Thursday 12th March 2015

Upcoming Projects

We have a number of projects underway at school, which should come together throughout the next 3 months.

The major project that the school and P&C, with support from the DEC, have been working towards is the resurfacing of the school basketball court. All orders have been placed to facilitate the removal of two trees interfering with the concrete surface, concrete grinding is planned for the upcoming holiday period and we are endeavouring to have the court extended by 1.6m towards the bunker. This will allow for the new surface to be installed throughout term 2. My understanding is that the surface materials have arrived in Australia and are in the process of being cleared by customs.

We have also commissioned a new wiring project to allow the installation of a whole site wi-fi network. This will allow the students to use mobile devices such as school laptops and iPads in all learning spaces, connecting to our school network seamlessly. Our intention is to make the school as future proof as possible, allowing integration of future technologies.

We are in the process of ordering the first of a new generation of interactive whiteboard solutions, which will do away with the current technology of an interactive whiteboard with an attached projector. The new design is a 65” touch screen (much like a very large tablet). This device is backlit, making it more easily seen and allows for two students to operate the display at the same time. These devices require no projector, making ongoing running costs much more economical. We hope to see this device in school early next term.

Teaching Videos

Parents commonly observe how different teaching methods are today compared to our own primary school experiences. At times this can make it difficult to assist children with homework. To help address this I have added a new page to our school website titled “teaching videos”. On this page I have started making a series of videos explaining how we teach a variety of concepts. The first video is on place value, the second video is scheduled for posting tomorrow.

Learning and Support Teacher

At BPS we have 11 classroom teachers and an additional range of non-classroom based teaching staff (such as teacher librarian, reading recovery etc). One of these roles is that of Learning and Support Teacher. This is a critical role to support and extend students K-6 as well as provide professional support and guidance to our teachers.

For a number of years we have staffed this position with casual staff who have supported our school with dedication, however as this is such a pivotal role in improving outcomes I have been seeking a longer term solution for some years.

In order to benefit a wide range of students, I have called upon Mrs Deal’s significant experience to take on this new role. Mr Crockett will take over S12D’s teaching duties, benefiting the student with his wide range of experience K-6 across a number of Public Schools. Mrs Deal will remain closely connected to S12D throughout 2015.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
Students of the Week

KH
- Koby H for being a quiet, responsible student.
- Storm R for working well with others in groups.
- Lucinda S for excellent manners at all times.
- Harper W for excellent effort in all areas.

KT
- Kira F for being a respectful, safe learner.
- Zac T for quality illustrations in his work.
- Erica B for an outstanding effort in all areas of learning.
- Joseph K for a great start in KT and welcome to our school.

S1G
- Chantelle O for excellent reading and spelling.
- Tom S for being a respectful and hardworking learner.
- Malika L for clever answers in Mathematics.
- Charlotte L for excellent description writing.

S1PB
- Kolbi H for trying hard in writing.
- Alexia R for improved fluency in reading.
- Dakota B for lovely manners and behaviour.
- Jet H for great work during reading groups.

S1S
- Anabelle T for always trying hard to produce quality work.
- Josh C for improving in all areas of his school and classroom achievement.
- William M for improving in his writing and math skills in term 1.
- Jesse C for being a respectful student in the classroom and on the playground.

S12D
- Landon F for excellent speaking skills.
- Bailey B for completing all tasks with pride.
- Hayley W for excellent attention and listening.

S2E
- Monique S for exceptional handwriting. Great Job!
- Dakoda A for being an excellent role model & class citizen.

S2S
- Levi L for improvement in attitude and behaviour.
- Joshua P for a big improvement in his attitude and behaviour.

S3B
- Kaitlin M for always putting 100% effort in.
- Ryan C for being a fantastic role model.

S3M
- Emily B for always producing excellent, quality work.
- Luke M for an outstanding effort in all subjects.

S3R
- Ella-Grace O for applying herself to all tasks.
- Tamazyn L for excelling in all subjects demonstrating maturity.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade is scheduled for 2nd April from 12pm. All parents are invited to attend and join in the fun. The P&C will be organising a barbeque lunch on the day.

