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What’s On? Upcoming events

Term 2 Week 3
Wednesday 6 May
Knockout Soccer training 3-4.30pm

Thursday 7 May
Mothers’ Day Stall
Hockey Training 3-4pm (bus students) 3-4.30pm other students.

Friday 8 May
Small Schools Cross Country
Knockout Netball training 3-4pm

Term 2 Week 4
Monday 11 May
PSSA Netball Knockout - Uralla

Tuesday 12 May
Tests Yrs 3 and 5

Wednesday 13 May
Tests Yrs 3 and 5
Knockout Soccer training 3-4.30pm

Thursday 14 May
Tests Yrs 3 and 5
Hockey Training 3-4pm (bus students) 3-4.30pm other students

Friday 15 May
K-6 Library sessions

Term 2 Week 9
Thursday 18 June
Athletics Carnival – TREC

ANZAC Day Photographs

Thank you to Mrs Justine George for these delightful pictures from our ANZAC Special Assembly and the Kootingal ANZAC Day March. Unfortunately due to email gremlins we were unable to publish them last week. Thank you to all our parents and community members that take and share their photographs with us.

(Pictured Captains Laura George and Isabella Anastasi laying the wreath at Kootingal. Vice Captain Shaelynn Hernando and student Tahlia Sullivan laying the wreath in front of our Honour Board during the Special ANZAC Assembly at school.)

Safety Message – School Zones & Parking

We have been advised that police are increasingly monitoring school areas. Please remember the speed limit, 40km/hr and to park appropriately. In the interest of student safety, please park in marked areas and keep through areas (entries and exits) clear at all times.
**Mother’s Day Stall**

Mother’s Day Stall tomorrow, Thursday 7th May. Your child will have a great selection of gifts to choose from. Prices will range from $2 through to $5. If any parents are able to help out in the morning, for about an hour, that would be great. If any parent would like to donate some wrapping paper to wrap the gift that would also be a great help. Please just drop it off to the office.

**PSSA Cricket Trials**

Congratulations to both Laura George and Jemma-Rose Johnson for making the girls North-West girls cricket team that will travel to Dubbo in November for the State Championships. Well done! Congratulations also to Ben Webster who trialled for the boys PSSA zone cricket team but was unsuccessful. Great effort Ben!

**Cross Country**

Our Small Schools Combined Cross Country will be held this Friday 8 May. All students are expected to participate. We will be hosting: Bendemeer, Duri, Somerton and Carroll Public Schools. It is wonderful to have this opportunity for our students to make new friends and compete against a broader group of their peers. Good luck everyone.

Please note that the Cross Country will be run even if the weather is wet.

Place ribbons and overall age group winner certificates will be awarded on the day. Our school champion medallions and runner up certificates will be presented at our Awards Assembly on Friday 15 May.

Asthmatic students are reminded to bring their asthma medication. Any parents/carers that are available to help on the day are asked to contact the office.

**School Hats**

Please make sure the proper school hats are worn at school. The only acceptable hats are the broad brim and legionnaire. The ‘No hat – No Play’ policy will apply if students are wearing a non-approved cap.

Due to Health and Safety requirements, we no longer have ‘spare’ hats to borrow at school.

**Housekeeping**

It’s that time of year again as the weather cools we get ready in anticipation of sniffles and snuffles! The school desperately needs tissues! If every student could bring in a box of tissues for their classroom, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Thank you to those families who have already generously sent tissues to school.

Please return plastic newsletter envelopes promptly. This system is designed so that newsletters, notes and other items are able to make it home and return in good condition.

Senior students: would anyone still with a school recorder at home, please return it to Mrs Broughton URGENTLY.

We value your contributions to our weekly Eggstra. Emailed items have been very successful; thank you. It would be appreciated if any handwritten articles be at the office by Tuesday afternoon. Emailed items are required by Wednesday morning.

Remember that the school drop off point is in the designated parking area in Charles St. Please do not drop children off in Wellington St. This is our school bus drop off and pick up point and staff car parking area.

**Appointments**

If you wish to speak to a teacher regarding your child please ring and make an appointment and let us know your concerns so that we can prepare necessary information for you. Please understand that it is often difficult when parents/carers come to school and expect to see a teacher immediately. It is especially difficult for a teacher on duty to watch over all the students in their care if they are being diverted by an adult.

