Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reforms to P&C Federation

You may have heard about changes in the P and C state organisation on the news recently. The following is the latest: information from the DEC.

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Attendance

While the weather is unseasonably warm at the moment, we are entering the season of colds and flu. At this time of the year we ask parents to assist us with teaching children how to prevent the spreading of disease by covering their mouth with a tissue or their elbow to sneeze or cough so that the germs are not spread around classrooms. However, if your child is unwell we appreciate you keeping your child at home so that they recover and other children are not infected. As attending school is a legal obligation for all children, an explanation of your child’s absence must be provided. This explanation is a legal requirement. Currently teachers are reminding some parents that they need to provide an explanation about the recorded absences of their child from school. Please assist staff to comply with legislation to ensure that all absences are explained.

Parent and Principal Afternoon Tea

In last week’s newsletter I invited you to join me for an open chat and afternoon tea on an afternoon in June. Unfortunately due to other demands I must move this planned activity to the following day, that is the 12th June at 2.30 pm. I am very sorry to change this date but hope that those of you who have already replied will be able to attend on the 12th June. If you have already sent in an RSVP, I look forward to meeting with you, if you haven’t replied as yet; please check your diary and RSVP to join us on the 12th June.

Sharing the learning journey with you,

Suzanne Crouch
Principal.
Canteen Roster for Term 2 – WK 5, 2014

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th May, 2014

4th Wednesday: Kim Pes, Vivien Jones, Deuryn Williams
5th Thursday: Tracey Meredith, Katrina Zafosnik
5th Friday: Rochelle Jones, Janelle Kelly, Marie Lamont

NB. If you are unable to do your duty day you need to find your own replacement. Phone Sian as a last resort. Phone numbers cannot be put in the newsletter, a copy of all numbers are available in the Canteen

Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23rd May 2014

The annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23rd May 2014. The aim is for primary school children to be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. A fabulous interactive App has been developed. It can map children’s walks to and from school. Participants can challenge themselves, their classmates, other classes and even other schools and they can win great prizes.
Take the challenge and download it at walk.com.au

School Banking

Welcome back to Term 2. Commonwealth Bank has a great competition on offer for all regular savers. By simply making three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday.

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.

- 130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

There will be a separate draw giving one school in each state/territory of Australia the chance to win $1,000 cash to spend as they wish.

All students should have received an envelope at the beginning of Term 1 which has a reward sheet inside showing which rewards are available each time. Once you have 10 tokens, you must return the silver tokens and your reward token to claim your chosen reward. There are two new rewards this term, the Whale Shark Pencil Case and key rings (penguin or shark). Smelly pencils and handballs are also still available. Rewards take about 2 weeks to arrive back to the school.

Thank You - Jodie Stucki, School Banking Coordinator

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Buzy Bee Kindy will be holding the Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday 27th, May at 10.30am.
Please feel welcome to come and join us and raise a cuppa in support of the Cancer Council.
We are also holding a raffle, tickets are available from Buzy Bee Kindy with many prizes available.
So come join us, bring a friend and have some fun. RSVP please
Cathy
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