

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27 February 2015

Junior Campus Term 1 Week 4

Dates to Remember

Reminder: New phone nos Preschool 61423564 Junior Campus 61423555 Senior Campus 61423550

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| Tue 3 March | Pelicans: Teddy Bear's Picnic |
| Thu 5 March | Kinder & Rosellas: Teddy Bear's Picnic and Under 12years Swimming Carnival |
| Mon 9 March | Public Holiday: Canberra Day |
| Wed 18 March | Fete Meeting@6:30pm on Junior Campus |
| Fri 20 March | Preschool Welcome BBQ |
| Mon 30 March | MSP School Photos |

Deputy Principals Report

Thank you to everyone for making the **Bushwahzee** such a great success. It was wonderful to watch so many children participating and enjoying the evening performance with their families and friends. Thank you to the P&C who ran the sausage sizzle beforehand to make the evening very friendly. Next year we are going to book a themed performance.



Thank you to everyone who managed to get to one or more of the **Parent Information Sessions** and to the teachers for staying late and preparing the information. For anyone who didn't make it to one of these sessions please speak to your child's class teacher for any handouts or information that you will need for this year.

Home reading is off and running with a number of children coming close to 25 nights. Please read with children as often as you can, just five minutes a day makes all the difference. Monday morning Jenny and I are having a coffee and catch up with parents in the staff room after the bell. The purpose is to talk about how parents can help with reading and numeracy in the home.

The **P&C** met this week on Monday and a new committee was formed. Please give a huge thank you, to Julie Crimmins and all of the members of the outgoing committee. Julie has been president for the last few years and held a number of other positions on the P&C. Her leadership and work over many many hours for the school have been very gratefully appreciated. Julie has handed over the role of president to Mike Dodds, whom the school thanks for taking on this role. Julie has agreed to continue working on the Fete committee. Please keep a look out for dates of those meetings or contact a committee member if you would like to contribute but can't make the evening meetings. I would personally like to thank all of the parents and families who have given so much time and energy into supporting the school by being on the P&C, it is a very important to have parents and families involved in the life and community of the school.

Thank you to the following people who have all accepted positions on this year's committee Mike Dodds, Lisa Maybury, Jenny Feldtmann, Joanie van der Plaats, Eden O'Mara, Tracy O'Hanlon and, Kristen Hill. The position of Vice President is vacant if you would like to nominate yourself or know of someone who would like to be in this position please contact one of the new committee members or leave a message for them at the front office.

This year we have a number of **events and performances** already booked on the calendar. We are endeavouring to give families plenty of notice of these activities and opportunities to budget. As events come up reminder notes will be

sent out. Events to look out for this term, Swimming Carnival, Teddy Bears Picnic, Athletics Carnival, Scripture in Schools program, ANZAC Ceremony on Simpsons Hill (*Gilmore Primary is organising this year*).

If your child is absent from school please contact the school either by email or a phone call or send a note with your child when they return to school. If the time is after 9:06 am your child needs to be signed in at the front office by an adult, they are given a slip that becomes an official part of the roll. Our starting time at school is 8:55am; classes need to be settled as close to 9:00am as possible ready for learning.

The front car park this year seems to be very busy at 3:00pm. There is a car park at the back of the school off Laughton Street, there is also a drop off and pick up area in this street. If you have children only in the 1/2 or 4/5 classes you may find this a better pick up area than the front car park.

Wishing everyone a very good weekend.

Sally Alexander

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has had a great start to the year. Everyone has settled into school and is enjoying doing brilliant learning. We have been very busy learning our sounds and sight words. We have been trying to find these in the Big Books we had been reading. To help us remember our letter sounds we have been practising writing, creating art work, constructing and using our facial expressions.

Well done everyone for always doing your best and settling into Kindergarten. Thank you to all parents and carers that have helped to make their children so independent.

Rachel and Marjorie



Year 1

What a great start to the year for Year 1 students. Our Gymbaroo program is up and running and it is fantastic to see students arriving on time so that we are able to begin promptly. Home reading is well established for most students, just a few need to be reminded to return books daily to ensure maximum progress.

This Term as part of our History Unit we will be looking at life now and in the past. Be ready to talk about what school was like for parents and grandparents, as well as what sort of toys were played with, and what differences can be seen in present day household appliances.

Shiri Marx, Annette Harasymiv

3P update!

Hi everyone and welcome back to another school year. Time is flying and we are already into week 4! 3P have settled in well to their new class and learning has been the focus.

Literacy

This term in reading we have been focusing on the reading strategy of *inferring*. This has seen us reading the big book *Monster for Hire* and using the text and illustrations to make inferences. In writing we have begun learning about narratives and persuasive texts. We are working towards the students being able to create their own texts later in the term.

Numeracy

In beginning numeracy this year we have been working on building our number sense. This includes learning about place value, mental strategies for addition and number patterns as well as making connections to where numbers are in the world around us.

Inquiry units

This term, Year 3 have commenced the science unit ***Feathers, fur or leaves*** which explores the key terms of living and non-living. So far the students have enjoyed moving around our school and making entries into their explorer's journal on the observations they make of living and non-living things in the school. In history we have begun thinking about our key inquiry question ***Who lived here first and how do we know?***

Finally, it has been an encouraging start to the year for ***home reading*** with many students in our class well on their way to the 25 nights reading award. Keep up the great work everyone!

Looking forward to a great year of fun and learning!

Nathan Pepper

EALD

Hi! My name is Meg Rowe and I will be supporting teachers in the classroom by teaching EALD on Mondays and Tuesdays. This role involves working with students and teachers to design and implement programs to improve the educational outcomes for students who speak English as an Additional Language or Dialect. I will also be working closely with classroom teachers to provide additional support and extension for a range of students across the school.



CCS Sport update

Hi everyone and welcome to another exciting year of learning at CCS. I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you a little but more about the goings-on in 12 years and under sport at CCS.

This year for the first time a note has gone home informing families of details for all three carnivals. The swimming carnival is our first event of the year and will be attended by students from Year 1 up to students turning 12 on the senior campus (years 6-7). If you have a student in year 1 who is interested in competing in our under 8s races, please see me for a nomination form ASAP.

Our athletics carnival date has been confirmed as April 2nd (week 9) and will be held at Banks oval as previously. More information about the athletics carnival will go home following swimming.

Sports carnival notes for Kindergarten will go home following the Swimming carnival. Students from our Kindergarten classes are invited to participate in both our athletics days and our cross country days.

Qualifications for regional sports programs have also begun this week. Cricket, Softball, Touch football, AFL and Basketball are all beginning trials in the coming days/weeks. These events are open to students in years 5 and 6 and give them an opportunity to compete with students from other regions in Canberra and develop their skills with qualified coaches. If your student would like to enter they need to see me for a note once their sport trial is announced. Dates for these events can be found on the school sports website.

I look forward to another fantastic year of Sport!

Jacob Bindley



INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

The National Disability Insurance Agency will be holding information sessions for parents at:

- Wanniasa School on Wednesday 4th March @ 6.00pm
- Mt Stromlo High School on Tuesday 17th March @ 6.00pm.

These information sessions are particularly targeting high school and college families, and staff. Information sessions for parents of children in primary schools will be held at a later date, HOWEVER, if it is convenient to attend the high school session there will be an NDIA representative in attendance to talk about the primary school rollout.

These information sessions will cover the complete process of applying for an NDIS package and what it means, information packages will be available and NDIA representatives to talk to.