PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2!

I would like to start by welcoming some new staff to our school. We welcome Mr James Kristof as the permanent class teacher on Abela class. We also welcome Mrs Kyla Whybrow who has commenced duties as an additional School Learning Support Officer working with students in our classrooms.

We also welcome back Mrs Felicity Nelson from maternity leave and she will be the class teacher of Carroll class. We also welcome back from leave, Mrs Gail Harrison who will be working two days a week as a relief from face to face teacher until she commences leave in Week 4 for the remainder of the term.

Mrs Jenny Rist is on full time leave this term and Mrs May Ptolemy is on leave until May 21. We are very happy to have Mrs Castle working with Paterson class during this time. Mrs Jacqui Thompson will be relieving as Assistant Principal with responsibility for Stage 3 during this time.

Our school hosted a very interesting and informative ANZAC Day ceremony last Wednesday. We were very thankful to have Corporal Cauzzo from the Holsworthy Army Base join us and talk to our students. Thankyou to Mrs Patrick for her organisation of this event.

Dance2bFit has commenced on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is a tremendous program that all children enjoy and learn so much from. It is also an important part of our key learning area for children. I ask that if you have not finalised this payment as yet that you do so asap.

We have recently had a number of students arrive at school on crutches. If a doctor recommends that a student comes to school on crutches it is essential that the doctor supplies a medical certificate the accommodations or adjustments that need to be put in place for the safety and welfare of your child. The school needs to put in place a risk management plan following this. This can not be completed before school on the day the child is ready to resume school. Thanks for your help on this matter.

Cold weather is upon us and I have noticed a number of non uniform tops appearing. Please ensure your child attends school in full school uniform every day. A reminder that bicycle shorts and a t-shirt or tights under a dress are not school uniform. Please help us to continue to have our students looking smart and proud of their school. Thanks!

Please note that the first of our Rugby league clinics will be this Wednesday May 7 and students in Year 3-6 will need to have their note returned in order to participate.
Friday May 9 is the Penrith District Cross Country. May I take this opportunity to congratulate and wish well our students who qualified following last week’s rescheduled event. I believe it was an excellent afternoon and thank Mrs Castle and Mr Nicholls for their organisation as well as our whole school community for their support.

A reminder to all parents of students in Year 3 and 5 that next week is NAPLAN testing. Please ensure that your kids are well rested and arrive at school before the school to ensure they can perform at their best for these assessments. Test will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing our student results and looking to further improvements in our school’s attainment.

A reminder also to our year 4 parents who are seeking Opportunity class placement in 2015 in year 5 that applications need to be submitted by Friday May 16. For further information please see Mr Tucker.

It has been an excellent start to Term 2! Have a great two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal

Cross Country Carnival
We were finally greeted by a sunny afternoon for the annual Cross Country Carnival last Thursday. It was a great afternoon with impressive efforts and excellent behaviour from our students. The organisers would like to thank all of the staff, parents and students that helped to pack up so efficiently at the conclusion of the carnival.

Race winners were:
8/9 Boys Mitchell Shanahan
8/9 Girls Tia Ellick
10 Boys Tyrone Johnson
10 Girls Rylee Schofield
11 Boys Tyler Ellick
11 Girls Danielle Latter
12 Boys Alec Bailey
12 Girls Carley Bingham

Best wishes to the first 6 from each race as they have been selected to compete at the Penrith District PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Jamison Park this coming Friday.

Gardening Club News
Now that the mornings are getting colder, gardening activities will move to Tuesday at recess. Children should meet outside Carle classroom after eating time.

Julie Cheetham

Kindergarten 2015
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Students enrolling in Kindergarten 2015 MUST turn 5 before 31 July, 2015. Please visit the office to obtain enrolment forms. The forms should be returned as soon as possible so that we can notify prospective parents of information and orientation sessions to take place in term 4. Please inform neighbours if they have children due to start school next year.

Attendance Reminder
Please be reminded that if your child is absent from school, you will need to provide a note, stating the reason for the absence, to the school promptly. Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. If you have concerns in this area, please see or contact Mr Tucker on 47301201.

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Absence note
Name ________________________________

Class ________________________________

My Child was away from ___________ to ___________.

Reason for this absence was: ________________________________

Signed ________________________________
Parent/Guardian _______/____/____

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Direct Deposits to school account
When making direct deposits to the school account for excursion and activities please ensure that you include your child’s name and a description of excursion. E.g. J. Smith Carnival, Westpac – BSB 032001 Account No. 163318 All canteen and P&C activities need to be paid in cash. No direct deposits to the school account should be made.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding payments please contact the office.

P & C News
Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th May at 2pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

School Banking
School Banking is this Friday 9th May. Please make sure you complete the deposit slip and secure your money in your banking wallet. All bank books are to be taken straight to the office.

It is also token redemption day this week. If you have 10 tokens you can redeem them for a handball OR scented pencils OR penguin plush keyring OR shark plush keyring OR whale shark pencil case. Just return your tokens and the redemption coupon or a note letting us know what you would like. Make sure you include your banking student number and class.

Mothers Day
All students have had the opportunity to make a gift for the special lady in their lives. Thank you to the 256 students have returned their notes and money so that that they can take their gift home on Friday.

If you have not as yet returned your note and payment, please do so by Wednesday at the latest.
Thank you!

Mother’s Day Guessing Competition
We have an awesome array of prizes available in our guessing competition. Winners will be drawn on Friday 9th May. Please ensure you have returned your entries and payment to the office BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS on Friday 9th May.

Thank You!
I would like to thank the awesome people who helped out with the Mother’s Day Gift Project this year. Averon Ashby, Marcie Wilcocks, Nicky Hibbs, Sinead Warren, Javane Hiko, Amanda McCann, Racquel Espie, Bharti Singh, Christine Edwards, Sharon Roughley, Brian Ashby, Clare Gollner, Suzie Walker and Renee Borg. I hope I haven’t forgotten anyone! Also a super huge THANK YOU to Estelle Fisher who yet again single handedly put together another collection of superb prizes for the Guessing Competition. It is always a team effort to get these things done and you guys are a superb team!