WHAT A WEEK

A big thank you once again to Bec and her team for organising another yummy Green Meal Deal. I know that I enjoyed my hamburger.

Once again we have had a great response to our Active After School program. All spaces are full at the moment!

This week the K-2 staff have been involved in Professional Development with a Speech Pathologist. We hope that this will help us to provide more effective support to students in this area.

If you have a child that has had support for speech issues it is worth having a follow up session to make sure that there are no continuing needs.

Information has gone home about our Halloween event which is a fundraiser for year 6. If you can support this event in any way it would be much appreciated.

I know that some families do not usually support Halloween but we hope you will still make a donation for Year 6.

Our first Kindergarten session went well on Tuesday with most children settling in very well.

We are looking forward to the second session next week!

Next Friday is World Teachers day which is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to our teaching staff.

We are very fortunate to have very hardworking and dedicated teachers who take a genuine interest in their students and help them to develop personally as well as academically.

All our teachers engage in continual professional development to maintain a high level of expertise.

A thank you on the day for the class teacher, a home-made card or bunch of flowers if you have a garden, would be a lovely way to say thanks.

Next week is also school photos. We do not handle the money so please make sure that you have the correct amount in the envelope.

Children are expected to wear the correct summer school uniform on the day, with neat hair but no jewellery or colourful hair accessories.

Dorothy Cass

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dates for Term 4

- Kidzwish Christmas Party November 20th
- Swim Scheme 24th November – December 5th
- Yr 6 Orientation Day – December 3rd
- Volunteers lunch – December 4th
- Reports Home- December 8th
- Presentation Day/Yr 6 Farewell – December 11th
- Jamberoo/Movies – December 12th
- Last day of term – December 17th

Save the Date:
PPS Swim Carnival 3rd February 2015

DO NOT SEND IN ANY PHOTO MONEY OR ORDERS PLEASE! These are to be sent in on the day October 29th

Next Assembly: October 29

Please Note

The corridors are out of bounds to parents unless you have organised an appointment with the class teacher. ALL messages, requests, etc MUST be done through the office.
PRIMBEE VALUES

The focus for this term is RESPECT!

The last few weeks I have had to speak to several children in Stage 3 about respect in their relationships with others.

It would be helpful if parents could reinforce the following with their children:

- Don’t send abusive or threatening text messages
- Don’t use social media to abuse or threaten people
- Be honest with people if they upset you but don’t take your anger out on them
- Stop and think before taking action.
- Find a way to handle difficult situations that do not use abuse or threats (this will not solve the actual problem)

CONGRATULATIONS

Emmy Withers

Emmy has just been accepted in the Illawarra Academy of Sport for Gymnastics. Congratulations Emmy

Jarrod Dyer

Jarrod recently set an Australian record for the 100 m backstroke when he swam at Blacktown.

Fantastic effort Jarrod!

TECHNOLOGY AT SCHOOL

I would like to remind parents that children are not to bring iPods, iPads, mobile phones, cameras or any other similar devices to school.

These items are not needed at Primary School and can be a temptation to children who may not have one. We know from past experience that they can cause problems and if they are lost or stolen we do not have the funds to replace them.

The Department of Education and Communities does not have insurance to cover personal items.

These devices are not needed at school as we encourage children to play at break times and we provide technology for school use.

If there is a valid reason for children to have a mobile phone then we need parents to inform us in writing. The phone will still need to be handed in to the office in the morning and picked up before they go home.

CYBERBULLYING

We are experiencing significant issues at school as a result of children accessing social media and using it to bully and threaten each other.

We want to ensure that we have done everything we can to make sure it is not happening at school.

A reminder to parents that the legal age for children to be on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat is 13 and for Kik it is 17.

Children under 13 do not have the maturity to use social media sites safely and sensibly unless they are supported by sensible adults.

Social media was developed to enable quick communication between people not really to make it easier for people to abuse and bully others.

Parents need to know exactly what their children are doing online and to make sure that their children feel comfortable telling them about any concerns or issues they may be having online.

CYBERBULLYING ARTICLES

Keeping Cyber Safe

Parents must be aware about the safety hazards of social networking. To help you find good ways for your child to keep safe online. (read the following):

- Check with parents to see if the website is safe for you to be on.
- If your child is on a game where there is an ability for people to contact or send messages, make sure they are only talking to people they know!
- If your child is being cyber bullied make sure you save any evidence so you can warn and tell authorities about what is happening.
- Make sure you and your child read the terms and conditions.
- Make sure that all age restrictions are checked and that website is appropriate for your child.

