MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Book Week has been a great success again this year thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of teachers, students and parents. Encouraging a love of books and reading is possibly the most important work we (parents and teachers) do as educators. It was a joy to watch children and teachers sharing stories in the hall and in the classrooms. Special events take a great amount of preparation and time and I would especially like to thank and commend Mrs Jones for the many hours she dedicated to ensuring Book Week lived up to, and exceeded expectations. The school is funded for library two days per week which meant much of the time Mrs Jones put towards this preparation was done in a voluntary capacity. Thank you Mrs Jones.

Thank you to the Gallagher, Diss, Sanbrook, Dawson, Jeffrey, Cameron, Tongue, Murphy, Train, Jones, Perkins, Seery and Petty families for their generous donation of books to our Library. (Georgie Petty and Liam Seery were absent when photo was taken).

Many staff members, parents and students assisted in a variety of ways before, during and after Tuesday and I thank you all on behalf our school community.

The money raised on Tuesday will be invested in quality literature for our Library.

Weeks 9 and 10 will be very busy with staff attending professional development activities (Learning and Support Conference and Assistant Principals’ Meeting) and students participating in Regional Athletics, Girls Cricket, a chess competition at Tamworth Public School, Capers rehearsals (Dances and Choir) and the Lake Keepit and Thalgarrah Excursions. Classes will occasionally need to be split to enable all these events to take place. Teachers will prepare work for students affected to ensure learning continues.

Have a lovely weekend

Kerrel Haire
Principal

AWARDS

Congratulations to the “You Can Do It” award winners at our assembly on Friday 23rd August, 2013:

K     Louisa Hawkins, Liam Podlotski
K-1   Jasmine Hughes, Liam Wells
Y1-2  Toby Keven-Faulkner, Cheyanna Norman
Y2    Ashlee Hawkins, Joshua Fogarty
Y3    Rachel Smith, Holly Austin
Y4    Isabella Cameron, Ryan McDowall
Y5    Mason Bayliss, Laine Higginbotham
Y6    James Smith, Jessica Kemp

Service Awards: Chloe Thompson received her first service award and Abby Parr received her second service award.
It is hard to believe that it is Week 7 already but K-1 has been so busy the term is just flying. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our assembly last Friday. The children enjoyed being able to speak, sing and dance for you all.

This week we saw many amazing book characters grace our classroom. Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising such a wonderful Book Week celebration. The children certainly enjoyed listening to stories and watching the reader’s theatre performance by Year 6.

During Week 5, our class had the opportunity to participate in an information session from the Rural Fire Service. The children learnt about the dangers associated with fires and the need to have a fire plan at home. We practised the much needed skill of ‘Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go!’. As you can see from the photographs, the class had a wonderful time with these special community volunteers.

Our classroom is a hive of activity with assessment week approaching. All class members will complete assessments in mathematics, spelling, writing, reading and HSIE. This information will be discussed with you at the parent/teacher interviews during Week 10.

After attending the Visible Learning Conference last week, I have added a ‘Data Wall’ in our classroom. This wall visually represents the children’s progress while learning a mathematics skill. This exciting form of assessment allows all children to know exactly where they are in their personal learning journey.

K-1 welcomed Mr Jonathon Norton back into our room last week. Mr Norton will complete the final four weeks of his practicum in our classroom. He is teaching all subject areas and has developed a hands-on Science and Technology unit for the class.

**Leanne Kemp**

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**LOST**

Joseph Hawes has reported that his (a size ‘small’) hat is missing. His name is on the hat. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could check that it hasn’t gone to the wrong house by mistake.
What’s Cooking in the Canteen

The Meal Deal next Monday 2nd September is a Red Day so extra treats will be sold. Any donations of cup cakes, muffins or slice can be delivered to the canteen on Monday morning.

Meat Lovers Pizza has arrived—$3 each

Fun Food Facts: Our Chicken Nuggets are Steggles Chicken Breast Goujons. They are lightly marinated chicken breast finger portions in a crunchy golden potato crumb—no artificial colours or flavours @ $3 for five pieces.

REMINDER: The canteen will be closed on Monday 9th September due to primary students being away on excursions.

Volunteers for this fortnight are:

Friday 30th August - Andrew Fogarty
Monday 2nd Sept - Michelle Lane, Bronwyn Stewart
Friday 6th Sept - Kylie Wright, Jacinta Shumack

Marion Wood
Canteen Manager

CAPERS

CAPERS 2013 will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC) on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November 2013. Both Performances commence at 7.00pm

Tickets for the 3 hour performance are available for purchase in person at the Tamworth Visitor Information Centre, the Capitol Theatre Box Office located in the Forum 6 Cinema Complex at Centrepoint Arcade, by telephone on 6767 5300 or online at: www.entertainmentvenues.com.au

Ticket Prices
Adult $35.00
Child 2-7 $30.00
Child under 2 Free
Aged Pensioner $30.00
Family Ticket $100.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

P&C Fundraising News

Nemingha P&C has been offered a shift in the canteen at the annual Dungowan Campdraft on Sunday 29th September from 9am-12noon. Last year the P&C benefited from quite a generous donation for our effort. If you are able to assist please contact Karlie Tongue on 0407 926132.

NOTELINK

Notes sent home in the last fortnight were:
• Printing error Kindergarten Transition
• Thalgarrah Excursion
• Lake Keepit Medical consent form
• Schools Spectacular Meals form
• PSSA girls cricket
• Parent teacher interview times-Mrs. Lacey, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Gooch, Mrs Bowman, Mr Lewis, Mrs Sharkey, Mrs Petersen and Mrs Price
• Years 4 & 5 Emily Eyefinger
• Years 5 & 6 Thalgarrah Excursion
TAMWORTH LITTLE ATHLETICS
Registration for the 2013 / 2014 season will be held on Sunday 8th and 15th September at the Tamworth Athletics Track, Greg Norman Drive. This will be the only registration day. Registration cost is $100.00 for the season. Uniforms need to be ordered and paid for on registration day. If joining for the first time, proof of date of birth is required. For more information: www.tamworthlac.org.au

Piallamore and District Recreation and Social Group
REMINDER Meeting this Sunday 1st September at 11.30 at the court grounds followed by Fathers’ Day Luncheon at 12.15. BBQ provided, BYO food and drinks plus chairs.

Please contact Mark Stass if you have any apologies on 0439 424215.

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