Principal’s Report - Term 4, Week 1...

Thank You
I just want to thank everyone for their support last term while I was on sick leave after my altercation with a tree. Monica Joyce did a fantastic job relieving for me during the term and I really appreciate all the work and effort that she put in. I want to thank the staff as well for their continued effort and support, particularly knowing that casual teachers were hard to find last term and there was a lot of sickness. Thanks also to all the parents and students for your well wishes and understanding with changes to classes and routines last term. It is great to be back and I am really looking forward to the term.

Staff Changes for Term 4
Courtney Hunter is on Maternity Leave from the start of this term anticipating the arrival of a new baby for her and Josh. Chloe Faulkner will be taking 3/4H for the term. Chloe is very musical and loves technology. I know everyone will make her feel welcome and I know she will do a great job.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs McMahon who have welcomed new twin boys, Clarence & Walter, into their family. We wish them all the best for what will be a busy time ahead.

Kate Manwaring will be doing some extra days this term on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after completing her internship last term on 5/6C where she did a fantastic job.

School Fete
Our School Fete is on next Friday, 16th October, from 3.30 till 6.30pm. It should be a great afternoon so put the date in your diary.

P & C Fete Meeting
We are having a special Fete Meeting tonight, Tuesday 6th October, starting at 7.30pm in the staff room. If you are able to help out at the Fete or have ideas please come along.

Kinder Enrolments for 2016
Information booklets and enrolment forms for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 are available from the office.

Kinder Orientation for Term 4
Our Kinder Orientation for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 will happen this term. The first Kinder Orientation will be on Tuesday 20th October, from 12.00pm- 3.00pm. It will then continue for the following 3 Tuesdays (27/10, 3/11 & 10/11) from 12.00-3.00pm and conclude with a full day on Tuesday 17th November. Students who go to Pre-School on these days will be picked up by bus and taken to our school and then returned by bus to the Pre-School in the afternoon. For students who don’t go to Pre-school on these days, parents can drop off and pick up students. For more information please contact either Andrew Hooper or Steve Kilby at the school.

Term 4 Swimming
Organisation and notes will go out soon for our Term 4 intensive swimming program. This will happen during Week 8 and 9 this term, starting on Monday 23rd November and finishing on Friday 4th December.
School Banking Day Reminder

Just a reminder that Tuesday is School Banking day - Don’t forget to hand in your weekly deposit. Please note that the Lunar Light Band and the Cosmic Light Beam Torch have been withdrawn from the Rewards program due to safety concerns. Instead of these you can order the Galaxy Glider (Frisbee) and the Outer Space Savers Money Box. Other items still available for redemption include the ET DVD, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, Scented Pencils (2014), Headphones (2013), Knuckles Game (2013), Shark Keyring (2014), Swimming Bag (2014), Dollarmites Moneybox (2014). Mrs Eppelstun will send a note home when students are eligible for a reward item. You can then return your order with your next deposit. Keep those deposits coming in regularly to earn your tokens!

Year 5 Captain Speeches
The Year 5 students who will be running for School Captain in 2016 will give their speech in the hall on Friday 20th November from 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term 4 Calendar
Term 4 is a very busy term with lots of events taking place. Please make sure you look at our term calendar and keep it somewhere handy.

End of School Year
School finishes for students on Wednesday 18th December. We will be having our Presentation Day and Christmas Concert on Monday 14th December and our Year 6 Farewell on Thursday 10th December. Reports will go out on Monday 14th December.

Classes for 2016
Once we get our Kindergarten enrolments in for 2016 we will be sitting down to organise our classes for next year. If you have any special requests please let me know because a lot of work and consideration goes into setting up these classes and I am therefore reluctant to change them once they are done.

Kinder Excursion
Kindergarten are organised to go to the Canberra Zoo on Friday 30th October. Steve Kilby is organising this so please see him if you require more information.

5/6 Excursion
Years 5 & 6 go away in Week 6, which is the second week in November, to the Blue Mountains, Sydney and Wollongong. Students and parents attending need to finalise their payment before we go away.

Stage Assemblies
This Friday, 9th October, we will be having Stage Assemblies at 12.30pm. Students can cash in 5 School Awards for a Stage Award.

Year 6 Transition to High School
Year 6 will have 3 full days at The Henry Lawson High School this term. The days are a Wednesday and the dates are 14th October, 4th November and 18th November. On these days students in Year 6 need to get themselves to and from the High School. If you have not handed in your High School enrolment form it’s very important that you do so asap.

