



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

Week 9:

- 05/12 – Art Gallery 2pm – 2.50pm
- 06/12 – Primary Sport
- 07/12 – Floraville Spring Fete 12-5.00pm

Week 10:

- 09/12 – Student Leader speeches
- 09/12 – Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 09/12 – Primary Sport Nomination forms due from 8:40am outside the hall.
- 10/12 - Year 6 - Luna Park & IMAX
- 10/12 – Year 3 & 4 Party Day
- 10/12 – School Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 10/12 – P & C Meeting 7.00pm
- 11/12 – Hunter Sports Awards
- 11/12 – Carols on the green
- 11/12 – Gold & Red Day
- 12/12 – Presentation Day
Infants – 9.30 - 11.00am
Primary – 11.30am - 1.30pm
- 13/12 – K-2 Movie Day

Week 11:

- 16/12 – Year 5 Party Day
- 17/12 – Year 6 Farewell
- 18/12 – Last day for students

2014 – Term 1

Week 1:

- 29/01 – First day back – Year 1-6
- 03/02 – First day for Kindergarten

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 6 Farewell - \$27.00
- K-2 Movie Day - \$10.00
- Year 3 & 4 Party Day - \$15.00
- Year 6 IMAX & Luna Park - \$60.00

Thought for the Week

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

–Winston Churchill

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 9

Dear Parents,

School Spectacular

Congratulations to our students who travelled to Sydney last week to perform in the School Spectacular, and also to our spectators who travelled down with Mrs Gibson to watch the show. It certainly lived up to its name and was a “spectacular” event. It will be a very valuable experience and a lasting memory for those who were part of it. A special thank you must go to Mr Faulkner who put so much effort and time into preparing and supporting our performers and to Mrs Gibson for organising our supporters. We have been advised that two cases of whooping cough have been reported from amongst the performers (not from our school) but all participating schools have been asked to inform parents in case any of our students were exposed to the illness.

School Fete

We all have our fingers crossed for continued fine weather for this Saturday's School Fete. It promises to be a wonderful community event and I would like to once again acknowledge Mrs Robertson and her team for the enormous effort they have put into planning and organisation. The fete begins at 12 noon and concludes at 5pm.

Busy week

Next week being the second last week of school for the year is a very busy one, with additional activities on each day. Please note the Important Dates section of The Brief for dates relevant to you and/or your child.

Summer Holiday Fun

Sport and Recreation is giving away a kids' camp for two. Simply tell them in 25 words or less why you'd love to win a Sport and Recreation holiday, and like their Facebook page. The competition closes on 13 December, 2013.

Enter the competition: dsr.nsw.gov.au/win

Pleasures of Free Play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

D. Robson
Principal

This week's virtue is **UNITY**

Unity helps us work and live together peacefully. We feel connected with each other and all living things. We value the specialness of each person as a gift, not as a reason to fight or be scared. With unity we accomplish more together than any of one of us could alone.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 3/4O

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 2C

CALENDAR ART

It has been brought to the P&C's attention that some printing errors may have occurred with the calendars. If you could please check your calendars have all 12 months printed correctly. If so, please bring any incorrect calendars to the office before Friday 6th December.

SPRING FETE

We are only days away from our fete, we all have our fingers crossed that the weather will be kinder to us this time round. A reminder that you can still purchase ride tickets from the office at \$20 unlimited rides, slices can be brought to the canteen on Friday or fresh on Saturday. Come and join in the fun on Saturday, 7th December from 12:00 - 5:00pm

SPORT NEWS

Term 1 Primary Sport Nominations (for current Year 2-5 students)

Primary Sport begins in Week 3 (14th February). This sees the continuation of our summer sports program which includes the sporting electives of Sailing, Water Polo, Water Fun & Safety, Tennis and Aerobics. These sports are not on offer in Terms 2 or 3.

The nomination forms were sent home today and must be **returned on Monday 9th December**. Each grade will have their own collection box outside the hall from 8:40am through to 9:00am and the first notes returned will take preference. If your child is going to be absent on this day, they need to give their form to a sibling, relative or friend who can line up on their behalf as it is not fair to others if we accept notes before this day.

Most spots in paid sports are filled by Year 5 and 6 students, as they get preference. It is rare that Year 3 and 4 students receive positions in these sports. Senior students have waited for their opportunity to get first preference and this process allows for more students to eventually get a taste at most sports throughout their primary years. If your child gains a place in a paid sport, a permission note will be sent home at the end of Week 10 (by 13th December) to confirm what sport your child is placed in. This note will outline the details specific to your child's sport. Your payment will then secure your child's place in their chosen sport (due Tuesday 4th February, 2014).

Presentation Day Sports Awards

Sports Awards are presented at our school's Presentation Day (Year 3-6 section) next week on Thursday 12th December. The male and female Sportspersons of the Year will be announced and we also award certificates for Zone, Regional and State representation in PSSA sports.

Please note: Zone representation means that you represented the Zone at Regional level, not represented the school at a Zone event.

Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

P&C NEWS

The next P & C will be on Tuesday 10th December at 7.00pm in the Library.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 8.30 – 9.15 am or Wednesday 2.30 – 3.15 pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our **Christmas Lunch Bags** have started & will be available through until Friday 13th December inclusive! Check our School App for bags available!

Monday 9th December 6.30pm, **Canteen Christmas Get Together**. If you have volunteered your time to the canteen in any way at any time in 2013 we would love for you to join us. Details available in the canteen or on the school App!

Wednesday 11th December – Red Day!!!

Wednesday 11th December - Carols' on the Green. If you are able to volunteer just half an hour of your time to the canteen/merchandise stalls on Carol's Night please see Miss Strong. Details available on the School App!

Thursday 12th December – PRESENTATION DAY – CANTEEN CLOSED!!!

Friday 13th December – LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR 2013!

Please be aware that the canteen **WILL NOT** be open for the last 3 days of term, being Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December. Canteen will be closed for cleaning in readiness for 2014.

Roster:

Thursday 05/12 – Belinda Richardson, Kylie Hanson, Amy Bates, Kim Brewster

Friday 06/12 – Kelly Woodger, Sonya Condon, Angela Buddingh

Monday 09/12 – Kylie Bailey, Lisa Kerr

Tuesday 10/12 – Pam Taylor, Susan Guest, Christine Mitford

Wednesday 27/11 – Pat Whyte, Lisa Booth, Maree McCulloch, Alison Johnson