Principal's Report - Term 3, Week 10...

Term 3 has kept us all busy and it is certainly time for everyone to have a break. Hopefully all the sickness that has been around will settle down. Ms Hunter will be finishing up this Friday as she begins her maternity leave. We thank Courtney for all of her efforts this year and wish her and Josh all the best for the arrival of their first born. We look forward to having a cuddle.

Many of you may have seen Mr Hooper up and around more often in recent times, he is certainly looking better and will be back on deck next term. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and students for their support throughout the term. It has certainly kept me very busy and opened my eyes to see an even bigger picture of what goes into running a school. It has also allowed me to value the great school we have, especially after I’ve had more contact with other Principals and have heard what they have to manage. Our school community really is lucky. A special thank you to the two Mrs Forde’s, 5/6J were very fortunate to have had them come on in and take over the reins for a little while.

The first day of next term will be Tuesday 6th October (just after the long weekend). There is no staff development at the beginning of the term, it is at the end. Students will finish on Wednesday 16th December.

School Fete

Our school Fete is on Friday 16th October; that is the second Friday back next term. It is a great afternoon that I hope everyone can come along to. It starts after school at 3.30pm and goes until about 6-6:30pm. The theme this year will be ‘Country and Western’. There will be lots to eat and plenty of activities to keep you busy. Mrs Day is organising some great local talent to provide us with entertainment and Mr Paul Westman will be on hand to host the afternoon’s events. If you have any great ideas or are happy to lend a hand please contact us, we would love your help. Each class will be organising a special activity and the P&C have some special stalls requiring assistance. You know what they say - many hands make light work.

We have an incentive on offer again this year where people can buy a $5 sheriff badge that actually has a $6 value on it and a $10 horseshoe that has a $12 value on it. These will be able to be ordered from the office from Week 1 Term 4. We will write down each child’s order and then on the day of the fete they will be handed to the children to use. They will be able to use them at the fete to purchase anything or go on anything. If you don’t buy a badge or horseshoe you can still pay individually for each activity, however you don’t get the bonus value.

Spelling Bee Finals

Last Wednesday we had four children compete in the finals of the Regional Spelling Bee. All of them were very excited and each of them very proud of their achievements, as they should be. Dylan Mehrton, Kiara Warnke and Hugo Wood all made it through at least the first two rounds with Sophia Huxtable gaining a third place overall in her section. Congratulations to all of these children, you certainly made us all very proud. Keep on spelling for next year!!!

Footy Colours Day

This Friday, 18th September, we will be having a Footy Colours Day. That means the students can come dressed in their footy clothes or wear the colour(s) of their favourite footy team. It doesn’t matter what code of football they choose. No football boots though. The cost will be a gold coin donation. The SRC at this point have raised a decent amount of money from discos and other mufti days. The proceeds after this ‘Footy Colours’ day will be pooled together to purchase multiple sets of earphones for each class.
Transition
Dates for Kindy transition are - Tuesday 20th Oct, 12-3pm, Tuesday 27th Oct, 12-3pm, Tuesday 3rd Nov, 12-3pm, Tuesday 10th Nov, 12-3pm, Tuesday 17th Nov 9:10-3pm (full day)

Open to ALL children ready to commence school in 2016!! If you know of anyone ready to start please pass on this information and ask them to contact the school if they require more information.

Year 6 Transition dates will be Wednesday 14th October, Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 18th November.
Ms Carey and the staff from TPLHS will be down to our school for a visit soon to give us some more information.

Swimming
Just a reminder that Term 4 is when the Swimsafe program is offered to all of our students. Dates have been set but no official costing at this point. The dates are Monday 23rd Nov- Friday 4th Dec. The cost is always subsidised from a department grant we apply for and receive each year, making it very affordable and very worthwhile. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to practise their swimming as we approach our summer season. Keep this in mind, details will be sent out early term 4.

Sickness
Just reminding everyone, we have been notified of a couple of cases of ‘whooping cough’. We would just like to inform you and provide you with some information if you need it.

What are the symptoms?
- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?
- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby.
- If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:
- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it treated?
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others.
- People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

Monica Joyce - Relieving Principal

QUALITY WORK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received a Quality Work Award for HSIE and Science

Harry Forde
Emily Brenner
Will Johnson
Bailey Edwards
Lachie Rolls
Jade Douglass
Dylan Forde
Harry Robinson
Mackenzie Brenner

School Banking Day Reminder
Just a reminder that Tuesday is School Banking day - Don’t forget to hand in your weekly deposit.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read
Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.
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Community News!

Grenfell Cricket News

Junior Cricket – Registrations will be held on Wednesday 16th September at Lawson Park @4pm.
This is for Saturday morning cricket, to play in the Cowra competition.
Girls & Boys aged between 10 & 15yrs.
Cost is $50 per player.
Any questions ring Megan on 63437159.

SWIMMING CLUB

The first swimming club meeting of the 2015-2016 season will be held tonight
Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in the club room.
SEPTMBER HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

A tennis coaching clinic will again be held over the school holidays at the Grenfell Tennis Courts.

Dates: Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th September (week one of hols)

The tennis clinic caters for players of all levels and children as young as 5yrs to 18yrs.

Beginners 5yrs to 8yrs (approx) 9.00 to 11.00am - $60
Intermediate 8yrs and up 9.00 to 1.00pm - $90
Advanced (tournament level) 12.00 to 1.30pm - $60

The tennis club will be operating a canteen throughout the week. There will be major prizes of tennis racquets in two divisions and the club will be running a raffle which will be drawn at the end of the clinic.

For enrolment and further information please contact Danny Joyce 0428436266

JACKEROO RANCH

HORSE RIDING

Spring School Holiday Riding Camps

Jackeroo Ranch (est. 54 years) and recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, are again running their popular horse riding camps in the Spring Vacation.

1st Week: Sat 19th Sept – Sat 26th Sept
2nd Week: Sat 26th Sept – Sun 4th October

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.

These camps are for “horse-mad” children aged from 6 to 16 years. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the beautiful Turon Valley – with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship.

Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for. We specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. (The property abounds with kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud. There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.)

This is “not just a camp” – it’s a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever.

Enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson Phone: 6377 7173 (nights are best)
www.jackerooranch.com.au