From the Principal’s Desk

Animal Nursery

Congratulations to the wonderful students, school families, community members and local businesses for the outstanding success of the 2015 Tamworth Show Animal Nursery. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the quality of the display and the effort that was put into making the event a very rewarding and profitable venture. The P&C are still finalising donations however some estimates were very encouraging. We look forward to the announcement of the final total.

Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and commitment, especially our students who attended the nursery and helped with the care of the animals. I was very privileged to observe students involved in the clean up on Sunday and it was heartening to see their work ethic and willingness to do even the messiest of tasks (despite probably doing these for the past 3 days). Special thanks to our community members Mrs Karen Upward and Natalie and Graham Austin who worked very hard on the roster and in transporting equipment and animals. Your support was very much appreciated. Thank you to Ross and Dianne Greenwood for their continued support of the nursery and our students. Ross and Dianne have been supporting the nursery since 2002 and having been bringing our prize exhibit ‘Henrietta’ in since the very first nursery (13 years ago). A big thank you must also go to Valley Produce who provided sponsorship through the various types of Animal feed required to keep our nursery guests happy. The countdown has begun……. One animal nursery down…….. Go for Gold Festival Animal Nursery to go! (3 weeks to go).

Term 2-Winter Uniform

Cooler mornings are a reminder that students will return to school in Term 2 in winter uniform. Please contact the school if you need any winter items. We have some stock available or the uniform can be purchased from Lowes.

Best Start Kindy Assessments

Best Start is a departmental screening tool that is used in Public Schools across the state. This week feedback has been sent to all parents of Kindergarten students regarding this assessment. Should parents have any questions at all relating to the feedback provided, please contact the school to make an appointment with Miss Burford and Miss Pichler.

Science Day at Bendemeer-Return of Permission Notes

Permission notes for the Paper Plane Challenge at Bendemeer School need to be returned to school ASAP to enable staff to confirm arrangements. This is an excursion for students in Years 3-6 on the 24th March (next Tuesday)

A canteen will be operating on the day. Students can purchase a sausage sandwich and can of drink for $4 or a sausage sizzle and pop top juice for $3. The cost for transport and the workshops on the day will be $5 per student.

Pavilion Entries at the Tamworth Show

Congratulations to Emily Milo on receiving a P&A Special Award at the Tamworth Show for her Australian landscape sketch based on our study of Dorothea Mackellar’s poem ‘My Country’. Ravyn Steel also received an award for his Gallipoli artwork based on David Hill’s ‘The Red Poppy’. Well done!

Special Assembly Costumes

A reminder for families to send in costumes for our special assembly next Friday (27th). Any ‘Aussie’ themed clothing will be suitable. Please send clothing in a labelled plastic bag.
**Head Lice**

Families are advised that we suspect that nits/head lice are present in the hair of some students at school. Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx) a copy of which is attached.

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php.

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

**Tips for tackling kids head lice**

Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.

Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.

Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.

The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

For more information go to the "Nitbusters" website www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

**P&C News**

**Animal Nursery Meeting**

The Animal Nursery sub-committee of the Woolomin P&C will meet on Monday afternoon (23/3) to discuss any matters concerning the Tamworth Show Animal Nursery and coordinate plans for the nursery at the Go for Gold Festival in Nundle on the 4th and 5th of April. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

**SRC News**

**Easter Raffle**

The SRC has organised an Easter Raffle to raise funds for the many gardening plans that are under way. Tickets are available from the office for $1. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term one.

**Disco**

The much anticipated disco will be held this Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm. The theme is FLUORO! Students from K-6 are invited to come dressed in their brightest disco clothes for some grooving and games. 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
St Patrick’s Day

Students enjoyed special green jelly cups and cupcake treats as part of St Patrick’s Day on Tuesday 17th March. Primary extended their knowledge of this day through shared research and information report writing in English. Thank you to Jorja for cooking the cupcakes. They were delicious! SRC raised $23.50 from this initiative.

A call for help!

In our strive for academic excellence we are asking for the help of our school families and community to assist with the production of a quality newsletter. We are asking for people to read the newsletter very carefully and let the office know if there are any spelling or grammatical errors. The first response will be rewarded with a block of chocolate. One per week, any week that errors are spotted. This is not a ploy to read the newsletter, nor will errors be deliberately slipped in. It is a collaborative effort to present a professional and well written document from a school striving for all round excellence.

Skill for the week

The skill for this week was introduced to all students at the Monday Assembly by our Year 6 students. Our Year 6 Leadership team will be responsible for discussing or role playing the skill each week. The following strategies were written by our SRC. Congratulations to all students for their leadership in setting appropriate behaviour expectations.

**Behavioural Goals**

**Expectations for Playing on the Fixed Equipment**

1. Play safe
2. Keep your head above your feet
3. Shoes on
4. No food or Drink
5. Walk
6. Sand stays on the ground
7. Play safe
8. When a teacher is not in sight, play on sand only
9. Out of bounds after school

**I will learn how to have fun safely on the fixed equipment and be respectful and considerate to others.**
MONDAY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

K-2 Class Award: Jack Joliffe
Outstanding effort in all learning areas

3-6 Class Award: Emma Thompson
Commitment to reading

Principals Award: William Fisher
Citizenship and commitment to Animal Nursery 2015

Merit Cards

Emma Lee, Emma Thompson, Emily Milo, Tobias Douglas, Bladen Steel.
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