**Principal’s Message**

Next Week (May 12-14) all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students nationally will sit for the NAPLAN exams. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and therefore is not a test students can study for. Teachers familiarize students with the format of the tests and ensure children feel comfortable with the process. We reiterate with the children that the exam itself is a learning experience and that it is not the only measure of reporting their academic achievement in school. Data from this testing assists us to further refine the programs offered to students and provide support as required.

Please ensure your child has an adequate breakfast and rest before each test and if they see you as being calm...
about the experience then they too will be composed. The children will receive adequate breaks and duration for each test.

The 2015 NAPLAN tests will be conducted in all NSW schools on: Tuesday 12 May: Language conventions and Writing tests, Wednesday 13 May: Reading and Thursday 14 May: Numeracy

It is expected that all children in these year levels participate unless a child is exempt or withdrawn from the testing. An individual NAPLAN report will be issued from the school later in the year. This helps parents monitor how their child is progressing. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have further questions.

Bonita Broughton, Principal

Library

Due to program changes, all classes, K-6 will now have library on Friday mornings. Please remember library bags for borrowing.

NO LIBRARY THIS WEEK DUE TO CROSS COUNTRY.

PSSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout Competition

Our first game will be held in a few weeks and at this stage we have not had a full team turn up for training on Wednesday afternoons. This makes it very difficult to allocate positions and develop game tactics. Could all students who nominated to be part of this team, please make a concerted effort to attend training. Thank you.

K Harris - coordinator PSSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout

Lunchbox Reminder

With the cooler weather upon us, some children require more food in their lunchbox. Could you please consider packing a little extra during this time of year? Perhaps an extra sandwich or piece of fruit will suffice.

There has also been a noticeable increase in students eating the majority of their food first thing in the morning and in particular on the buses on their way to school. We encourage parents/carers to check with their children to see if more food may be needed or to guide them through which foods to eat when. At school we have three eating breaks: Fruit Break at 10am, Lunch at 11am and Recess at 1:10pm, so students should have something to eat at each of these times. Thank you.

Tamworth Zone PSSA Touch Football Knockout and Trials

On Friday the 1st our Touch Footy team compete at the Tamworth Knockout. Our students played extremely well and came away with an amazing win by drop off against Manilla. All of our students played their hearts out and were very well behaved during the day. A special thank you should be given to all the parents that transported students on the day. We wouldn’t be able to compete at all without your continuous support. Commendations go to Max who made the possible and probable’s team, great job Max! We came 6th overall on the day and we are very excited to be developing our touch skills for next year.

C Cornish – Sports Coordinator
importanti informazioni dalla scuola – Felice Festa Della Mamma!

P&C News
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 6pm in the old staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

Remember, all the money we raise goes back to improving our kids’ education and resources.

Jen Hernando - President - 0429 181727

Busy Beehive Canteen
Special canteen only this week. Please see attached menu.

It would be appreciated, for preparation purposes, if lunch orders for Friday could be sent to school tomorrow, Thursday 7 May.

Thank you to those people who have volunteered to help at our Cross Country. Other members that may be unable to make it on the day but would like to help, any donations of cakes, biscuits or slices to sell would be gratefully accepted. Please contact me if you have any questions, or wish to help out.
Canteen Supervisor - Jackie Robertson (67605686) or (0458201127)

Clothing Pool
URGENT; Please return completed Winter uniform orders and payment to the school TOMORROW.
I am usually available at school Thursday mornings or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons by appointment only. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253.
Clothing Pool Supervisor – Penny Foster

Student banking
Don’t forget that if you have any GOLD tokens in your banking book you can trade them in for a reward. You can still order rewards from term 1. Some of last years’ items are also available. This term we have Invisible Ink Martian Pens and Intergalactic Rockets. If anyone has their pictures or handouts they were given from the 19th March they can be returned tomorrow. Still have all those awesome prizes to give away. Commonwealth Bank has a website that the kids can interact with. It has some games, colouring and puzzles.

Keep smiling, Lisa Madden School Banking Coordinator

Mother’s Day Family Night
Hi Moonbi,
Join us at your local Bunnings store for our Mother’s Day Family Night from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday 7th May. Bring the family for a great night of activities, make a gift for mum at our D.I.Y. workshop and more! There will also be free gift wrapping and light refreshments will be provided.
Hope to see you there!
The Bunnings Team - Tamworth

Photo competition entry forms are available at the school office. Thank you.