Principals Desk by Bonita Broughton

WHAT IMPRESSED ME THIS WEEK
This week I was impressed by how settled our new classes have been. Well done everyone!

REACHING FOR THE STARS
School of Excellence
NSW public schools are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child.

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence across three domains of learning, teaching and leading.

Each year, schools will assess their practices against the Framework to inform their school plans and annual school reports.

Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our performance in these three domains.

WISDOM OF THE WEEK
This week’s “Wisdom of the Week” - “You can, because you think you can.”

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Celebrating our successes
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded at our Assembly on Monday morning:

- **Literacy Awards** - Hermarni - Opals, Coady - Diamonds, Dylan - Pearl and Taylah - Sapphires.
- **Library Awards** - Koby - Mitchell, Isaac - Oxley and Aiden - Flinders.
- **Class Awards**:
  - **Budgies** - Jaiden for settling in to Kindy well.
  - **Rosellas** - Jordan for settling in to your new school.
  - **Hawkes** - Jacob and Liam for a settled start in your new school.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
Integrity - ... Our focus value for this week is Integrity. Your children have been learning that integrity is doing the right things even when nobody is watching or there is no reward. Make sure you look for opportunities to model integrity to your children.

MAKING A MARK ... "Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you." H Jackson Brown Jr
CLASS STRUCTURE 2016
Kindergarten Budgies (Miss Cornish)
1 2/3/4 Rosellas (Miss Reilly)
3/4/5/6 Hawkes (Mrs Harris)

BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL
The Healthy Schools Policy states that students are only allowed to have “red” foods once per term.
Food brought to school by parents has direct implications for this policy, food preparation requirements of the Department of Education Healthy Schools Policy as well as the potential for impact on students with a wide variety of allergies. The provision of birthday cakes and other food treats to classrooms for distribution to students is therefore only permitted with the permission of the class teacher and after consideration of the impact on students with identified food allergies.

So unfortunately, to follow these policies, we have to make a change regarding birthday cakes in 2016. Please do not send in birthday cakes with high sugar content to share with the class on your child’s birthday. Included in this newsletter are some suggestions of alternatives. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN DECLARATION
The Working With Children Declaration is an important part of the Department’s recruitment process to prevent unsuitable people from working with children in schools. Anyone working in schools with children, including parent volunteers are required to complete a Working With Children Check Declaration and provide Proof of Identity that meets the 100 point check. This includes parents who help in the classroom, volunteer in the canteen and help at other activities, such as P&C events and discos.


If you would like to volunteer in any capacity in our school you will need to complete one of these forms.

Good for Kids good for life

BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS
Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity. But did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!

There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?

Clothing Pool
REMINDER - Uniform order forms are due in NOW. Please try to order when a uniform order is being run (as it can take 3 to 4 weeks after the order has been placed before it is ready to be picked up) this will avoid any disappointment.
I am available at school Thursday morning or by appointment only Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoon. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253.
Clothing Pool Supervisor - Penny Foster

School Pledge
This is our school, Let peace dwell here. Let the room be full of contentment, Let love abide here. Love of one another, Love of mankind, Love of life itself, And love of God. Let us remember, That as many hands build a house, So many hearts make a school.
P&C News
by Jen Hernando (President)

The P&C is a good way to be part of your children's school life. We aim to help raise funds for the school to use to help the kids get the best education possible.

Please feel free to contact a member of your P&C Committee at any time if you have any questions or suggestions as we really appreciate our school community's feedback and input.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 17 Feb at 2pm in the old staff room. If you are new to our school please feel free to come along and see what goes on.

Everyone is more than welcome to join us and encouraged to attend as we are always happy to see new and old faces.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 16 March.

Your current P&C Executive Committee members are:

   Jen Hernando       President
   Kim Kelly          Vice President
   Kelly Constable    Secretary
   Lisa Madden        Treasurer

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

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S T U D E N T   B A N K I N G

Hello my happy little bankers. This Friday is the first banking day for the year. If you would like to open a new account for your child, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school Friday mornings. If you did not receive your banking prize at the end of last year please come and see me and I will get that sorted.

This term if you have a look in the display cabinet you will see that you can claim a Flying Snake and a Wildlife Writer Set.

