Thursday 21st May 2015

School Disco

We have a school disco scheduled for Wednesday 10th June and are hoping to capitalise upon this opportunity to provide support to families with their child’s academic direction.

Whilst the K-2 students are attending the disco (4.30-5.30pm), the K-2 staff have arranged a presentation/workshop focusing upon relevant English and Maths concepts for parents to attend. Between 5.30 & 6.30pm when the stage 2 & 3 students are attending the disco the stage 2 & 3 teachers will hold a similar parenting workshop.

I encourage everyone to attend as this will help all parents with supporting students at home. Our plan is to repeat this format during the term 4 disco.

Pick up and drop off

Classes operate at BPS between 9.15am and 3.15pm. It is important for students to attend class during this time to give the best chance of understanding and achieving stage outcomes. We ask that all students arrive on time and also stress the importance of students being collected promptly at 3.15pm. Whilst no student at BPS will be left unsupervised in the event of non-collection, teachers are typically engaged in a range of administrative tasks and professional learning opportunities following the end of lessons and are unavailable to provide additional supervision. Should prompt collection pose a difficulty there are several after school care providers in Cessnock that may be able to assist.

Interactive Panel Board.

Last week we took delivery of our first interactive panel board. This replaces the Smartboard that have been in classrooms for the last 10+ years. The significant difference with this new technology is that the screen is backlit, so no projector is required and the screen can recognise 6 touches at the same time, compared to only 1 touch at a time being possible on a traditional interactive whiteboard. As our current fleet of interactive whiteboards reach the end of their service life we will be moving towards this new technology.

Playgroup/Kindergarten Orientation.

Plans for Kindergarten orientation have commenced in earnest, with dates available on our school website and phone app. This year we will be commencing with an informal playgroup approach for the first few sessions, with children under school age (not just preschool age). Parents are invited to attend next Thursday 28th May from 2.30pm for games and afternoon tea. Further dates are on the school website.

Luke Hubbert
Principal
School Uniform
As the weather becomes cooler many students will require new jackets to ensure they are both warm and remain in full school uniform. The office has a supply of school jackets that may suit your needs. Please contact the office for support in this matter. We are progressing discussions regarding the proposal to replace the current school tunic with a more modern alternative. I encourage parents to look at the sample on the wall in the office. I am currently exploring the best pricing options available and will advise when I have final figures.

Discover Uni Day for Year 6 and Parents/Caregivers
All year 6 students and their parents and carers have been invited to visit the University of Newcastle on Friday June 5 for a day to experience what University offers. Both students and parents undertake engaging activities and make their way around the University. All year 6 students are encouraged to take part in the day and bring along their carer.

| Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Award |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| **S2S**                    |                  |                 |
| Connor G                   | Xavier H        | Dorian M       |
| Jye P                      | Jasmine A       | Kayla-Rose C    |
| Sophie E                   | Stephanie L     | Alysa O        |
| Lara P                     | Pammy P         | Lilliana T     |
| Chris A                    | Blake R         | Seth R         |
| Zack S                     | Noah T          |                 |
| **S1PB**                   | Elizabeth P     | Garry F        |

Students of the Week

**KH**
- Evan G for a big improvement in reading activities.
- Liam W for always producing work of a high standard.
- Dakodah B for working cooperatively in groups.
- Oscar T for a big improvement in reading activities.

**KT**
- Erica B for being more confident in using reading strategies.
- Zac T for improved attitude towards learning.
- Thomas I for outstanding sight word recognition.
- Alexander P for an excellent start in KT.

**S1G**
- Tom S for achieving a fantastic result in our HSIE, Science and PD Health assessment.
- Bethany R for achieving an outstanding result in our HSIE, Science and PD Health assessment.

**S1PB**
- Kyle F for respectful behaviour in the classroom.
- Evie P for displaying great skills in gymnastics.
- Shanay S for outstanding improvement in reading.
- Elizabeth P for improved reading skills.

**S1S**
- Rylan T for improving in his reading.
- Cailan C for trying really hard in maths.
- Janae H for excellent efforts in her maths assessments.
- Sophia H for excellent efforts in her writing assessment.

**S2E**
- Piper C for settling into S2E and Bellbird PS well.
- Connor L for being an exceptional school citizen.

**S2S**
- Blake R for applying himself to his work.
- Annabella C for settling in well into S2S.

**S3B**
- Takoda A for her contribution to class discussions.
- Riley B for his enthusiasm in art.

**S3M**
- Jemma T for excellent results in all subjects.
- Nathaniel W for outstanding improvement in all subjects.

**S3R**
- Adam E for application and dedication to learning.
- Ethan W for trying his best to learn sounds and words.

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Bellbird Community Hall—Tuesday & Thursday
6.00 to 7.00pm
Cessnock Scout Hall—Monday
6.00 to 7.00pm
CANTEEN ROSTER
Commencing 25 May 2015

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Dates to Remember

Term 2, 2015

Week 5

Thursday May 21
Maths Olympiad No 1
Debating Gala Morning

Week 6

Monday May 25
Assembly Item—S2S
PSSA Netball Gala Day

Thursday May 28
Preschool Play Group
Girls PSSA v Nulkaba

Week 7

Tuesday June 2
Boys PSSA Soccer Gala Day

Friday June 5
Discover Uni Day

Week 8

Monday June 8
Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday June 10
School Disco

Thursday June 11
Preschool Play Group
Maths Olympiad No 2