills.

In Mathematics, we have employed two Teacher's Aides to run the Quicksmart program which has significantly improved Yr 5 student result in Maths. Also the PSP funding has allowed our students to access the Mathematics computer program, both at school and at home.

Next year, we will again be applying to be a part of the Priority Schools Program for 2013-2016 with your assistance. Early in 2012, each family who has a child in Yrs K-3 will be asked to fill in a survey. There will be more information regarding this closer to the date.



RAWR Program

P&C News

Hi Everyone,

Christmas Raffle

You can now send in donations of non-perishable goods for our giant Christmas Hamper Raffle. Eg. Canned and packet foods, drinks, biscuits, tea, coffee, lollies, etc. Please just check expiry dates.

Christmas Carols

This year the Carols will be on the 1st December. P&C will be running a BBQ and also a Christmas Stall on the evening.

Disco

This will be a day one with a D.J. on the 8th December. The cost will be \$3 to cover the D.J.

Recipe Book

Now available at the office at \$10 each. I have been working my way through it. This week I have made the brownies and the weetbix slice.....too good!!!!

Angela

4HB

More photos from our vegetable garden!



Cooking up a treat!