NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6

Monday, 29 February 2016

*Books, dogs, photos, play, learning, how much fun can we possibly fit in our days??* The last fortnight has really seen some wonderful lessons and learning.

Today and tomorrow may seem a little different around the school as Mrs Barnes, Mr Squires and Angela are away with their own learning, visiting other Visible Learning schools in Sydney. Meanwhile we are lucky to have Holly, Josh and Monique to join us in the classrooms.

Our Year 6 students have begun their journey of High School transition with a visit today from Byron High advisers and students. We will be holding a special Year 6 **Student Leader Induction Assembly** next Thursday at 2pm to celebrate this milestone. Moving into Year 7 enrolment forms will come home today also.

Our **Clean Up Day** is at Federal Park this Thursday, 3 March. We will meet at the Park at 9am – students can either get off the bus there or travel with parent drivers from school. It is important for students to wear school uniform and closed in shoes for this activity. Children should also bring gloves if they have them available. Parents and siblings most welcome to join us too. We will be returning to school at 11am.

Our **Year 5-6** students will be travelling to the combined Small Schools **Spaghetti Circus** excursion this Friday. Please make sure permission notes and payment are back.

Friday, 4 March is **National Story Dogs Day**! Kinders to Year 4 students may wear orange or dog theme (still in sunsmart suitable clothing for school) for a gold coin donation.

The extraordinary P&C Catering team have swung into action again catering for the **Federal Film Night** on Saturday 12 March. If you have not put your hand up to help out it’s not too late!

**Important Dates**

- **Thur 3 Mar** Clean Up Day – Federal Park 9am
- **Fri 4 Mar** Y5-6 Spaghetti Circus Mullum
- **Thur 10 Mar** Student Leader Induction Assembly 2-3pm Year 6 Student Leaders
  - Byron Bay High Info Night 5.30pm
- **Fri 11 Mar** Y3-4 Spaghetti Circus Mullum
- **Sat 12 Mar** P&C Federal Film Night Catering
- **Mon 14 Mar** Y6 Young Leaders Day Brisbane
- **Fri 18 Mar** Funky Hair Day – fundraiser
  - District Winter Trials
- **Fri 1 Apr** K-2 Spaghetti Circus Mullum
- **25-28 Mar** Easter Long Weekend
- **Thur 31 Mar** Small Schools Cross Country
- **Thur 7 Apr** District Cross Country for qualifiers
- **Fri 8 Apr** End of Term 1
K-2 Corner

We have had a busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter.

Last Monday we were very lucky to have a local author come to read his book to us. Pat Davern is a musician turned children’s author, who wrote ‘Alexander the Elephant in Zanzibar’. It was a great opportunity for children to ask a real life author about the process of writing a book.

We also had an introduction to Story Dogs with Maya Barnes, Mrs Barnes and Leena the Regional Coordinator. This is a great program to help children with reading.

Kindergarten are progressing well and are starting to form small words and use them in small sentences.

Year 1 are focusing on story formatting and using more developed language through their writing.

The Year 2 students are also achieving great things in the Primary Room during their literacy sessions.

Have a good week!

Mr Hutchinson
Happy Birthday

4th March Marcella

From the Office

We have now rolled out a news school software system, Sentral which encompasses student details, welfare, reporting, assessment and attendance.

So it is a timely reminder that all student absences require an explanation to be recorded. If your child is absent from school please send a note or email. Unexplained absences are identified in our annual roll audit with the Department’s Home School Liaison Officer.

Arriving at school on time is also important for morning roll marking, as all late arrivals are recorded as a partial absence. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time talk to us and we can look at strategies together.

QUICK CHECK:

☐ Year 7 EOI forms by 18 March
☐ Spaghetti Circus note (green/blue)
☐ Year 6 Young Leaders (purple)
☐ General Permission 2016 (yellow)
☐ Student Emergency Contact (pink)
☐ Authority to Publish (white)
☐ Contacts/Email newsletter (lilac)
☐ Story Dogs Consent (orange)
☐ 2016 Book Pack $50 per student due Term 1
☐ Y4-6 Guitar Hire Fee $20

"IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT’S DONE."
—NELSON MANDELA

P&C News

Next meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22 March 2016.

Thank you to those who attended our meeting last Tuesday, minutes are attached for your information.

Did You Know?

In NSW, most children (90%) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

Some ideas to try:

An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don’t like something or are avoiding eating some-thing, and may often imitate your eating habits!

Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it’s best to start out by thinking positively! Children’s food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies.

Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don’t overcook them so they’re soggy. Over-cooking can make vegies’ taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness.

Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.
Community News

STORY DOGS DAY
Let's have fun! Celebrate reading.
Gold Coin Donation
Help keep the Story Dogs in your school.
Thank our Story Dogs team.

Around Australia, schools are celebrating National Story Dogs Day

Friday 4 March
Gold Coin Donation

www.storydogs.org.au

Federal Kids Film Club
presents

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN

PAPER PLANES
Rated G

Sat 12 March 4.00pm
at Federal Hall.
Bring a cushion.
Dinner served after the film.

federalfilmsociety.com

Clean Up Australia Day

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