Thursday 23rd April 2015

Storm Update

The storm that affected much of NSW caused a good level of disruption to Bellbird Public School with loss of electricity necessitating the closure of school on Tuesday. The school has been open for the rest of the week with some changes to routines as some staff were unable to travel to BPS due to road closures.

Communication was a challenge this week without phones and mobile coverage limiting our ability to access the internet. We have endeavoured to use the school app as a way of providing information on the status of school. We adopted the same approach yesterday in advising the community of bus cancellations and traffic diversions that impacted collection of students at the end of the day.

Some mixed messages were evident on our school website and the DEC homepage. Assistance in managing this communication was provided by the department, but due to communication limitations across the state (ie no mobile coverage, internet or landline services) it took some time for us to ensure accurate information was available.

The storm has caused no significant ongoing issues for the BPS site, and other than waiting for the fields to dry out school is operating as per normal.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Due to this week’s weather today’s Zone Athletics Carnival has been postponed—we anticipate this will go ahead next Thursday 30th April.

ANZAC Day

This Saturday BPS will be participating in the Cessnock ANZAC march, meeting at Pedens at 10.45 for an 11.00 start. I encourage all to attend to mark the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

We will be holding a service at school on Friday commencing at 10.45—parents are encouraged to attend. As part of this service each class will be laying a wreath they have made in class this week.

Holiday Works

During the break a large amount of works were conducted—the largest job being grinding concrete on the basketball court in preparation for the new surface. We anticipate this surface will be ready next month, and closer to this time I will be calling for some volunteers to assist with the installation.

WiFi was installed throughout the school to allow the students to access the network from anywhere on the school site—initial indications are that this has been a very successful upgrade.

The library carpet was replaced, and there were some additional wiring and repairs works throughout the school

I must pass on my thanks to our neighbours for their understanding during this work as much of it was very noisy, but by conducting this during the holiday period student learning has not been impacted.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
Students of the Week

KH
- Ashton C for working cooperatively in groups.
- Seth K for fantastic handwriting.

KT
- Levi R for being responsible for his health.
- Phoebe A for always having a positive attitude.

S1G
- Hannah A for outstanding effort and quality work.
- Lillian I for outstanding effort in all areas.

S1PB
- Zac G for great effort in writing.
- Haylee M for improvement in reading.

S12D
- MacKenzie C for a fantastic presentation on an Australian animal.
- Izzac K for excellent debating skills.
- Logan W for an excellent Assignment on a Council service.
- Brayden W for excellent debating skills.
- Isabella L for excellent debating skills.
- Logan W for excellent debating skills.
- Emma H for excellent effort in debating.

S2E
- Sophie C for consistent achievement across all KLA’s.
- Hayden A for continued excellence in Maths.

S2S
- Lara P for always working to the best of her ability.
- Kayla-Rose C for always giving 100% effort.

S3B
- Sarah B for Excellent work in Maths.
- Lilly M for Always doing her best.

S3M
- Hayden P for always doing his best and asking excellent questions.
- Emily W for having a great attitude towards school.

S3R
- Mia D for continually demonstrating the PBL values.
- Tiarlea D for great improvement in writing.

School App
If you have not downloaded our school app I suggest a trip to your play or app store is a great idea. Our app will keep you up to date with upcoming events, links to newsletters etc as well as providing options for changing details and submitting absence notifications.

GROUP TRIPLE P
SIX WEEK PROGRAM
Commencing Tuesday 28th April to Tuesday 02nd June 2015

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
AT
5 Hall Street
Cessnock

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BELLBIRD GO FORWARD
Easter Colouring In Competition Winners

Preschool
1st  Callum B (The Honey Tree Preschool)
2nd  Alleya M (The Honey Tree Preschool)
3rd  Ella W (The Honey Tree Preschool)

Kindergarten
1st  Giaan S (KH)
2nd  Liam W (KT)

Stage 1
1st  William M (S1S)
2nd  Chelsea L (S1G)

Stage 2
1st  Monique S (S2E)
2nd  Zack S (S2S)

Stage 3
1st  Jamison A (S3B)
2nd  Carla O (S3M)

Under 18’s
1st  Claire O (Mount View High School)

Over 18’s
1st  Kellie O (Parent)
2nd  Cherie C (Parent)

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Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm

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CANTEEN ROSTER
Commencing 27 April 2015

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Dates to Remember
Term 2, 2015

Week 1
Friday April 24
ANZAC ceremony

Week 2
Thursday April 30
Zone Cross Country

Week 3
Thursday May 8
Regional Cross Country
PSSA netball round 1
PSSA girls soccer round 1

Week 4
Monday May 11
Assembly Item S2E

Tuesday May 12 to Thursday May 14
NAPLAN

Friday May 15
Athletics Carnival