**WHAT A WEEK**

Thank you very much to everyone who made a donation for Jack Podesta. Jack and his family really appreciate your support. We were able to raise $370! We will wait until Wednesday before sending it on in case more people want to make a donation, especially after meeting Jack today.

Thank you also for the items for our Christmas hamper. We hope to have several hamper prizes to raffle.

We also have a bike to include as a raffle prize thanks to the generous donation of the bike that was won at the Christmas in July event. Thank you very much to Gail Turner.

Thank you to Bec and her Green Meal Team who made a delicious and healthy stir fry for lunch. Everyone enjoyed it and we were able to make $170. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Our next assembly is a very special one as we present certificates for the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, School attendance, Young Leaders Day and School Service.

These are awards that lots of children have achieved and although they are important, there is not enough time to present them at our Presentation Day Assembly.

The class awards which are presented on Presentation Day are presented on the basis of merit for a range of achievements that have been earned by hard work throughout the year.

A very important event coming up next week is for White Ribbon Day. Details have been sent home and included in the last couple of newsletters.

I hope that there will be lots of men who will support this activity on Tuesday.

Our school captain elections were held this week and the quality of the speeches was very high. Votes have been counted and the results will be announced at our Presentation Assembly on Dec 11.

Please make sure that children have everything they need for swimming lessons which start next week. A reminder note has gone home.

**Dorothy Cass**

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### Dates for Term 4

- 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
- Jamboree/Movies – December 12th
- Last day of term – December 17th

### Save the Date:

**PPS Swim Carnival 3rd February 2015**

**Next Assembly: November 26**

### Bookclub News

We are trying to cut down on paper waste and the amount of time involved in sorting out the bookclub brochures.

Therefore if you wish to purchase or have a look at the brochures they will be available for collection outside the office.

All orders are due back on the 24th November
**Parenting Tip**

Helping others matters!

Helping others makes you happy over the long term.

Don’t let your children’s grumpiness put you off expecting your children to help.

Get children to help at home and to help others outside your home.

*(From Michael Grose – Australia’s no 1 parent educator)*

**Jack Podesta Donations**

Thank you to everyone who showed their support for Jack and sent in a donation today.

All the children had the opportunity to meet him and see that he is a really delightful little boy.

The items that are purchased for him will also be donated to other children with similar needs when he doesn’t need them anymore.

Applying for and receiving funding for items that Jack needs now is a long slow process and the items may finally arrive when Jack’s needs have changed.

That is why donations are absolutely vital if Jack is to get what he needs when it is needed.

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**Primbee Values - White Ribbon Day**

Our event will be held on November 25 at 1:45pm.

We will start with afternoon tea followed by a lap of the oval (with or without high heels) and finishing with swearing the oath.

An information sheet has been sent home and we hope that lots of people will support this event.

Men who choose to participate in the *Walk a Mile in HER Shoes* are asked to bring a pair of ladies shoes for this activity.

We hope that while doing this walk people will think about the pain that some women endure at the hands of men and think about what they could do to help stop it happening.

**Christmas Hamper**

Raffle tickets will go out today so that children can start selling as many as they can.

If you need more once you have sold the first book they will be available at the office.

The money from this fundraising event will go towards subsidizing next year’s programs. All children benefit from your generosity.

The next mufti day for the Christmas Hamper is on December 5.

This is an opportunity for parents to send in anything else that would be suitable for the hampers.

Tickets will still be available at the Presentation Assembly which is when the raffle will be drawn!

Good luck everyone!

**Movie Reward Day**

Information for this event is out today and is free because the P&C have paid for it.

UNLESS you would like your child to have the popcorn/drink package from Hoyts! This is an extra cost and is only available to children who pre order NOW!

Other children can bring their own recess food and drink!

Children can only attend if the permission note is returned, signed by a parent by Dec 8. The orders will be sent in on that day and late orders will not be accepted.

