**School Twilight Swimming Carnival**

Our Twilight Swimming Carnival will take place this Thursday 5th February, at the Grenfell town pool. The carnival will be for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The carnival will start with the Medley at 4.00pm and then the rolls will be marked at 4.20pm. Teachers will mark the roll on Thursday evening at the carnival instead of Friday at school, due to an extended day on Thursday. It would be very much appreciated if parents could indicate to their child’s teacher if their children will be coming to school on Friday. Teachers give up their time on Thursday evening for the carnival and use the Friday as a planning day if we don’t have a lot of students. The Medley will be followed by the 50 metre races, then the 10m, 20m and 30m races. This will be then followed by all the other 50m events. There will be no finals as all events will be decided on times. We will also have novelty events during the evening for non-swimmers and infants children. We want this to be a family affair so come along and enjoy an evening at the pool. The canteen will be available for snacks and dinner and there will also be a BBQ in operation. If you are able to help out on the night please let Mrs Johnson or Miss Hunter know. Last year’s carnival was a great night so let’s make it even better this year. A note has gone home with all students so they can choose what events they want to go in. Students must return their note asap so they can be put into events. We are using ‘Meet Manager’ to organise events and this requires all entries to be processed prior to the carnival.

**District Swimming Carnival**

The District Swimming Carnival will be held at the Canowindra pool on Friday 20th February. It is a day carnival and more information will go out to our students who qualify next week.

**House Captains for 2015**

We held our first House meetings last Friday to organise our Twilight Swimming Carnival this Thursday. At the meeting we voted on our House Captains. Our Wood Captains are Angus Birch and Sarah Glanville and Vice Captains are Joel Frazer and Jade Silburn. Our Lawson Captains are Hugo Fenton and Faith White and Vice Captains are Caleb Haddin and Holly Gilbert. Our O’Brien Captains are Brett Knight and Capryse Lawler and Vice Captains are Acacia Huxtable and Tom Hazel. Congratulations to all these students, I am sure they will do a great job leading their houses at our carnivals this year.

**Parent Information Evening**

We will not be holding a Parent Information Evening as in previous years. This year we will be having a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 24th February where parents can book a time to sit down, one on one with your child’s teacher to discuss the start of the school year, or any concerns.

A booking sheet and information letter will go home with your child at the end of this week.

If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

**P & C**

Our first P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February in the school staffroom starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is our last meeting before our AGM on Tuesday 10th March.
Munch and Crunch
The whole school, K-6, will continue with Munch and Crunch. This is where we will stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. We ask that all parents send something in with their child each day so they can be involved in this.

Concerns or Problems
If you have any concerns or problems during the year please come and see me or give me a call. We want the best for every child and sometimes we can make things a lot easier just by having a chat and sorting the problem out, or explaining why we have made a certain decision.

Going Home Changes
We ask all parents to write notes or ring the school if their child is changing their routine to travel home. If we don’t have a note, or get a phone call, we will send your child home their normal way.

Contact Phone Numbers
If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you in case of an emergency and I am sure you would like to know if something happens to your child.

Buses
Can you please make sure your child knows how they are getting home of an afternoon. If they are not catching the bus we need a note or a phone call from you by 2.45pm or a note otherwise your child will be catching the bus home. It is especially important for K-2 students as they can often get upset when they are not sure what they are doing.

PSSA Sporting Teams
At present we have a number of teams being organised to compete against other schools in the PSSA knockout competitions during Term 1. All students in Stage 2 and 3 can try out for these teams. Mrs Watt is organising Girl’s Cricket and I am organising the Boy’s Cricket. Mrs Taylor is organising the Tennis team and Mrs Johnson is organising the Girl’s Netball team. Please see these teachers if you have any questions or require more information.

School Award System
Students receive awards at school and they work the following way:

Students receive School Awards in class and when they get 5 School Awards they can cash them in at a Stage Assembly for a Stage Award. For infants (Stage 1) the 5 School Awards get given to Miss McIntyre who has a special box in her room that students can put them into. For Primary (Stage 2 and 3) students can put their 5 School Awards in a box that is in the staffroom foyer and Mrs Joyce sorts them out.

When students have 4 Stage Awards they give them to Mr Hooper and the students will receive a Principals Award at the next Whole School Assembly. When students get 2 Principals Awards they also give them to Mr Hooper to receive a Grenfell Blue. Students who receive a Grenfell Blue get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

One student from each class also gets a Quality Work Award at a Stage Assembly each fortnight. Their name is displayed on our notice board near the canteen and they get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

Each month we hand out an Aussie of the Month for each stage. Students receive a special certificate and get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

School Counsellor
Wayne Symons, our School Counsellor, will be here each Thursday this term. If you want to see him you can make an appointment through me. Wayne is very approachable and only too happy to help out with any problem, big or small. Wayne is also the School Counselor at The Henry Lawson High School.
A big welcome to all our new Kindergarten students who started school last Thursday, 29th January.

Andrew Hooper - Principal
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