Principal’s Message

The weathershed is finished and we have moved in! Because we had the old storerooms demolished we have even more room.

Principal Visitors

This Friday our school will host the Primary Principal’s Association meeting in our library. This is a fabulous opportunity for our school to showcase our students and their abilities. 3/4H will perform their space rap for the Principals and School Directors and the canteen will be serving 26 meals for our visitors.

Harmony Day

We held our annual Harmony Day on Friday of last week. Many students were dressed in many shades of orange. Mrs Donnelly began the day with a brief explanation of harmony. She drew students’ attention to how important it is that musicians work together to ensure that the music they play is harmonised. This is a great example as each of the different instruments need to play their part even though they may be the same or different. Our students need to work in harmony with their class and within the playground to ensure we hear the sweet sounds of students learning and getting along together. Each class had a “harmony focus” in their lessons on Friday.

NAPLAN

Alongside this newsletter I have sent a letter home to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students regarding the NAPLAN assessments that occur during week 3 next term. If your child is in year 3 or 5 and did not receive this additional note please let the office know.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their $44 voluntary contribution. We would appreciate it if you haven’t already paid, to do so before the end of term.

Enrolment Information

A couple of weeks ago, a letter was sent home to some parents requesting details that may have been missed on original enrolment forms. If you have received one of these letters, could you please return the forms as soon as possible. This information needs to be updated on our school system as it is one of the mechanisms that determines our funding for next year.

Debbie Bradshaw
Principal

What’s Happening

Week 9
28th March - Assembly

Week 10

Week 11
8th April – FAIR Day
8th April – Chess at East Kempsey Public School
11th April – Assembly & Easter Hat Parade

SRC News - Be part of a Guinness World Record Attempt!

The SRC are currently assisting with a Guinness World Record attempt and are simultaneously raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The aim is to help Book Expo Australia to achieve a Guinness Book Record for the Longest Chain of Paper Dolls. To break the existing record 60,000 dolls are needed, and these will stretch for 6km.

This expo is aimed at engaging a love of books and reading with non-readers, especially the younger generations, and enhancing the existing love of books for readers of all genres and ages. We want to spotlight Australian authors and illustrators.

We need your help to bring the focus on books and characters back to life!

To participate students can purchase doll templates for $1. The doll templates can then be decorated as a character from a book and sent back to the SRC who will forward them on for the world record attempt which will take place at Homebush Showground Hall 5 on the 30th/31st August 2014.

Please assist us to help readers and non-readers find the magic in reading, and at the same time raise funds to help to provide books to less accessible communities.

ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2014
9.30am START.
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG
Parking may be a problem – make sure you arrive early.
Kindergarten Information
Thank you to all parents who ensure their children read every night and bring their pouches every day. Remember that Thursday is our library and sport day. All the children in kindergarten have made counting goals. If you can help them by counting whilst travelling in the car or at any time then that will help them to achieve their personal learning goal. Well done to those families who make sure their children fit in homework each week. And finally- we welcome Harrison to our class. Have a great week - from Mrs D.

1O News
This week at Friday’s assembly we will be doing our performance item, we hope to see you there! Well done to all those students who each week bring in home readers and their homework, keep it up!

News from A and R Class
Welcome to Ellie and Grace Fazlldad. They have fitted in extremely well and have reunited with family members and friends.

Please remember the fruit stall tomorrow and we are asking all Stage 3 pupils to bring a piece of fruit, they can contribute to our fruit cups. A reminder note was sent home today.

ALL students need to be preparing for the Easter Hat Parade, which will be held on the last Friday in Week 11. It is advisable they begin to think, plan and create their hat/bonnet/outfit for the parade. More information in next week's news. We do not make these in class in Stage 3.

ONLY ONE WEEK UNTIL the JAPAN SPEECH task is due. Speeches are due next Monday 31st March. All pupils must be prepared and ready to present.

It is suggested that running shoes are worn or brought to school each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Cross Country running training. Class P.E is Thursday and Sport is Friday.

The weekly homework return is improving and we encourage all students to continue this great effort and not to become complacent towards the end of the term.

LIBRARY DAY IS THURSDAY MORNING, but books can be returned earlier.

P & C

Easter Raffle
Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets and those who have donated Easter Eggs. Please return your sold tickets by Friday 11th April. I still need more eggs to make this a great raffle.

Easter Eggs can be left at the office.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April 2014. The tickets cost $1 each.

Bike Helmets
It was great to see a couple of our students wearing their helmets as they were riding their bikes after school. Sadly I also saw some students without their helmets. Already this year we have had a visit from Headway, a group of people who visited our school to speak about the importance of wearing protective gear and making wise choices in order to avoid a brain injury. I always say “If you need a head, You need a helmet!” If your child refuses to wear their helmet, perhaps they are not responsible enough to be able to ride their bike!