Should be a great day!
**JAMBEROO EXCURSION**

Children in stage 3 are working hard to show they have what it takes to participate in their reward day at Jamberoo Recreation Park.

We expect that all children will go unless they show that they are not able to do the following:

- follow the supervising teacher’s directions to the letter.
- follow all safety instructions
- are sun safe
- take turns sensibly
- make sure they know where the teacher is at all times
- speak respectfully to all staff, parents and children
- be trusted to act responsibly without direct teacher supervision

By now we should know which children have a season pass for this event because they can use it on the day ONLY if the park is informed by Nov 14.

Although this event is not on until Dec 12, there is a lot of ordering and organizing of transport which needs to take place.

**The notes and money for this event MUST be in by Friday November 21**

**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**

This is on December 11 and will consist of 3 sessions.

The first session will include all the class awards followed by a recess where food and drinks will be for sale.

The next session will be all our special awards and medals. This year we have several guest presenters and some additional awards.

Year 6 certificates and gifts will also be presented.

Lunch will be next followed by the concert.

We must be on the buses to go back to school at 2:30.

The year 6 Farewell dinner will start at 5:30 and the rest of the school is invited to the disco at 6:30 which will end promptly at 8:30p.m.

**Expectations**

So that everything goes smoothly and the focus remains on the students who are receiving awards we ask for the support of family and friends in the following areas.

We want to make the day about your school age children so the focus needs to be on them. If it’s possible to organize babysitting that would make it easier to maintain this focus.

- Preschoolers need to stay with their parents and be as quiet as possible (bring something quiet for them to play with and a small snack if necessary).
- Make sure that preschoolers do not end up on the steps or the stage.
- Take crying preschoolers outside
- Please clap for every student not just your own child and stay for the whole session unless you really have to go.
- Take photos from your seat or move to the designated photo area
- School children must remain in their area with their teacher and are not to take preschool siblings to the toilet or leave their area to sit with their family. **It is still a school day and enrolled children are the responsibility of the teachers until they go home.**
- Make sure that all rubbish goes in the bin or is taken home.
- Remain in the hall until the next break.
- Purchase and eat food only at the scheduled breaks

Please remind your child prior to the day that not all children will receive an award. Children need to understand and cope with the feelings that are part of missing out.

Being able to cope with feelings of anger or sadness when this happens is an important aspect of becoming resilient. Children should not see it as a sign of personal failure but in fact appreciate that the winner is deserving of the award.

Everyone can feel proud of themselves if they know that they have done their personal best!

**Thanks for your support!**

**LIBRARY**

As we need to do a thorough stock take in the Library before the end of term, next week will be the last week for borrowing books.

Could all families please take the time to look around bedrooms, lounge rooms and even bathrooms for overdue books. Also, any home readers that you might have found need to be returned as well.
CAPTAIN’S SPEECH

Good job to all the people that put speeches forward to become captains. Good luck to everyone because I know the captain’s loved it this year. It’s a great job to be involved!

Make sure you ask your dad, pop, uncle or anyone else you know that is a man, to come to our White Ribbon day next Tuesday (25th Nov).

We hope all the kids that went to the Kidz Wish Party had a great time and had lots of fun.

Thank you to everyone who brought in something for the Christmas hamper and a donation for Jack Podesta.

Claudia and Tahni

UNIFORM

All uniform orders are now ready for collection once the final balance has been paid.

These can be collected from the uniform shop on Tuesday mornings from 8.40am till 9am, and Tuesday afternoons from 2.45pm-3pm for the next 2 weeks.

Please return this slip if your child is not returning to Primbee PS in 2015 so that we can organise our classes for next year.

2015 Enrolment

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

Childs Name:__________________________________

Class:_______________________________________

Signed:________________________________________
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ENROLMENT INFORMATION
Due to the popularity of the afternoon courses, students who wish to enrol should have their name placed on the waiting list, to avoid disappointment.

Enrolment applications are welcomed from August. Please contact our Administration Office on:

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