By Sariah.H

How to help stop cyber bullying

Sometimes people can be mean on the internet. This is called cyber bullying. Here are some ways to help stop cyber bullying:

- Report or block people if they are harassing you or someone else you know.
- Respect other peoples content by not copying it.
Work out strategies to help and support your child.
If you do not reply to the bully they will stop.
Block bullies.
Keep bad content for evidence and contact the web administrator.
Contact school/bullies parent.
Seek professional help if your child’s mood or behaviour changes dramatically.

Kids helpline phone is available most hours a day if your child needs help you can contact this phone number for help: 1800 55 1800

By Jordan Gatt

Lost Property

We have had very few lost item this term but there are few so please be aware of the following:

- Make sure all items have your child’s name on them
- Lost property is now in the office if you need to look for an item that your child has lost
- Please do not take items from lost property unless they have your child’s name on them.
- Encourage your child to take care of all their property and bring everything home.
- At the end of the year items still in lost property will be kept as spare items for children to use as necessary.
- Items such as lunch boxes and drink bottles are put into the recycling at the end of each term.
- Lost property items in good condition may be available at a reduced price at the end of the year.

Selecting HS Applications

Children who will be applying for Yr 7 2016 (current yr 4) are invited to submit an online application for the selective high school test which will be on 26 Feb, 2015.

Information for parents is available at:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement All applications must be made online and close on 17 November 2014.

Craft Groups

Recently parents of K-2 children have been asked to contribute $5 towards the cost of materials for this activity.

This is because we have already purchased lots of additional materials to make the craft items each week.

The items we purchased are specifically chosen because they are needed to make particular items so we really need the money rather than materials which we may not be able to use.

Head Lice

They’re back…

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Primbee.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news…

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

Step 1 Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

Step 4 If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

Step 5 If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

Uniform

All lay-bys made last term are ready for collection, Kinder 2015 orders will be ready within 2-3 weeks.

All can be released once final balance has been paid.

We have some polos in stock for immediate purchase for anyone wanting a fresh shirt for school photos next Wednesday or to purchase for next year. Unfortunately we have sold out of size 12 but limited stock available in other sizes.
We will continue to accept uniform lay-bys for next year however if not in stock your order may not be available until up to week 6 in term 1 of 2015.

**REPLACING READING BOOKS**

Each year we lose quite a few home reading and library books. Home readers are quite expensive to replace.

We recently spent over $1000 to replace some of our guided readers.

We will be doing a stock take later this term to see just how many more are missing.

Therefore we are asking children and parents to have a good look at home for any of these items and return them to the school as soon as possible.

We will be asking parents to pay for lost books to help us with the cost of replacing them.

**WILL YOUR CHILD BE AT PRIMBEE P.S. IN 2015?**

Our enrolment numbers have increased quite a lot over the last couple of terms with several children moving here from other areas.

If we maintain our current numbers we will be able to form another class next year!

As I have to inform the department if this is likely it would be very helpful to know if any students will not be here in 2015.

There is always a place for local children and those who are already enrolled.

If you know that your child will not be here in 2015 please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the office. Thankyou

**GARDENING**

Once again we had a great time potting plants this week. Visitors often comment on how nice our school looks.

Thanks Mr. G and Allen

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**P&C**

The P&C are trialing a new School App.

Instructions have been sent home today on how to download the app. It can be downloaded for free onto Android devices, ipad, iphone and computers.

Please let us know if you find this useful by returning the slip at the end of the newsletter.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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Port Kembla Amateur Swimming Club Inc.
Point Score 2014-2015 Season

Rego and 1st swim—4th Nov 2014 6pm-7pm
11th November 2014 – 30th March 2015
Point Score every Tuesday night
from 6.45pm until 8pm
Everybody welcome
Cost $70 for the season
Register on-line at www.nswswimming.com.au
(new members)
We are a non-profit organisation, a family orientated
club that provides a fun night for all. An opportunity to
improve your swimming ability in a point score competition where
anyone can win the race and the
focus is on the individual improving swimming skills and personal
times.
Adults also welcome to join
For further details regarding registration contact
Shauna on 0423707290

This is not a learn-to-swim program
Minimum swimming ability 33 metres

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2015 Enrolment
My child will not be returning to Primbee PS in 2015.

Childs Name:__________________________________
Class:_______________________________________
Signed:_____________________________________

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P&C App
I would use a school app to receive communications from the school  Y/N
I would prefer to receive electronic messages   Y/N
I find the tiqbiz app easy to use Y/N
Other comments________________________________
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