Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival was a great success with every student attending and participating. It was lovely to have the support of so many families and community members who were able to help out on the day and cheer on our students. Your support greatly contributed to the overall success of the day. Thank you to our time keepers Libby, Sharon, Terri and Natalie and recorder of scores, Janelle. We will have some beautiful memories thanks to our photographer on the day, Teera. Special thanks to Mrs Murray for coaching students in the pool and providing encouragement and support in the water.

Every student who went in the ‘big pool’ gave their very best and while it is good to have competitions, we should always remember that it is our own personal best we should be aiming to beat. It is this spirit that was evident on the day as our students cheered and encouraged each other on. K-2 appeared to be having lots of fun in the small pool with novelty events organised by Miss Pichler.

The commitment of students to entering in as many events as possible was inspiring. This resulted in Peel House earning 71 points and Chaffey House earning 86 points. Congratulations to both sporting houses!

Outstanding efforts on the day resulted in the following:

- **Minor Boy Champion**: Bladen Steel
- **Minor Girl Champion**: Marley Holden
- **Junior Boy Champion**: William Fisher
- **Junior Girl Champion**: Emily Milo
- **Senior Boy Champion**: Samuel Lee
- **Senior Girl Champion**: Miriam Csanki
**Cockburn Swimming Carnival**
The Cockburn Swimming Carnival will be held at Nundle Pool, Friday 13th February commencing at 8.30am (100m). Several students have been selected to compete at this carnival based on times achieved at our school swimming carnival. This is a 50 metre carnival and we will be represented in the 100m freestyle event, 50m boys and girl’s freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events. We will also be entering a mixed age relay team. We wish all students attending the carnival the best of luck. Transport will be by private vehicle and Mrs McMahon will be attending to support and supervise students. Any parents / families attending on the day who are able to volunteer for a role such as time keeping would be greatly appreciated. Please let Woolomin School know by Wednesday so that we can inform Nundle organisers.

**Open Communication**
Thank you to parents and school families who have been forth coming in talking to teachers about any issues that might be of concern. When communication between home and school is transparent and open, there is an opportunity to discuss and explain procedures and any situations that may occur. I am always available to talk through any concerns or questions you may have concerning your child/ children’s education and events that occur during their days at school.

**School Information Evening**
Attached to this newsletter is a RSVP for the sausage sizzle before the information evening next Tuesday, 17th February. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with a sausage sizzle dinner followed at 7pm with an information session in the library. This is a great opportunity to speak with staff about classroom routines and expectations. We look forward to meeting with you.

**Library bags and art shirts**
Thank you to the students and families who have sent in library bags and art shirts. Any old shirt will help protect your child’s school uniform.

**Monday Assembly**
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

**K-2 Class Award – Connor Jones**
*Perseverance in solving maths problems*

**3-6 Class Award – Emily Milo**
*For on task behaviour and focus towards learning*

**Principal’s Award – Cody Friend**
*Showing enthusiasm for and knowledge of school rules.*

Congratulations to Willum Gordon, Megan Ballock-Jolliffe, Emma Lee, Emily Milo, Branden Self, Miriam Csanki and Fiona Self who achieved Merit Awards this week. They are well on their way to achieving their Bronze Awards.
Happy Birthday to Ravyn Steel. Ravyn celebrated his special day on the weekend. The whole school sang Happy Birthday to Ravyn, who turned double digits this birthday!

Skill for the Week
At the Monday assembly students are introduced to the Skill for the Week. This term the skills taught will focus on explicitly teaching procedures that ensure all students know the expected behaviours at school. Last week the skill was how to line up at assembly correctly. This week the skill is how to enter a room. This skill involves the following steps:

1. Knock on the door
2. Enter the room
3. Stand quietly near the door
4. Wait until an adult acknowledges you
5. Say ‘excuse me’ if adults are busy or don’t see you

By learning this skill you will know how to enter a classroom or office and get attention appropriately.

