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Term 4 - Week 6

Monday, 12 November 2012

Canberra

We left at 6am on Monday morning for our annual Canberra trip. Finally after an 11 hour trip, we made it. Tuesday morning had us visiting the National Meuseum, War Memorial, Cockington Green and the CSIRO. Jordan Neville was an outstanding tour guide at the War Memorial!

On Wednesday we visited the AIS, Questacon, Mt Ainslie and The museum of Australian Demcrocracy. Lee, Jazz and Dominic made the swing look easy at Questacon. On Wednesday night we went bowling. Mr Metcalf wants a re-match with Mr Sampson!

Thursday was our formal day. It began with Electoral Education at The Old Parliament house, the National Capital Exhibition and the National Gallery. The a full program at Parliament House where the Honourable Prime Minster Mr Tom Ruming was buying the whole government drinks as they got a bill on Circus animals passed. He needed to bribe the independents to gain their support. This was something that Mr Speaker, Mr Jordan Neville and Deputy Clerk Mrs Katharine Sutherland had huge reservations with!

We finished the three days in Canberra with an evening trip to the Telstra Tower to view Canberra at sunset and at dark.

We would like to thank our parent helpers, Mr Neil Bardsley and Mrs Diane Watt and our bus driver Mr Garry Sampson.

Mrs Sutherland & Mr Metcalf



From the Principal's Desk

Year 6 – Canberra

Tom Ruming as the Prime Minister and Surya Burns as Opposition Leader.....and this was only part of what was an exciting 5 days away for year 6. I believe highlights not only included the role play in our National Parliament, but Questacon – The National Science Centre, and the fun of just being away together.

Special thanks to Katharine Sutherland, Troy Metcalf, and the accompanying parents – Neil Bardsley and Dianne Watt for taking the time out to accompany the students.

National Curriculum

I attended a meeting last Thursday where, as principals, we were introduced to aspects of the National Curriculum. The NSW Board of Studies has the responsibility of the development and implementation of the syllabus documents here in NSW.

Beginning next year we will be introducing the new English and Maths syllabus documents with Science to follow.

All curriculum documents are available for viewing on the Board of Studies website.

Welcome rain – our playground

With the welcome rain this weekend comes some reinvigoration of our playground grass.

Years 3-6 will now move to the lower playground, allowing the upper play area a rest.

We still plan to keep K-2 at the front of our school, though, until we are sure all grass growth is sustainable.

Regards

Graeme Ross, Principal

Important Dates

November

Tuesday 13	Thank you Morning Tea 11am Sydney uni nutrition survey
Friday 16	Kindy Orientation 9.10 to 11am
Thursday 22	Kindy Orientation General Info evening for Parents/Carers 5.30 to 7pm
Friday 23	Kindy Orientation 9.10 to 11am
Monday 26	Year 6/7 BHS Transition camp Intensive Swim Scheme begins Yrs2& 3
Thursday 22	Kinder Orientation for parents 5.30-7pm
Friday 23	Kinder Orientation for students 910-11
Tuesday 27	Year 6/7 Transition camp boys & girls Kindy Orientation 2.20 – 2.45pm at Stage 1 assembly
Wednesday 28	Year 6/7 TBHS Transition camp boys

December

Tuesday 4	Stage 2 Final Assembly
Wednesday 5	Year 6/7 BHS Orientation day
Friday 7	Stage 1 Christmas Concert Yrs 2 & 3 Intensive Swim school ends
Monday 10	Piano concert in the hall
Tuesday 11	Art Exhibition in the hall 5-7pm
Wednesday 12	9.30am Presentation day
Thursday 13	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19	Last day of Term 4

Canteen News

There are still supply problems with chocolate Freeze Pops. My supplier assures me that this will improve next week. I sincerely hope that this is true. I am also hoping for the eradication of poverty and world peace. We shall see.

I have been led to understand that IGA no longer stock brown paper lunch bags. Quell horror! Life in the canteen is made much easier for the kind volunteer helpers and myself, of course, if lunch orders are submitted on pre prepared bags in the mornings. So I have sourced some bags and have them available for sale at the canteen at 20 for \$1.00. This is cheaper than buying them individually at the counter for 10 cents each as is still the case.

Speaking of volunteers. You may notice that only the charming and helpful Priya is rostered on for Friday. As helpful and efficient Priya is, we will be pushed to meet the demands of a usual busy Friday. So if anyone could come in and help that morning, it would be greatly appreciated.

This week's special will be potato wedges (baked, not fried) with carrot and cucumber sticks on the side. The wedges will be served with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce on top, as is usual for these. If it is preferred without either or both, this can be arranged. The vegetable sticks are standard fair for our healthy conscious little gastronomes and thus not negotiable. As usual these will be available on Thursday and Friday for \$3.50 each or \$5.00 with a beverage.

This week's Freeze Pop flavours are Vanilla and Lemonade Fizz.