No Hat No Play
During Term 4 we enforce the ‘No Hat No Play’ rule, so if students are not wearing the school hat they will not be playing in the playground.

New RTA School Signs
Please be aware that the RTA have installed flashing school zone signs in Melyra Street. This is great and will hopefully make people slow down around our school.

Andrew Hooper - Principal
**Brooke Brandt has lost her school jacket - it was brand new with her name on it. If your child accidentally took it home could you please return to school.**

**Lucky Bags**

It is Fete time again. We will be having a lucky bag lucky dip as one of our stalls this year. We are asking for donations for this stall. Bags could consist of little toys, lollies, chocolates, crafty items, etc to the value of $1.00. The bags are usually small sandwich bags. Please remember to only include lollies and chocolates that are commercially wrapped. However, if you would like to donate items for the bags (not already bagged), these donations are also welcome. We will have a competition as to which class donates the most lucky bags and the winning class will receive a prize. Please contact Mrs Forde or Mrs Kilby if you have any questions.

**TOY ORDERS**

Last term we sent out catalogues from Chalk and Parent Direct which offered you the opportunity to purchase good quality toys and gifts for Christmas and Birthdays. It is not too late to place an order if you wish. Orders should be sent into the school office asap so that they will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. Simply fill in the order form in the centre of the catalogues and send in to school with money enclosed.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Our Sporting Schools program will run again on Monday afternoons, commencing next Monday 12th October. It will run straight after school until 4:15pm.

If you would like your child to attend please see Mrs Forde for an enrolment form.

**GRENFELL SOCCER CLUB**

Grenfell Soccer Club is running a 7-a-side junior soccer competition. It is open to all primary aged students who are 8 yrs or older, and students who played in the Under 8’s winter competition. It will be running on Wednesday evenings from 6-6.45pm. This Wednesday, 7th October, will be a fun kick around evening with registrations. Registration cost is $20. The competition will start on 14th October and conclude at the end of Term 4.
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PCYC Cowra

Touch Football

The touch football season starts on Monday 19 October so now is the time to get your team organised. Team nominations need to be completed by 14 October. As in previous years, there will be the Open Mixed Competition, the Under 14 mixed competition, and the primary group development squad for the juniors.

Team registration packs are available from PCYC’s Young Road building. To nominate a team, the team registration form must be completed and returned to PCYC, along with each players PCYC membership form and the registration fees. Fees this year have been set at $55.00 per player aged 18 or older, $35.00 per player aged under 18.

This competition is not affiliated with Touch NSW so there is no personal accident insurance provided for players. Players play at their own risk.

After School Care

PCYC After School Care has resumed for term 4. After School Care runs at the Binni Creek Road building until 6pm and we utilise the services of Cowra Bus Service to transport the children from school. A PCYC staff member will be travelling on the Cowra Bus Service bus to ensure the safe arrival of students at the Binni Creek Road building at around 4pm.

The cost for after school care is $22.00 per child per day however the fee may be reduced by Child Care Benefit depending on your eligibility and payment arrangements. The bus service will cost $1.00 per trip for children that do not hold a bus travel pass with Cowra Bus Service. Please contact the club on 63412035 for more information or to make a booking.

Keeping informed

Please contact PCYC on 63412035 for further information about any of the activities on offer or check out the “Cowra PCYC” Facebook page or the website www.pcycnsw.org.au/cowra. You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Yearly membership is $5.00 for under 18’s and $10 for ages 18 and older.

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2015 Melbourne Cup Calcutta

On Sunday November 1st at the Grenfell Bowling Club

In aid of Can Assist Grenfell. Can Assist helps locals and their families in the Weddin Shire with cancer.

Horses to be drawn out at 6.30pm and auctioned at 7.00pm

Tickets can be purchased at the Bowling Club leading up to the event or will be sold at a table in the bar area for 2 hours leading up to the draw.

Tickets are $1 each

Rules and conditions of entry are displayed on the back of each ticket

Come along and bring your friends and buy a horse that could win this year’s Melbourne Cup and you will also be supporting a great local charity.
Weddin Geranium & Garden Club

Grenfell

OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 10\textsuperscript{th} & Sunday 11\textsuperscript{th}
October 2015

Open 10am to 4pm

Join us for
A leisurely stroll around
Some beautiful Gardens &
Morning/afternoon tea/lunch Available

For further information contact: Kathleen 63431231 or Chris 63431313