Kinder Orientation for Term 4, Week 5...

Our Orientation for next year’s Kindergarten students has been running for 2 weeks now and things are going very smoothly. The Orientation will continue this Tuesday, 3rd November, from 12.00pm - 3.00pm. It will then run again on Tuesday 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 and taken to our school and 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. Information booklets and enrolment forms for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 are available from the office.

Year 6 Transition to High School

There are 2 more Transition days left for our Year 6 students. The next day is this Wednesday, 4th November, and the last one will be on Wednesday 18th November. Students in Year 6 need to get themselves to and from the High School on these days. If you have not handed in your High School enrolment form it’s very important that you do so asap.

5/6 Excursion

Year 5/6 go away next week, from Monday 9th till Friday 13th November, for their end of year excursion to the Blue Mountains, Sydney and Wollongong. Numbers and payments should have been finalised last Friday. We will be leaving at 9.30am on Monday morning so students need to be here by 9.00am. We will return at 7.00pm on Friday.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards at the Whole School Assembly last Friday, 30th October.

**Grenfell Blues**
George Mitton

**Principal Awards**
George Mitton
Joel Frazer
Millie Ingrey
Brayden Hucker
Ella Mitton
Lachlan Ingrey
Samantha Mitton
David Carpenter
Nicholas Heathcote

**Stage Assemblies**
This Friday, 6th November, we will be having Stage Assemblies at 12.30pm. Students can cash in 5 School Awards for a Stage Award.
Term 4 Swimming
Swimming will happen this year during Weeks 8 & 9 this term, starting on Monday 23rd November and finishing on Friday 4th December. Places are filling up very quickly so please secure your child’s spot this week by bringing in the permission note and money.

Year 5 Captain Speeches
The Year 5 students who will be running for School Captain in 2016 will give their speech in the school hall on Friday 20th November, from 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

End of School Year
School finishes for students on Wednesday 16th 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.

Special Sports Assembly
We will hand out our sports awards for 2015 at a special assembly on Friday 11th December at 12.00pm in the hall.

P & C
We have one more P & C get together for this year. This will be held on Tuesday 8th December at 7.00pm. We are having a dinner meeting at the Chinese Restaurant. Parents, staff and community members who have been involved with P & C events this year, are invited to attend this evening. If you would like to come along please let me know by Tuesday 1st December.

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.

Classes for 2016
Once we get our Kindergarten enrolments in for 2016 we will be sitting down to organise our classes for 2016. 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.

Andrew Hooper - Principal

School Banking
Just a reminder that Tuesday is School Banking day - Don’t forget to hand in your weekly deposit. Some reward items have been very popular this year and are no longer available. Items that can still be redeemed include the ET DVD, Invisible Ink Pens, Intergalactic Rocket, Galaxy Glider, Outer Space Savers Money Box, Scented Pencils, Knuckles Game, and Shark Keyring. Mrs Eppelstun will send a note home with your deposit book when you have reached 10 tokens and are eligible for a reward item. You will need to return this note (with the item you want to order ticked), and your 10 silver tokens. If you have misplaced your tokens, or do not have 10, just send in what you have. Congratulations to all those students who received certificates and reward items at the Whole School Assembly last Friday.
**Head Lice**

We have had some reported cases of Head Lice. Head lice are always a concern if people do not follow some simple rules. Please make sure that if your child has head lice that you treat it correctly. Your child should not return to school until all lice and eggs are removed. For treatment please see the local chemist, or we have information packs at school.

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**SALE**

We currently have some supplies of the jersey knit shorts for sale at $9.00 a pair. We have Size 6 and Size 10 available. The shorts are can be purchased from the front office.

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Some photos from the Gala League Tag Day held in Grenfell on Thursday 22nd October

GPS girls who participated all played very well and enjoyed a great day of competition.
Swimming Club News – Week Commencing 2nd November

The decision to proceed with swimming club had to wait until 5.45pm last Friday. Surrounding electrical storms made the call very difficult but swimmer safety must be a priority. It all seemed to clear as we got underway and we held another successful meet, with 75 swimmers competing in events.

We introduced our first drill session where one stroke was dropped from the program and a technique was focused on. Swimmers practiced their starts for the diving strokes and the backstroke events.

We will continue to drop an event from the program each week and focus on a technique during the drill sessions. Swimmers and their parents have reported in the past how useful these drill sessions are for learning and practicing the skills needed to compete in swimming events.

A reminder that nominations must be in by Friday 5pm so events are seeded and the marshalling sheets and time keeper sheets printed and all ready to go. This seemed to go well last Friday.

Our new timekeeping roster is out. If you can’t make your rostered duty, please arrange a swap.

Timekeepers for Friday night, 6th November are:

Beasley, Power, Best, Fenton, Eppelstun (Rachael), Hughes (Mark), Johnson (William).