Literacy Café News
Entries for the Writing competition close on the 30th March, but we will continue on work on narratives and poetry until the end of term. Congratulations to the students who have been attending the Literacy Café at lunch times and who are demonstrating enthusiasm and dedication towards writing.

Dance
Dance notes will be going home this week for the Junior and Senior dance groups. This year the dance festival will be held at Camden Haven and we will require parental commitment to transport students home after the evening performance. Due to length of the performance day, and the distance required to travel, positions in the Junior Dance group have only been offered to students in Years 2, 3, and 4. Kinder and Year 1 students will have the opportunity to join in an Infants dance group at lunch time in terms 3 and 4.

Homework Club
Just a reminder the library is open on Thursday and Friday mornings for quiet reading and homework, Mrs Evans and Ms Ransom are available in these mornings to assist with homework, research or anything related that students may need assistance with.

DANCE FESTIVAL
The Camden Haven Dance Festival is on 18th and 19th June in term 2 (Week 8). Many of our Year 5 and 6 students will be involved. If your child is involved please keep the date: Wednesday 18th June and Thursday 19th June free. It has not been confirmed which date we will perform, but generally we are chosen to perform on the Thursday (19th June). When more details are available we will send home a permission note, request for a deposit and costuming details. If anyone has soldier outfits, any colour and size could we please borrow.

TOMORROW TUESDAY 25th March
A FRUIT STALL
Bring along some money and purchase a delicious fruit cup for 50cents. We will have a range of fruit for sale. Come and try our fresh fruit. There will be fruit available for 20c to 70c. Help support the Senior Canberra Excursion.

FREDO KIDS CLUB
There will be NO Fredo Kids Club next week 26th March, but will be on the following week 2nd April as normal.
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**Fredo Soccer Club**
Welcome to all our new players. There are a few spaces left for the U 12’s so get in quick. If you are looking at playing soccer and joining a great club then give Fiona a call on 65668767.

**Frederickton Sports Club**
Frederickton Sports Club Inc. AGM will be held Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 5:30pm at the Club House. All welcome.

Frederickton Netball is still looking for some Nettas and Senior players. Experience not necessary, come and join the fun. Get in early to get the $20 early bird discount.

Contact Sandy 65668307 or Belinda 65668876.

**Kempsey Junior Rugby Union**
registration afternoon will be held at 4.00pm, Tuesday 25th March, behind Kempsey Toyota, next to the cricket nets. The fees will be $35 which covers insurance & zone affiliation. You can place an order for playing shorts, socks and a t-shirt (extra $35)

Kempsey Juniors U8 to U14 will play in the Port Macquarie Friday night competition, with several home games at Crescent Head on Sunday morning. For more information, please call James after hours 0428 778879.

**Canteen News**
**LOLLIES OR CUP NOODLES ARE NO LONGER SOLD AT THE CANTEEN**
Freshly homemade Muffins - 75c
Pumpkin/Feta, Tandoori Chicken, Chicken/Mushroom, Bacon/Pineapple pizza’s - $4.00
Beef, Vegie & Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Tomato & Basil Quiche - $1.50 each
Tomato & Basil Quiche with salad - $5.00
Quiches - $1.20
Custard and Fruit - $1.00
Elderflower Cordial - $1.00
Small Salad - $3.00
Baked Potato – Corn & Ham - $2.50
Baked Potato – Bolognese Sauce - $2.50
Fried Rice pack - $3.50
Hokkein Noodles Pack - $3.50

If you have grown extra produce that you would like to donate to the canteen, we would love to have it and make it into something yummy. Also if you have extra eggs or fruit that has over ripened there would also be appreciated.

If you are available to help in the canteen please contact the office and put your name down on a vacant date.

Also each week Tracey will have a Weekly Special Dish, this week it is: Quiche Week – Tomato & Basil, Chicken and Asparagus and Spinach and Fetta.

**BUY A 50c TICKET and GUESS THE CORRECT OR CLOSEST NUMBER OF EASTER EGGS IN THE CONTAINER.TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PLAYGROUND, 50c a guess.**

The correct guess wins the container of Easter eggs.

Top: Tomato & Basil, Left: Spinach & Fetta, Right: Chicken & Asparagus.
1 Quiche only $1.50, 1 Quiche with salad $4.50 and 2 Quiche with salad $5.50.

“Canteen Rock Star Award” Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner: Emma Kerr

Emma please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: .......................................................... Class: ..................

Date of Absence: ______________________________

Reason For Absence: ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ............................................................................................

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