PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last Friday, students in years 4,5 and 6 participated in the first of three kayaking days to be held this term. We are very fortunate to live where we do and it is great for our kids to be able to use the river for supervised recreation activities. Whilst having fun is the number one priority for the kids, they will also learn valuable safety procedures and correct paddle strokes to help them paddle more efficiently and avoid injury. Later in the year I would also like to give students in the younger classes the opportunity to try kayaking.

This week students in years 3 and 5 have been sitting the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN provides a good assessment tool for teachers to be able to identify individual strengths and areas for improvement and to track student growth, or progress, over 2 years. It must be remembered that NAPLAN is able to assess how students perform on that one day and it is a tiny part of the ongoing teaching and assessing cycles that schools undertake. Results are mailed to parents late in term 3 although teachers are able to mark test books before sending them away and can gain a fairly accurate indication of what results will be.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/a-z/involvement.php.

Thanking you,
Andrew

COMING EVENTS

Congratulations to the Rest Point Hotel-Biggest Morning Tea Committee, they raised over $4000 with a fabulous day had by all who attended.

May 27 Parenting course:- ‘Responding not Reacting’. If interested in attending please contact Rhonda. Morning tea & lunch provided

May 29 Murri Kulcha – Visiting Performance cost $4 per child.

June 5 Responsible Pet Education:- the Program offers free visits by trained pet educators and their temperament tested pets. Visits cover the concepts of choosing a pet, registration, pet housing and husbandry, and in particular, safety around dogs in order to prevent dog attacks.

June 10 Community nurse Kate will visit the school to test the hearing & vision of kinder students. If you have a concern & would like your child tested please contact the office.

June 10 P&C Meeting

June 19 NAIDOC GALA DAY – Traditional Indigenous Games & Boomerang Art.

June 20 Half Yearly reports go home.

WEEK 9 Parent Interviews

June 27 Last day of Term 2

OUR ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS
Thursday, May 8th 2014

K/1: Emily Ferguson & Levi Donaghey

2/3: Aiyana Death & Daimin Miles

4/5/6: Simone Bottrell & Jasper Franklin

Principal’s Award: Dane Olsen-Maas

Class Award: Class 2/3, for being quiet and patient during assembly