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Term 4 Week 3

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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4.

A huge thank you to our local Valla Lions Club who made yet another donation to our breaky program last week. This program is made possible by the generous support of our local Lions. We make toast for all of our kids each morning to ensure that they are fuelled up and ready to learn. Many of our kids get here quite early and this program ensures that their bodies have the energy needed to take on the big day ahead. The program is supported by our staff and parents who generously give of their time each morning to get the toast cooked and ready. Many of our students also get involved. We are in the process of purchasing a commercial toaster to make the whole process much quicker for all involved. If you would like to give us a hand on any given morning then please contact the school and we will give you the details of when and where we need you. We will be sure to include a photo of our dedicated breaky team and their new toaster as soon as it arrives.

With the help of our P&C, the car park modifications are really beginning to take shape. There will be a left hand turn about half way up the first car park. This will take you on a drop off, pick up loop. The exit will be at the top of the first car park. This is not a parking area. It is a safe way to drop off and pick up your children. I have been escorting some students down to the bus bay each afternoon to meet their parents who are parking legally in the designated area in front of the bus stop. This is working well and I would encourage any parents who are arriving early to park there and wait for their children. If you would like them to be escorted in the bus lines then please see their classroom teacher who will deliver them to be walked down. This is by far the safest option considering the congested nature of our current situation. I am really looking forward to making this area of our school much safer for our students.

We are in the process of finally making a considerable reading system purchase. Our wonderful teachers need the best tool available to them, and this system will certainly provide a new level of resource availability K-6. It will also free up many levelled readers for the intensive home reading program that we will implement in 2015. Based on parental and staff feedback in regards to home reading and homework, we are developing a whole school plan that will hopefully cater for the needs of all stakeholders. Home work and home readers are key drivers of student progress. They DO make a difference to your child's learning and it is vitally important that parents and carers find the time to support their child or children in this area. School community feedback indicated a need for homework that was regular, challenging, easy, not too much and relevant to their child's learning. As a result, our homework and home reading will look something like this (with some variations K-6);

A familiar reader home every night. This must be returned each day.

½ page of **compulsory** Literacy homework each week. Home on Monday and returned Friday.

½ page of **compulsory** Numeracy homework each week. Home on Monday and returned Friday.

½ page of **optional** Literacy homework each week. Home on Monday and returned Friday.

½ page of **optional** Numeracy homework each week. Home on Monday and returned Friday.

Diary

Wed 22nd October

Year 6 Mini Fete
Garage Sale

Thurs 23rd October

Kickstart
Kindergarten
Transition
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Mon 27th October

Intensive Swim
Program
9:30am-12:30pm for
1 Week

Grandparents Day
1:30pm All Welcome

Tues 28th October

Indigenous Netball
Day

Thurs 30th October

Year 6 Forensics Day
at NHHS

Fri 31st October

K-2 Halloween Disco

Mon 17th Nov

Stage 3 Excursion to
Canberra

Banking Days

Every Mon, Tues,
Wed, Thurs

Homework will be marked in class to allow for immediate and individual feedback.

If ANY part of your child's homework is too hard or they say they cannot do it, then mark clearly and return to their teacher for explanation. Do not be drawn into an argument with them. Often this is just a strategy to get out of doing their homework in the early stages. As it becomes more of a habit this part of the homework cycle will become much easier.

As parents and carers you will be on the front line of homework completion which can become quite tricky if not handled carefully. Homework needs to become a habit. Students get the most from homework when they complete it in a quiet, clutter free area at a regular time each day. They also need to approach this time with a positive attitude (which can be a challenge!). It should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes each afternoon. TV off. Homework DOES make a real difference to a child's learning if done well. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns next year.

Our Year 6 students reported an interesting and engaging transition visit to the high school on Wednesday. They had a great time and certainly feel a little more confident in regards to taking on the challenges of 2015 in their new school environment.

I was lucky enough to get to pop in and visit 2015 kindy students in their preschool setting on Thursday. It was an awesome morning and all of the kids had lots of questions for our Year 5 student representatives. Crystal, Tyrone and Kailee represented their school brilliantly and certainly made a great impression on the younger students. Kickstart begins this Thursday at 12.30pm, so please be sure to let any parents or carers know who may not be involved in preschool.

Our infant students had a great time on Friday with the Rugby League Literacy sessions. Brandon Costin and his team did a great job running the kids through fun-filled activities that link back to a specially designed text for the classroom. This program will continue for 2 more Fridays.

