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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING

From Mrs. Jenkins' desk

CALENDAR UPDATES

NOVEMBER

Monday 12—Friday 16th

- Yrs 5 & 6 at camp

Wednesday 14th

- Stage 2 Incursion in hall

Friday 23rd

- White Ribbon Day Break-fast (see page 2)
- PSSA Finals Day

Wednesday 28th

- Year 6 Fun Day (at school)

DECEMBER

Wednesday 5th

- Yr 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 6th

- Combined Scripture Assembly

Tuesday 11th

- Presentation Assembly at Peakhurst HS (WHOLE SCHOOL) from midday-2.30pm

Thursday 13th

- Years 3-6 to Aquatic Centre

Monday 17th

- Yr 6 Farewell at Masonic Club

Wednesday 19th

- K-2 Excursion to movies (note home this week)
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JANUARY 2013

Wednesday 30th

- Students return to school

Dear Parents,

The first half of term 4 has been such a busy but exciting time with many school events taking place. Please keep a close eye on the school calendar for Term 4, as there are many events and excursions between now and the end of the year. The calendar can be found on the newsletter or in the noticeboard outside the office.

On the 24th October, our school hosted the District Public Speaking Finals, where students from schools in our region competed against each other in public speaking. Mrs O'Brien did a fantastic job of coordinating the event. Congratulations to Ella-Rose who was the Stage 3 District Finalist and went on to represent our school at the Regional Finals.

Our Intensive Swimming Scheme finished last week. Thank you to Mrs Duffy for accompanying the children to the pool for two weeks, regardless of the weather. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn some new swimming skills.

Our Kindy Orientation and Kindy Start programs are officially over. It was great to see so many eager pre-schoolers coming to 'big school' to meet each other and become familiar with the school. We look forward to seeing them next year! I would like to extend a special thank you to the year 5 buddies who helped with the activities each week. If you know anyone who is ready for Kindy next year, it is not too late to enrol.

On Friday, our school held a Remembrance Day assembly. Many students wore red poppies that they had made and listened so well to the beautiful singing of our Junior and Senior choirs. Thank you to Mr Entwistle for organising the assembly and to Mr Blanch for organising the choir performances. I would also like to thank Mrs Harcombe who regularly volunteers her time to play music for our choir performances.

This week we have a group of Stage 3 students travelling to Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp, which is near Lake Macquarie. Sport and Recreation camps are run by the Department of Education and provide wonderful opportunities for students to live in cabins with other students, develop social skills and independence, challenge themselves and enjoy a variety of activities. We are sure the children will have a very memorable experience and we hope that their parents will have a not-so-anxious 4 nights away from their children!

Mrs Jenkins will return from leave on 13th November. I would like to thank the staff, students and the school community for your support while I have been relieving principal. It has been a wonderful learning experience.

Tanya Sarafoski
Relieving Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to the following volunteers, we are always looking for more helpers. Please see the office if you can help out in 2013 so that we can keep the canteen open 4 days per week.

Thank you

TERM 4—NOVEMBER

Tuesday 13th: James McMaster

Wednesday 14th: Melissa Tucker & Bec Harrison

Friday 16th: Shayesteh Sadeghpour & Margaret Hooper

Monday 19th: Rhiannon Bull

Tuesday 20th: Jade Pemberton & Helen Christou

Wednesday 21st: Sandy Xu & Mary-Anne Streeter

Friday 23rd: Ziba Sabri-Matanagh & Fay Wilcox

Monday 26th: Tama Thompson & Mirvat Khedr



Are you receiving messages via you mobile phone??

The P & C have asked that we send as many messages as possible via the SMS system. Please make sure that we have your correct mobile number, if it has changed recently, as this is important not only if we need to contact you in an emergency but also so you don't miss any new information or reminders.

If you are going on holidays over the Christmas break and will not be back at school for the beginning of 2013 school year, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can keep your child enrolled.

WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST

The P & C is supporting a BBQ breakfast for the men in our school community on Friday November 23 at 7.30am. The invitation is for all dads, step-dads, grandads and any other men associated with the school community. Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley will also be in attendance. It will be an opportunity for the white ribbon day message to be promoted in a relaxed setting, through conversation over breakfast. Please note, this is an event only for adults.

Why is domestic violence a men's issue?

Violence against women is a deeply personal issue for women, but it is also very much a men's issue because it is their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and friends whose lives are being harmed by violence and abuse.

It is a men's issue because, as community leaders and decision-makers, men can play a key role in helping to stop violence against women.

It is a men's issue because men can speak out and step in when male friends and relatives insult or attack women.

And it is a men's issue because a minority of men treat women and girls with contempt and violence, and it is up to the majority of men to create a culture in which this is unacceptable.

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