This year we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Lisa Madden

Busy Bee Canteen by Jackie Robertson

Good afternoon everyone, I hope that you are enjoying the start to term.

We apologise that Jr snack pies will not be available again this week as our suppler has run out again. Sorry for any inconvenience and we hope to have them back next week.

Thank You to Katie and Zoe for volunteering your time this term. We are still after more volunteers, so please check your diary to see if you can help out.

Next Friday 19th February the canteen will only be open for ice-cream and drink as Intensive Swimming will be on.

This week volunteers are: Jackie & Zoe

Our canteen menu is also available through the school website.

Jackie Robertson – Canteen Supervisor
0458201127

MEETINGS

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2PM.
LONE PINE COMMUNITY ROOM
JEN HERNANDO
President
Ph: 0429181727

SPORTS

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK
KINDNESS
HONOUR BOARD
Jaiden, Lauren, Coady, Kaydee
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Budgies**
This week Kindergarten have started learning about natural environments. We have been looking at a special Island that has been damaged by humans. We will also be starting our road safety program this Friday. Please make sure your child is having a go with their homework. I can't wait to see who the first ones are to learn all of their turtle words and move onto the fish level.

**Rosellas**
This week students have been focusing on the life cycles of living things. They have also been discussing the differences between the stages of animal and plant growth.

**Hawkes**
In Mathematics we are learning how to multiply and subtract larger numbers. In Science we have created creatures and explained how their unique bodies allow them to adapt to and survive in various environments.

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Library News

by Bonita Broughton

*Remembering Lionsville* by Bronwyn Bancroft tells her inspiring story of growing up in country New South Wales.

Come with me to my family’s old house in Lionsville. It's full of memories. It’s a special place. Uncle Pat calls it a secret place. We played in that old tin cubby, swam in the creek with the catfish, and fell asleep to the ribbip of frogs at night. And around the red cedar table we listened to the old people’s stories. We learned a lot that way.

Genre: Historical fiction / Picture books

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MOONBI MARVELOUS MANUSCRIPTS

Superman, Spiderman, Hulk and more in the Universe of Marvels

Protecting the world, Eliminating evil doers.

Right against wrong, Heroes rule!

Extreme powers

Rising up, always Over villains.

By Jayden Smith

Superheroes are cool!

Using their powers to save the world.

People are saved and Evil villains are no more!

Rushing around the world, Helping people.

Excellent things happen when villains are taken down.

RESPECT the world Or we are in trouble.

By Jordan Day

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Thank you Melissa Harris for your fantastic volunteer work, straightening books in the Library

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FRIDAY REMINDER: Gardening Smock, Boots & Gloves, Sport Uniform, Library Books & Bag, Lunch orders.
Lost Property is already becoming a huge issue with students leaving a large array of items around the school every afternoon. Please clearly label all student belongings. Unclaimed lost property at the end of the term will be given to the uniform pool.

Crunch&Sip®

Crunch&Sip® is a set break in class for children to eat a piece of fruit or salad vegetable and sip water throughout the day. We ask parents and carers to supply a suitable snack and a drink bottle with water during for our Crunch&Sip® breaks.

Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help children concentrate throughout the day.

Our school is a certified Crunch&Sip® school and is committed to improving the health outcomes of our students.

Newsletter

Our newsletter will be sent home to families on Wednesday afternoons. A copy of our newsletter is always available on our school website. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please contact the office and we will happily arrange that for you.

If you have something that you would like to put into the newsletter, please forward this to the school before 9am Tuesdays to allow time for approval.

Moonbi Explorers Points Score

Friday Rotation Groups

FLINDERS

OXLEY

MITCHELL

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NO HAT – STAY IN THE SHADE OR NO PLAY. REMEMBER YOUR HAT TO ENJOY YOUR PLAY DURING BREAK AND SPORT TIME.

The world's biggest sharks -- the basking shark and the whale shark -- are also among the least dangerous sharks.

When an armadillo gives birth, it almost always has four babies.

Baby camels are born without a hump.

ABC's Of Student Success

B is for BEDTIME.

Awwww, Mom! Already? Sound familiar? On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.)

Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. Sweet dreams!

