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FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – TERM 3
Parents and caregivers are reminded that the first day for students next term is Tuesday, 14th July. On the Monday Staff Development Day we will be working with Sarah McInnes, who is a Paediatric Occupational Therapist, to learn about ‘Supporting Engaged Attention, Learning and Participation for children with learning and developmental differences’. This session will be from 8.30am–11am. We will then be moving to Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) sessions led by Miss O’Connor as our trained TEN Facilitator. This will take the rest of the day.

SCHOOL QUADRANGLE
The quadrangle garden will be completed over the next school holidays by members of the P&C. Works will include completing the centre ‘box’ planter. Then what remains to be done falls into the category of beautification with the erection of a screen and the relaying of the flagstones. The area is now extremely attractive and will only get better as the trees and shrubs establish themselves. The grass looks outstanding, and with the extra rain will no doubt continue to thrive. A huge thanks to all members of the P&C, to Mr Chown and to our planner Hayley for their hard work.

SCHOOL HALL
I completed an inspection of the school hall building with the Joss Maintenance Supervisor and an electrician on Tuesday to prepare a quote for the installation of lights and power to the hall building. We now wait upon news confirming that we have been granted funding to complete this work.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
A reminder that the primary assembly will take place on Friday next week beginning at 12.15pm. This will be followed by our student-prepared lunch.

RETURN OF ABSENCE SLIPS/NOTES
All absence slips or notes explaining absences should now be given to Mrs Ferry in the office. Mrs Ferry will then access the class rolls on Sentral to make the appropriate notations for absences. We appreciate your efforts to call us regarding absences but we need that call to be followed up with a note wherever possible. Sentral prints a very formal letter when absences are not resolved. If you receive one of these letters the tear-off slip on the bottom needs to be returned to us with the reasons for each date of absence clearly recorded on it.

With my best regards,
Jaemie Bennett
Principal

Term 2 Week 9 Thursday 18th June 2015
LAST DAY OF TERM
The last day of term is fast approaching and like last year, we will be making our own hot yummy lunch and doing some fun activities in the classroom.

It is primary’s turn to present our assembly, which will be held at 12:15pm. Afterwards parents are welcome to join us for a hot lunch.

Students may come out of uniform.

MATILDA
A reminder that permission notes for Matilda need to returned to school by the end of next week.

SPORTS NEWS
Sporting Schools
This week is the last week of Sporting Schools for term 2. Students had great fun learning about golf. Fingers crossed we receive funding to continue next term.

Footsteps Dance
Next term students will be participating in Footsteps dance lessons again. There will be 5 sessions on a Friday starting week 2 from 9am. Please see attached note for details.

YEAR 1 AND 2 NEWS
Year 1 and 2 have been working hard on their home learning projects and will be presenting them to infants next Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm. Parents are welcome to come and join us as Year 1 and 2 teach us about African animals.

Miss O’Connor
Class Teacher

FOOD ALLERGY
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

PRIMARY SCHOOL
Is your child making friends at school? Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

CLASS NEWS
Last Friday Primary students performed “How Gilbert Died” at Yass Public School. After 2 days in workshops with the Sydney Puppet Theatre students designed and created their puppets for the performance. Using shadow puppets the students played out the scenes that were recited by Mrs Robyn Sykes. Well Done Primary – very proud of your performance, maturity and behaviour. A huge thank you to parents who helped out in the workshops and for everyone who attended the performance.

One more week for students to think of a name for our School Magazine. Entries close next Friday with the winner announced at the Primary assembly.

Mrs Smith
Class Teacher

WHAT’S HAPPENING

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS
If your child is late arriving at school or needs to leave early parents/caregivers are asked to come to the office and fill out the Late Arrivals/Early Leavers book that is at the front glass window. This will mean that you have provided us with a ‘note’ indicating the reason for absence so that we do not have to ask you for a separate note later. Parents/caregivers need to sign the book so children cannot excuse themselves, rather the parent needs to be the one to fill out the book.

A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY CONCERNS TO THE SCHOOL SO WE CAN ATTEND TO THEM APPROPRIATELY.