2016 Kindergarten Students

Scarlett Walsh
Mayci Oliver
Jacob Le Man
Bryce Thompson
Holly Meredith
Tyler Woodard
Glen Meredith
Jack Meredith

2016 New Students

Allee Thompson
Joel Le Man
Charlie Meredith
**Swimming Carnival**

Tomorrow the swimming carnival will be held at Nundle pool. If you have not returned your note and money please bring it with you in the morning. The $3.00 cost is the pool entry fee and will be paid on the day.

**Australia Day Celebrations**

I would like to congratulate Emily Milo and Riley Leys on their outstanding representation of themselves and our school at the recent Australia Day celebrations in Nundle.

Both girls gave speeches on the topic of what it means to be Australian. The girls prepared their own speeches and spoke about their appreciation of all the wonderful resources, experiences and opportunities of living in Australia. They both spoke with obvious love for their country and appreciation for being Australian. I was very impressed with the confidence and calm manner in which they presented especially Emily who was announced as the first speaker!

Thankyou Emily and Riley, we are extremely proud of you both and look forward to hearing more about your public speaking and debating experiences throughout the year.

**Best Start**

Attached to this newsletter (for Kindergarten ONLY) is information regarding the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. If you have any question please contact Miss Burford at school.

Miss Burford will be contacting parents of Kindergarten students over the next week to make appointments for Best Start interviews.

**School Improvements**

The school year is well under way with teachers busy planning exciting units of work and organising classrooms into engaging student learning spaces. Miss Miles and Mrs Povea-Roworth have made a very cosy senior study in the library and Mr Bellis has organised our laptops into a very professional setup enabling our students to use Wi-Fi technology. Miss Burford has been busy customising the K/1/2 room with personalised tubs for each student.

The library building has a new railing across the front of the building to ensure students can't run into the poles. Thankyou to one of our new Kindergarten fathers, Mr Woodard and Mr McMahon for doing this top job!

Mr Woodard also installed huge pin boards in the 3/4 room so that students work can be displayed. We gratefully appreciate the time he has given on weekends to complete these projects.
Young Citizen Award
Special congratulations to Riley Leys who received the Nundle Australia Day Young Citizen award. Riley received this award for outstanding academic achievement and sporting success. Riley’s award was presented to her by Katrina Rowntree at the Australia Day ceremony.

Animal Nursery Meeting
Next Monday at 3pm the P&C are holding a sub-committee to commence organisation for the fast approaching Tamworth Show. This year the show is on the 4th-5th March (Friday and Saturday). For our new families, Woolomin School hosts the animal nursery exhibit and has done for the past 15 years. We have a solid reputation around the region for providing a quality nursery that boasts a wide range of animals and for being both colourful and educational. Funds raised at the nursery make up a considerable amount of P&C fundraising income for the year which in turn is used by P&C to provide all students with the additional resources and experiences that make our school such a great place to learn.

Please come to this meeting and see how you can support this initiative. There are a variety of different jobs and ways you can help. Many hands make light work!

Vegetable Patch
Thank you to Mr and Mrs Jones, Mrs Austin and Mrs Fisher for keeping an eye on the Platypus Garden over the school holidays. Our wonderful helpers kept the garden watered and picked the delicious produce which they then sold on to holiday campers and at the Woolomin Store. A considerable amount of money was raised. These funds have been banked into student council funds and will be used to support initiatives as decided by the students.

Produce from the garden was also picked by students on Monday morning to be used in the mini canteen salad bar. It smelt delicious and was super fresh!

Home School Liaison Officer visit
Megan Rowlings, the regional Home School Liaison Officer attended the P&C meeting on Monday to provide information about school attendance and to answer any questions we might have. Her visit was very informative and Megan was able to answer several questions that parents had about attendance. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the handout Megan gave on the day. I encourage everyone to have a read as it contains some very important information. If you have any questions that arise from this information or you wish to know something in particular, please contact the school or go to the following website:

Items needed

Mrs Povea-Roworth is asking for donations to the school of bottle caps. She is going to be making lagerphones with the students. We will need quite a few so please start saving them.

Mrs McMahon is also looking for donations of clean, empty containers with lids, for maths. They are needed for measuring liquids in maths.

Dates for Your Diary

**Week 2**

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**Week 3**

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<td>Monday 8th February</td>
<td>P &amp; C animal nursery meeting – 3pm.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10th February</td>
<td>Alternate date for swimming carnival.</td>
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<td>Thursday 11th February</td>
<td>Parent information evening – 6:30pm.</td>
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<td>Friday 12th February</td>
<td>Peel Valley swimming carnival at Nundle pool. 50 metre events only.</td>
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<td>Healthy Harold visit to Woolomin School. Cost $7.00 per student.</td>
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<td>Special assembly for parents to attend at 2:30pm.</td>
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