Principal’s Report

Last week we held our Parent Helpers Morning Tea at school to acknowledge the great support we receive from many parent and community members throughout the year.

As I said to those in attendance; a lot of our great school activities and the ‘extras’ would not happen if it weren’t for the generosity of our volunteers. We pride ourselves on being able to offer our kids a great range of opportunities but with a small staff this can sometimes stretch us somewhat and we really rely on extra hands.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of having volunteers in the school, as I see it, is the positive modelling it provides for our children. To see people giving up their own time not for money or other rewards but just to help others, is a valuable thing for our kids to see. We encourage our kids to help others or perform random acts of kindness wherever they can without the need to receive something in return and the adults they see around the school doing this reinforces this wonderful sense of community.

So once again to everyone who has helped on canteen, helped on school excursions, listened to kids read, worked in the veggie gardens, provided seeds and soil, maintained our website, cooked BBQs, transported kids to events, coached sporting teams and in any other way volunteered their time and efforts for the benefit of our kids, I say a big THANK YOU! from myself and the staff.

I am currently in negotiations with a company to develop our own school app that parents will be able to download free to their smart phone or tablet. It is hoped that this will provide a convenient method for parents to keep up to date with school news, notes etc. Keep an eye out for further information before the end of the year.

Cheers,
Andrew

Coming Events

Nov 13 School Photos – envelopes attached. Please send your child dressed in our new school uniform. Return your envelope tomorrow and pay later.

Nov 15 Seelands Community Garage Sale Seelands Hall – 7.00am start Come and get a bargain!!

Nov 15 Copmanhurst Ball – dance the night away Only $12.50 single; $30 double

Nov 19 ‘2015 Kinder’ students 2nd classroom visit

Nov 26 Parent Interviews – Kinder 2015 students

Dec 08 Year 6 Farewell

Dec 11 Presentation Night

Dec 17 Ulmarra Pool – last day of Term 4

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4

Nov 17 Tara Newman & Callie Bulman
Nov 24 Kelly Beneke & Kate Knight
Dec 1 Rick & Liz Heilers
Dec 8 Paula Clausen & Casey Williams
Dec 15 Paula Clausen & Sylvia Beichert

PARENTS CAN YOU PLEASE REFER TO THE NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST SENT OUT WITH THE NEWSLETTER IN OCTOBER. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

OUR CAPTAINS REMEMBER – REMEMBRANCE DAY!!
Our 5/6 students placing poppies on the graves of our Ex-Service Men & Women

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Would you be interested in accessing after school care for your children at school if it were available? We are currently investigating offering out of hours care for parents who cannot be home when the kids come home from school and need to know how great the need is, if any. Please let me know A.S.A.P. if you would support such a service. Please note; there would be a cost.

Congratulations to Casey Williams and Jo Martin who were the winners of the $100 gift vouchers for returning school surveys.

P&C XMAS RAFFLE 2014
P&C is once again asking for donations of grocery and Christmas items for hampers as prizes for our annual raffle to be left at the front office. Donations need to be within use by/best before date and have packaging which is undamaged and show no signs of rust. If you are donating chocolates please give them to Rhonda to put in the fridge. Please have donations in by 11am on Thursday 11th December and return tickets of a handcrafted timber side by Wednesday 10th December. First prize table has generously been donated by Kelly Beneke. Tickets will be $1 each and will be drawn on December 11 at Presentation night.