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FRITTATA MUFFINS
Makes: 6

INGREDIENTS
- 6 eggs
- ½ cup of milk
- ¼ teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup of grated cheddar cheese
- ¾ cup grated zucchini
- ¼ cup of chopped capsicum
- 2 tablespoons of chopped red onion

DIRECTIONS
1. HEAT oven to 350°F.
2. BEAT eggs, milk, salt in medium bowl until blended.
3. ADD cheese, zucchini, capsicum and onion; mix well.
4. SPOON evenly into 12 greased muffin cups, about 1/4 cup each.
5. BAKE in 350°F oven until just set, 20 to 22 minutes. COOL on rack 5 minutes.
6. REMOVE from cups; serve warm. Eat and enjoy! 😊

What’s Growing?

Students have been very busy making big changes to their school garden. They have worked hard to move some of the larger garden beds, with the aim of making more room for a herb garden. It is great to see all the students showing such enthusiasm in the garden!

Many spring vegetables may be ready to harvest this week. If you planted greens in March you can gather leaves for tender salads and sautés. Pick the plants’ biggest leaves one-by-one, leaving smaller leaves to grow into next week’s harvest.

Greens regenerate over and over and grow best with continuous light harvesting each week. The leaves are so tasty and fresh, you may have to stop students from eating them all before they reach the kitchen!

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Helpers NEEDED for the Kitchen Garden program!!
Every Friday 12.30-1.30pm.
Please add your name to the roster if you can help out.

A big thank you to those who sent in items for our new kitchen. Also, thank you to Kelly Constable and Cheryl Johnson who have offered to assist in the kitchen. We appreciate your support 😊

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Book of the Week

Mucha! Muncha! Muncha!
Candace Flemming

Mr. McGreely’s war on bunnies will have everyone laughing as he tries to outsmart the clever “twitch-whiskers”. He plants a garden, only to find rabbits munching on his vegetables every night. He builds various structures to keep them out, eventually resorting to an enormous bunny barricade.

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Miss Reilly our garden Coordinator

Mrs Harris our Kitchen Coordinator
This year our cooking program will be operating from the kitchen in the school house. I am in the process of stocking it with kitchen utensils and appliances. I was wondering if anyone had some of the following items that are no longer need and would be willing to donate them to our kitchen. Thank you to the members of our school community who have already sent in items. We appreciate your support.

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Thank you. Kathleen Harris Kitchen coordinator

**Head Lice**

A general reminder about children’s hair now that we are back at school.

- Tips for tackling kids head lice
  - Head lice are transmitted by combs/brushes, friends, hair bands, school bags, bed linen. Once the louse bites it sucks on the scalp which leaves the itchiness.
  - Lice can be found anywhere through the hair or on the scalp, they can live out of the hair for 15 to 20 hours. It does not matter whether your hair is clean or dirty, they take what they can get - therefore, the presence of lice is not an indication of poor hygiene. Lice do not transmit diseases.
  - Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
  - Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
  - Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.
  - The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.
  - Reduce transmission by tying hair back and braiding. We now it’s hard for young girls to consider this cool, but try it!
  - Regularly check your children’s hair.


YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AS LONG AS TREATMENT/MANAGEMENT IS UNDERWAY. Time from infestation to eggs hatching is 5 to 7 days, so be vigilant and examine hair carefully even after treatment.
Upcoming Events

**Assembly**
Monday 22 February, 9am.

**Book Club**
Due back Friday 12 February 2016.

**Life Education**
Monday 29 February

**Intensive Swimming**
15-19 February

**Clean Up Australia Day (schools)**
Friday 4 March

**Zone Swimming Carnival**
Date: Friday 26 February
Further details will be provided.

**Cockburn Swimming Carnival**
Time: 9.30am start
Venue: Nundle Pool
Cost: $4
Travel: parents

**Year 3-4 Tea Gardens Excursion**
Week 8, Term 3

**Year 5-6 Canberra Excursion**
Week 10, Term 2

Moonbi Sports House Points Score

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Moonbi Horse Sports Team Events

Blandford Public School - Friday 4 March 2016
(entries close Friday 26/2/16)
Forms available at the office

Willow Tree Public School - Friday 18 March 2016
(entries close Friday 4/3/16)
Forms available at the office

Moonbi Public School
Friday 8 April 2016
(last day of term)
Entry forms available soon.