Homework
Homework commenced this week for all students in both the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms. If you would prefer that homework is not set for your child/ren please contact their teacher to discuss the matter. Homework procedures will be discussed on Tuesday evening at the information evening.

Permission Notes
Several permission notes were sent home regarding different aspects of school life. Thank you to the families that have returned signed notes. Please ensure all notes are returned as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 16th February 2015, commencing 3:10pm at the school. Your support in attending this meeting would be greatly appreciated. This is a very significant meeting as executive positions for 2015 will be elected. P & C meetings provide a forum for parents and community members to learn about the activities at the school, raise concerns and have input into the decisions affecting their children. All families and community members are welcome to attend.

Ice Cream Orders
The children can order an ice-cream on Wednesdays only. These vary in price from $1 - $3 ea.

Kindergarten and Year 6 Leader Photos
The Northern Daily Leader visited our school today and took some great photos of our very smart looking Kindergarten students and Year 6 Leaders. It was a very memorable moment as the photos of students beginning their first school year and those completing their last primary school year were taken. These photos will be published in the Northern Daily Leader on the 10th March 2015 for School Leaders and the 12th March 2015 for Kindergarten.
SRC Meeting and Disco
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Miriam Csanki’s Australia Day Ceremony Speech

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. My name is Miriam Csanki and I will be representing Woolomin Public School.

Australia is a country with people from many different countries. I moved here from Newcastle last year. In Newcastle I saw a lot of different people and heard many different languages.

Four of my friends from school were Muslims from Saud Arabia. They were really nice people and wanted to stay in Australia as long as they could.

Today I want to tell you about a very special Australian man, my grandfather Imre Csanki. He wasn’t born here, but he decided to become an Australian citizen because this is such a wonderful country. He loved living here.

Imre Csanki was born in Hungary in 1923. He came here as a refugee after World War 2. His country had been taken over by the Russians and he wanted to be safe and free. People were very poor and unhappy and his parents wanted him to live in a better country. He asked to go to either America or Australia. He was very happy to come to Australia because he knew he would be safe.

He lived in a migrant hostel in Mayfield in Newcastle. He could not speak English but he wanted to learn. He looked different because he was dark and he had an accent. Do you think he cared about being different? No because he was so grateful to be here and he wanted to make sure he was part of the community. He wanted to be a really good Australian.

The local community really supported the migrant hostel and were very friendly. One of the things the local church did was to invite them to the monthly dance. That is where my Hungarian grandfather met my Australian grandmother.

He didn’t like the English language. He said it was like the dregs of the soup that you tossed out! He got confused by the word “chop” He asked.

> “Why would you chop a tree down and then chop the tree up?

He loved Australia, I am glad that people here are friendly and helpful.

Imre only had a few Hungarian friends, most were Australian.

He really wanted to become an Aussie and he did that after he got married

I love living in Australia. It’s safe, it’s big and we are really happy.

Today my family is going for a picnic with a BBQ chook because that’s what Aussies do!
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**Disco**
SRC will be hosting a disco on Thursday 19th March. The theme is FLUORO! Students from K-6 are invited to come dressed in their brightest disco clothes for some grooving and games.
The fun commences at 6.30pm -8pm. Entry is by gold coin and there will be a small canteen available.

**The Menu**
- Sausage Sizzle  $2
- Small chips  50c
- Bottle water  $1
- Popp tops  $1
- Glo Sticks  50c
February
4th Swimming Carnival Tamworth Town Pool $2.70ea.
6th Scripture commences
9th Homework commences
16th P&C AGM School 3:10pm
17th School Information Evening
13th Cockburn Swimming Carnival Nundle
20th Zone Swimming Carnival
27th School Assembly Primary Classroom

March
19th SRC Fluoro Theme Disco 6.30-8pm

School Information Night RSVP

Please find attached below and RSVP for the school Information Night. Please return this to the school by Friday the 13th February 2015

________________________________
Family Name: ____________________________
Number Attending: _______________________

☐ Yes I am able to attend    ☐ Sorry I am unable to attend

Number of sausage slings. ☐

We look forward to seeing you there.