This Wednesday our Year 6 Mini Fete Garage Sale will be held at 11:30am in the Quad. Items will be available for purchase from \$1 to \$10. Show bags etc. If you would like your child to participate then please send them in with some money on the day.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Caught Being Good

Carissa Gallagher 6/5M - Returning an overdue library book, Amelia Jones KD - Being good in Peer Support, Lacey Wilson 4/3W - Sitting and Eating, Miranda Mackney KC - Always being beautiful!

Class Merit Awards: **SU2:** Monica Bognar Major, **SU1:** Jacob Howle, **KC:** Taliya Cadman-Pou, Jayce Andrews, **KD:** Emma Wall, Bailey Mackay, **2/1C:** Thomas Farnsworth, Mikaela Howle, **2/1E:** Bianca Wilson, Taj Judd, **2/1H:** Larnie Wheeler, Ben Williams, Zachary Urquhart, **4/3F:** Ashanti Biggs, Jaiye Langford, **4/3M:** Jasmine Jury, Beau Hussell, Zayne Pearson, Sebastian Smith, Shar-donnae White, Ebony Wylie, Zane Beuzeville, Lewina Donovan, Zane Jones, Olivia Lane, Josh Munro, Alex Parker, Christa Parker, Damon Simon-Wilson, Riley Smithwick **4/3W:** Yolanda Jones, Holly Blanch, Yazzystar Hoffman, Deklan Rigby, **6/5L:** Amber Jenkins, Michael Buchanan, **6/5M:** Kategjah Stadhams, Sophia Fidirikkos, Tisharne Provost Watmough, **6/5S:** Chloe Gregory, Jade Crawley.

Class of the Week - 4/3M

Congratulations



Year 6 Mini Fete Garage Sale

When: Wednesday, 22nd October 2014 Time: 11.30am

Where: Outside Mrs Leahy's office

Prices: 50c to \$6

Show bags, Novelties, Lolly Pops



Breakfast Club - Valla Lions Club

Once again, Valla Lions Club has generously donated \$500 to our Breakfast Club. With their wonderful support, Breakfast Club is able to run five days a week, nourishing all children with yummy toast!

Thanks also to the teachers and parent volunteers who help on these mornings!



Uniforms Needed

Any donations of outgrown school uniforms would be greatly appreciated! Please send to the Front Office.

Crazy Camel Calendar Fundraiser

Our P&C have again this year organised a calendar fundraiser. You can use your child's art, or a photo. This is a great gift idea, just in time for Christmas.

Order forms went home last week, or you can get one from the Front Office. All orders are to be in by 24th October.

Library News

Chess Club Wrap-up: Anthony and Lawrence battle it out in the Chess Comp Final and Playground Exhibition Match: Anthony vs Mr Potter!



Commonwealth Bank

The Commonwealth Bank is rewarding regular savers with precious prizes. To be in the running, students simply need to make a School Banking deposit between 20th October and 30th November 2014, regardless of the value. They will then be automatically entered into the competition. The more times they deposit, the more chances they have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries)!

Expressions of interest are now being taken for
2015 Kindergarten Enrolments.

Name..... Phone Number.....

Child's Name.....Date of Birth.....



Gumbaynggirr Language Lessons

Term 4 So Far...



Library Learning with Mrs Coulter



We're going on a bear hunt!



Self Portraits



SPORT ON FRIDAYS



Rugby League Literacy Sessions



Ka mate, ka mate! ka ora! ka ora!

| WEDNESDAY 22nd October | THURSDAY 23rd October | FRIDAY 24th October | MONDAY 27th October |
|--|--|--|--|
| Name: _____ Class: _____ BBQ Chicken & Homemade Coleslaw Roll Price \$5.00 | Name: _____ Class: _____ Savoury Mince Price \$4.50 small \$6.00 large | Name: _____ Class: _____ Satay Chicken & Vege with Steamed Rice Price \$4.50 small \$6.50 large | Name: _____ Class: _____ Homemade Pumpkin Soup & Garlic Bread Price \$5.00 |

COMMUNITY NEWS



Positive Partnerships

Is offering a FREE two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age children on the Autism Spectrum.

Where: Australis Sanctuary
250 Pacific Hwy (South) Coffs Harbour

When: Two Day Workshop

1st Day: Wednesday 12th Nov 9am-4:30pm

2nd Day: Thursday 13th Nov 9am-3.30pm

Registration available from
Wednesday 1st October.

Online registrations are preferred directly
through our website

Www.positivepartnerships.com.au



2014/2015 Family Energy Rebate

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children.

In 2014/2015 the rebate gives:

A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.

A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank account for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

APPLY BEFORE 16th JUNE 2015

It takes 2 minutes to fill in the form.

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

For more information and assistance

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