School Photos
Earlier this week notes about school photos were sent out. Photos day is Thursday 26th March—if anyone has missed out on a photo order sheet please contact the office.

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EUREKA TAEKWONDO
Bellbird Community Hall—Tuesday & Thursday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Scholastic Book Club—Issue 2 2015
Due: Wednesday 18th March
Please place completed order form with correct money in an envelope in the letter box at the front office.
Sorry late orders will not be accepted!
Enquiries to Mrs Handley.

Justice of the Peace
We now have a JP at the school. Mr. Ebert is happy to make himself available for any community member needing the services of a JP on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm - 4:15pm (during school terms). If you would like to make an appointment during those times please contact the school office.

Stage 1 Excursion
The stage one excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo is on 31st of March. All children are expected to attend and need to have paid by the 29th of March. Please fill in the permission slip and return to the office by this date as numbers need to be confirmed with the zoo.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Commencing 16 March 2015

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Dates to Remember
Term 1, 2015
Week 8
Monday March 16
Assembly Item S3R
Thursday March 19
Grandparents visit S1G and S1S

Week 9
Monday March 23
Debating Challenge Yr 5 & 6
Stage 2 Debating
Tuesday March 24
Stage 2 Debating
Thursday March 26
School Photos
Friday March 27
Stage 2 Debating

Week 10
Monday March 30
Assembly Item S3M
Stage 2 Debating
Tuesday March 31
Stage 1 Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
Thursday March 31
Easter Hat Parade

Learn SELF DEFENCE
with all the Family
RESPECT HONESTY DISCIPLINE COURTESY INTEGRITY
We have mums and dads training with kids from 5yrs and up. Come and have a go - free trial lesson with no obligation.
Bellbird Hall - Mon & Wed nights 6-7pm with Master Instructor Terry Bradbery

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Link Up

Bringing you choice to make life a bit easier

Link Up is a day where you can find out about services for those in your local community who are Aboriginal and aged over 50, have a disability or who are caring for someone with a disability.

Link Up is a great way to connect with services in your community, and to get practical advice about how these services can make living at home easier and more enjoyable. These services are flexible so that you can choose the assistance you need, in the way that will suit you best.

Some of the services you can find out about include:
- hearing tests
- home help for cleaning, maintenance and personal help
- social stuff
- transport
- home modifications
- help to get around
- shopping
- help for carers
- nutrition
- podiatry
- meals
- interest groups
- how to get involved with activities in the community
- aids to help you see
- counselling.

Where will Link Up be held?

**Mindaribba**
Friday 6 March, 10–2 pm
Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council
1A Chelmsford Drive
Mettford NSW 2323
(near The Good Guys)

**Worimi**
Thursday 19 March, 10–2 pm
Murook Culture Centre
2163 Nelson Bay Road
Williamtown NSW 2318
(Worimi LALC)

**Awabakal**
Monday 9 March, 10–2 pm
Ethnic Communities Council
2A Platt Street
Waratah NSW 2298
(opposite Waratah station)

**Black Creek**
Tuesday 24 March, 10–2 pm
Cessnock City Scout Hall
284 Maitland Road
Cessnock NSW 2325
(cnr Henderson Ave)

**Karua**
Thursday 26 March, 10–2 pm
Karua Local Aboriginal Land Council Hall
Muston Road Karua
NSW 2324
(opp LALC 16 Mustons Ave)

**Wanaruh**
Tuesday 31 March, 10–2 pm
Singleton Youth Venue
Corner Pitt and Bathurst Street
Singleton NSW 2330

**Wanaruh (Muswellbrook)**
Thursday 2 April, 10–2 pm
Red Door Kitchen
Uniting Church Hall
122 Bridge Street
Muswellbrook NSW 2333
(next to Muswellbrook Holden)

So come along, have a wander and a yarn, ask questions, and enjoy some lunch!

For more information contact Sue Shilcock on 0429 075 430 or email sue.shilcock@wesleymission.org.au
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