Tuesday, 17th February, 2015

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who were able to make it to the parent information sessions last week. These meetings were well supported and it was a great opportunity for parents to find out about what’s happening in their child’s classroom.

For the next few weeks our students will be gearing up for the Athletics Carnival. Practice sessions will begin this week and will continue until the big day on the 27th March. The carnival will involve the whole school and will be held at Jubilee Oval.

We are anticipating that Catholic Scripture will begin this week however have not yet heard when non-denominational scripture will start. At this school scripture lessons occur each Thursday between recess and lunchtime for 30 minutes duration. Scripture lessons are optional and students attending are allocated between Catholic and non-denominational groups. Those that are not involved are provided with other work to go on with during this time. If children wish to change from one group to another, written consent is required from a parent or caregiver.

Next week, Kindergarten children and Year 4 will be visited by representatives from Busabout, NRMA and Wagga Police to talk about the importance of bus safety to and from school. This is the first time that Year 4 have been included in the program and it will be a good opportunity for them to refresh their bus safety skills. As part of the lesson, the students will go for a short ride on one of the school buses to practise safe travel.

From time to time ‘playing cards’ become popular with the students and the current Pokémon card trend is no exception. However, recently we have had some issues arising between students regarding ownership and as you can imagine this is sometimes difficult to sort out. Therefore, students will be reminded this week that if they wish to bring them to school they are their responsibility entirely and we would appreciate if you could reinforce this at home.

Brad Griffith
Principal

School Spotlight - L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy)

The staff at North Wagga will again this year be involved in a number of professional learning initiatives to continue to provide the very best learning opportunities for your children. One such program involves three of our teachers; Mrs van der Rijt, Ms Moore and Miss Summerfield, all participating in the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) initiative. As L3 is already occurring in Kindergarten it will now see this style of literacy teaching happening right across K-2 classes. A tremendous opportunity for our students as they begin to develop their literacy skills.

P&C NEWS

Everyone is invited to attend the P & C Annual General Meeting.
This will be held on Monday, 9th March at 6.30pm.

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE – SATURDAY 14TH MARCH
THIS WILL BE OUR NEXT WORKING BEE, SO REST UP READY FOR A MORNING OF ACTION!
MORE DETAILS LATER!
**AWARDS ASSEMBLY**
The next awards assembly will be held on Thursday, 26th February at 2.45pm with 1/2M presenting the item. All welcome.
Assemblies and class items for the remainder of Term 1 will be held on Thursday, 12th March - 4/5P and Thursday, 26th March – 1/2S.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**TERM 1 WEEK 3**

**KW**  
Mia Mulley – being a neat and careful worker  
Lara Moore – showing interest in learning

**KQ**  
Jack Newton – being a careful and neat worker  
Rhys Belford – always being engaged in class activities

**1/2M**  
Elloise Doherty – using her sounds to spell words, Nate Evans – being a focused and engaged learner

**1/2S**  
Ainsley Green – focus ed and settled learner  
Jack Hayes – being a kind friend to his peers

**1/2V**  
Joshua Patterson – great work in Maths  
Bindi McFarland – listening carefully at all times

**3L**  
Amelie King – a quiet, kind and caring member of 3L

**3/4S**  
Ella Charles – working hard in her new class

**4/5P**  
Rosa Knapp – great effort in Maths

**5/6M**  
Joshua Steele – settling well into his new school

**5/6W**  
Pearl Maurer – fast and accurate Maths work

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**KW**  
Sunnie Reynolds – being an enthusiastic and interested learner

**KQ**  
Jake Mahoney – being an enthusiastic and engaged student

**1/2M**  
Mason Mescia – being a reliable and helpful classmate

**1/2S**  
Janae Paton – settling well into her new school

**1/2V**  
Dakota Fuller – lovely, neat handwriting

**3L**  
Chaise Hopkins – an outstanding start to Year 3

**3/4S**  
Alicia Orban – for her friendly and helpful attitude to others

**4/5P**  
Mayah Williams – settling in well at North Wagga

**5/6M**  
Jessica Philpott – setting a good example with work effort and behaviour

**5/6W**  
Thomas Miegel – being a great role model in the playground

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**FIELD EVENTS PRACTICE - ★★★ SPORTS UNIFORM REQUIRED ★★★**

Over the next 4 weeks, all students in Years 3-6 plus any students from Year 2 turning 8 this year will be doing field events practice beginning **tomorrow, Wednesday, 18th February** from 9:30am till 10:30am. This will continue over the following three Mondays - 23rd February, 2nd March and 9th March. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform on these days and has appropriate shoes for relays and jumping events. **Grant Motton, Sports Organiser**

**SURVEY RE: END OF YEAR PRESENTATION NIGHT**

We are considering the possibility of making some changes to our annual end of year Awards Presentation Night, and we would welcome your input.

On the school website you will find a brief survey which you can use to share your views with us. Simply go to the school website, click on the “Our School” tab and select “School Survey” on the bottom left. You will then be able to select the survey relating to the Awards Presentation Ceremony. The survey will be open for 2 weeks and will close on 25th February. Thank you in advance for your input.

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Please return the yellow Family Information and Medical sheets as soon as possible. This will enable us to make sure that all of our medical, publishing, addresses and phone number information etc.is current. Every child should have received a medical form last week. It is essential that we receive all of these back regardless of whether your child has a medical condition or not. Thank you.
THE “TELL THEM FROM ME” STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9th March and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27th February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following SRC Reps who were presented with their badges at last week’s assembly. These students will be required to attend meetings on behalf of their class and organise activities and fundraising events throughout the year.

Claire Feary, Grady Barber, Roslyn Hanlon, Samuel Reid, Millie Chisholm, Mason Mesia and Melanie Philpott

Ben Collins, Ella Blay, Ashleigh O’Reilly, Joe Seddon, Braxton Eyles, Lachlan Moore, Emily Ayton, Molly Hartley, Zac Steele

WANTED

Foam trays for art lessons. 3L and 5/6W would like to collect as many trays as possible. Please bring to the classrooms by this Friday.

GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION (OR AS SOME PEOPLE REFER TO IT – “School Fees”)

The General School Contribution is a voluntary contribution to the school. This year it has increased to $45 per child for the whole year as it has been the same for several years. We would greatly appreciate if this could be forwarded to the school office during Term 1 if possible to assist with planning of the school budget. Thank you in advance of a positive response to this request.

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we request payment for “Subject Contribution”. This is a specific request for books used in individual classes eg Targeting Handwriting”, Spelling Conventions plus photocopy levy. The contributions is $20 for students from Kindergarten to Year 2 and $28 for students in Year 3 – 6.

NOTES, ETC TO BE RETURNED

General School Contribution - $45.00 per student
Subject Contributions – refer attached flyer
Yellow Family Information sheets as soon as possible  **ALL SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED**
Yellow Medical Information Sheet (one per student) as soon as possible  **ALL SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED**
’Tell Them From Me’ student feedback survey – by Friday, 27th February
Expression of Interest for music lessons - ASAP

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday, 18th February  Stephanie Morrow, Maree Beresford
Friday, 20th February  Gemma Barber, Jenny Chobdzynski, Kylie Hulm
Monday, 23rd February Jane Chobdzynski, Pat Douglass