Feeding your children to a better education,

Eddy Vardabasso, Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster - November

Tue 13	Anna Joy
Wed 14	Leonie Jennings
Thur 15	Sharon Benelle, Pete Smith
Fri 16	Priya Curry
Mon 19	Leonie Jennings
Tue 20	Dan Pullinger

Congratulations McKye

We thought we would share this letter we received last week

Hi Denise,

I attended the Kinder Orientation this morning and was so impressed with the welcome to country being conducted by a student from the school. OzGREEN and Sue Lennox, our Co-CEO, has an excellent relationship with Uncle Tom and the elders of the Gumbaynggir Nation and we have informally arranged for Uncle Tom to conduct the welcome at the upcoming youth congress in Bellingen however, after this morning I would LOVE to see the welcome conducted by your student or ideally, side by side with Uncle Tom. It would so match the spirit of OzGREEN and Youth Leading the World to have a young person performing this important role with support from his elders.

I would greatly appreciate if you would extend our invitation to the parents of your student for the morning of Tuesday, 27th November (the opening of the congress) at Bellingen Youth Hub.

My contact details are listed below and I would be more than happy to answer any questions the parents may have.

Many thanks,
Chantal Lennox

Emakhaya 4 Gogo

"Reminder, **pies ordered** for "Emakhaya 4 Gogo" fundraiser are to be collected from the canteen between 3.00pm and 5.30pm on **Thursday 15th November 2012.**"

Uniform Shop News

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Lost Property:

Thanks to everyone who has labelled items so they can be returned. We still have HEAPS of Unlabelled Uniform in Lost Property. This will be cleared out *this week* so please *get in quick* to reclaim lost items.

There are also STACKS of unlabelled lunch boxes, and other miscellaneous left-overs from school camps, etc. This will all go to charity soon and again towards the end of term. Please do pop round regularly to check in case there is anything of yours there. Thanks.

A call for Second Hand Uniform:

Any items in good shape that you've finished with will always be gratefully received at the Uniform Shop.

Kindergarten Orientation is in full swing so any smaller sizes you've finished with would now be extra warmly welcome!

Kindergarten Orientation opening times:

The uniform shop will be open as usual Monday and Friday 8:45-9:45. *Except:* there will be a special opening on Friday the 16th at the School Hall for Kinder Parents.

On Friday the 23rd the Main Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30 through till 10:30 for Kinder Parents.

Order Forms are available any time from the School Office. Remember: Cash and Cheque Payments Only

Current Notes - Please return asap

Years 2-6 Nutrition survey for TOMORROW- due NOW

Years 2 & 3 Intensive Swimming Program

Year 4- Personal development sessions permission note

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 - Personal Development Lessons Parent session

Year 6 - Community Connections permission note

Year 6 - BHS Transition camp due NOW

Nutrition Survey - tomorrow

Follow up to the National Nutrition and Physical Activity Surveys of Schoolchildren conducted in 2000 and 2006 - Tuesday, November 13th.

All students in Years 2-6 at Bellingen Primary School will be invited to participate in an anonymous survey about eating patterns, nutrition knowledge, sport, social networks and physical activity on November 13th.

The survey has been conducted at Bellingen Primary School in 2000 and 2006 and we are now repeating the study in 2012 at the same schools from every state and territory of Australia to compare the results and see if anything has changed over 12 years. This is an anonymous survey, that takes approximately 15-20 minutes and your child will not be asked to put his/her name on anything. The child's answers will be kept private and confidential. He/she may also decide not to do the survey on the day of the study and he/she will be able to refuse if he/she wishes to do so. Your child can also decide whether or not he/she wants to participate in the height/weight measurement, as this is also optional.

If you permit your child to complete the survey, please fill out the consent form and submit it to the school office.

Professor Jennifer A. O'Dea

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations

1/2J & 4M

You had the best attendance at our school last week.

It's cool to be at our school!

Hi Super Savers

How would you like to get an early Christmas present for yourself? If you have ten or more tokens just complete the redemption card or simply write a note stating what you would like to order. Include the note and your tokens with your next deposit. Remember banking is on Tuesday.

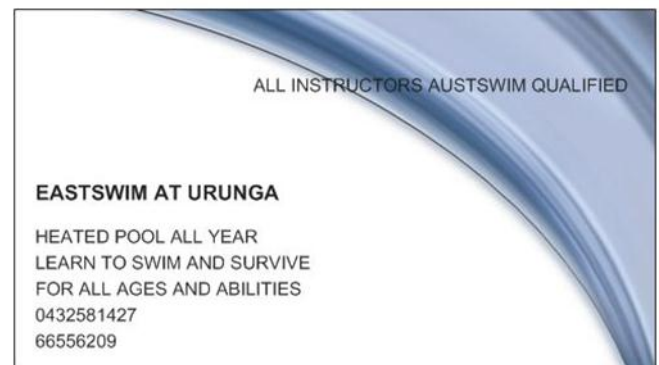
Important Notice

All visitors to our school must come to the office to sign in and wear a visitor badge. Whether you are dropping off a lunchbox or coming to help in the classroom. It is a requirement of the Dept of Education under *the Inclosed land act* plus an Occupational Health and Safety issue. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Community Notices

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Australia Day Awards - Nominations close this Friday!



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