ASSEMBLY AWARDS Term 4 Week 3

K-2 Class Award
Willum Gordon
Spelling tricky words.

3-6 Class Award
Emma Lee
Confident participation answering questions in class.

Principal’s Award
Fiona Self
Positive demonstration of school expectations.

Caught You Being Good
Ticket Winner

Congratulations
Emma Thompson who received the Caught You Being Good prize in Week Three of Term Four.
On Wednesday, our students were fortunate to have an environmental officer visit our school to provide them with information relating to worm farming and composting. Officer Angela Dodson was very knowledgeable about all issues relating to sustainability and our students learnt many facts about caring for our environment.

Our students now have a good understanding of the purpose and functioning of the school worm farm, composting and the reasons for recycling our school rubbish properly. It is really important that as a school our students and staff have a really good understanding of what we do and why, so that our daily activities are meaningful rather than just doing things without knowing why.

We appreciate Officer Dodson’s time and her knowledge that she generously shared and the recycling bins that were donated by the council. The students also received environmental show bags full of goodies to help support recycling messages.

This learning opportunity supports curriculum outcomes in Science for students across all stages. Thank you to Mrs Douglas for organising this great teaching and learning opportunity.
Keeping Healthy

There appears to be a few tummy bugs and assorted illness going around the community at the moment. Students are being encouraged to wash their hands after playing, going to the bathroom and before eating. They are also being reminded to wear their hat whilst in the sun and of the importance of drinking plenty of water.

Whopping Cough

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children. NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

I have included information in this newsletter to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, and to help reduce the spread of infection in the community. This information is also available on the NSW Health website:

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website


P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at the school on Monday 2nd November at 3.15pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
OCTOBER

5th October    Public Holiday
6th October    Students return to school
13th October   Rural Fire Brigade visit
15th October   Bob Faulkner visit—Aboriginal Elder
21st October   Rural Kids First Aid program visit to school
28th October   Environmental Education

NOVEMBER

2nd November   P&C meeting 3.15pm
11th November  Remembrance Day
12th November  THS CAPA Workshop Day 10.45-1.30pm
23rd November  Year 6 Farewell Dinner
30th November –11th December Intensive Swimming at Nundle Pool (2 weeks)

DECEMBER

3rd December   THS Orientation 9.30-2.00pm
3rd December   OHS Orientation 9.30-2.00pm
9th December   Presentation Night

Notes Sent Out          Date Due Back          Payment required
Intensive Swim Note      2/11/15 however asap is good! Yes– $30 can be paid by Instalments.