**What a Week**

The children were very excited about their Bike Park excursion. It is a very effective way of ensuring that the children learn these important lessons about how to be safe on the road.

Parents need to provide a medical certificate or proof of a justified reason for any absence from excursions.

All children are expected to attend all school organised events as they are an important part of the syllabus requirements.

Occasionally there are limited places for an event e.g. Young Leaders Day but most events are organized for the whole class.

We really appreciate the prompt return of permissions notes as this enables us to go ahead with an excursion or to cancel them if necessary.

Thanks to the parents who are helping to keep our children healthy by not smoking within 4 metres of our school gates. This is a NSW Health regulation.

It would be much better for everyone if smokers support this health regulation voluntarily rather than the school reporting it to the police.

Your child’s mid-year report will be sent home on Monday June 2.

Please read the very important section in this newsletter so that you are aware of some of the issues that may be raised by the report.

I would encourage all parents to come up for an interview with the class teacher so that you are very clear about how to best support your child.

We had a very pleasant P&C meeting on Tuesday at the new time of 5:45 p.m. It was lovely to see a new member there.

I greatly value the work that this group does and encourage everyone to support them in every way that you can.

**Dorothy Cass**
**Workplace Health and Safety.**

It is a requirement under the law that the principal conducts a risk assessment for all activities and events and in fact anything that could in any way, cause harm to students, staff and visitors to our school.

Parents can have their dog outside the school grounds as long as the dog is on a leash.

For safety reasons however, children at our school have been asked not to approach or touch any dog unless it is their own.

We just have to make sure that our children are kept safe and even the best behaved dog can has been known to be in a bad mood from time to time.

Thank you for your support!

**Midyear Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Watch out for a booking form for a parent/teacher interview starting Wednesday, June 5. All teachers will be available from 3-5 p.m. on that day to discuss reports with parents.

Although Mrs. Burden is on leave you can still request a chat with Ms. Stewart.

She does know the children quite well and can certainly give parents some ideas about how to help children in specific areas of literacy and numeracy even though Mrs. Burden wrote the report.

Mrs. Burden will be offering interviews to parents when she returns in Term 3.

Mr. Grant will also be available to talk to children in Mr. Goward’s class about student’s results.

Letters to book interview times will be out next week.

**School Report**

We have heard on the grapevine that some parents are not happy if their child achieves “sound” on their report.

This is actually a really good result because it indicates that your child is exactly where they need to be.

To achieve this result in the younger grades is what we are aiming for and if they maintain it throughout school then they are staying on top of an increasingly complex and demanding syllabus.

Children who attain “high” are above average and anyone who achieves “outstanding” is exactly that. We would rarely put children at that top level.

Children who are “limited” probably have a learning difficulty and may still be doing their best but are struggling to learn.

Children who are at the “basic” level will need a lot of support but may actually be very close to “sound”.

When the teacher makes the decision about which descriptor to use it is after a huge amount of assessment data which is analysed and compared to the syllabus outcomes and continuum clusters.

No decisions are made without evidence and much serious thought.

Although your child may be placed in a particular category they may actually be closer to either end of the spectrum i.e. just made it into that category or almost in the next one up.

That’s why it is really important to come up and talk to the class teacher and find out just what your child needs in order to move to the next descriptor.

If you have any concerns at any time please make and appointment to discuss them with their teacher.

**PCYC Bike Park Excursion**

Children had a great time at this event!
**P&C REPORT**

The P and C are still seeking volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ on May 31st. This is one of the largest fundraisers that the school has, and it's profits benefit the whole school.

To make it a success, we need people to volunteer just 3 hours of their time on Saturday May 31st. If you can help, it's a good chance to meet other parents while helping a good cause.

The other way to support the P and C in this fundraising is to bring your family or friends down to Bunnings next Saturday and buy a delicious sausage sandwich, with all proceeds going to the school.

A note has gone home with children to provide extra information and to find out who can help.

Thanks to those who attended the P and C meeting this term. We have come up with some great ideas to help our school at Primbee continue to be the wonderful school it is.

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**PET OWNERSHIP WORKSHOP**

Once a year our junior children are reminded about how to be a responsible pet owner.

This program is approved by the government and the RSPCA. A carefully trained dog is brought into the playground to demonstrate the safe way to approach a dog.

This is the only time that a dog is allowed to be on the school grounds.

This demonstration is supervised by a trained dog handler.

At all other times dogs are not allowed on the school grounds under any circumstances or we will be fined.

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**UNIFORM**

There are fleece zip jackets available for purchase in all sizes, there are also a small supply of microfibre and v neck jumpers in some sizes. These are available for purchase on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9am or order forms are available outside the office should you wish to order.

Polo shirts and hats are always available for order and we are selling all other sample items at the uniform shop including tailored girls pants in all sizes which we are clearing at $15 - which is below cost.

The Uniform shop will now be open on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays, 8.30 – 9am. It is no longer open on a Friday but orders can be put through the office and will be filled ASAP.

Thankyou

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**ATTENDANCE**

If you are taking children out of school for an important reason e.g. a family holiday, a special training program for sport at an elite level or caring for children during a family emergency, you must apply for an exemption from the principal.

There is a form that must be completed and is available at the office.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Although School Banking day is Tuesday there are times due to other circumstances when it does not get done on this particular day. If this is the case your child's bank book will be safely stored and processed the following day. The books are then handed to the class teacher who will give them out.

**Tokens**

When you child receives a gold token in their bank book they are able to choose a prize from the display board at the bottom of the stairs. Once this has been ordered it usually takes 1-2 weeks for it to come through.

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

Please be reminded that the cutoff date for excursion notes/payments that is stated on the note that goes home will be adhered to.

It is helpful to have a system at home so that children know how and when to get their notes signed. Parents may need to check the bags of the K-2 children and ask older children if they have a note for you.

The newsletter and the website will contain information which will keep you informed about upcoming events. If you have a
weekly budget you may find it helpful to put a little bit away each week for school costs.

If you do need help with payments please let us know via the office.

We are unable to phone parents for permission so if your child does not return their note by the final date then they may miss out and will have work provided by their teacher to complete at school.

All payments and notes must go in the letterbox. Please check that the correct money is in the envelope, it is sealed and your name and name of the event is clearly written on it.

There have been quite a few cases recently of money being put loosely into the letterbox and we are unable to determine who it is for.

Office hours are 8.30 – 3.15pm

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Smith’s Hill High School
EXPO NIGHT
Monday May 26, 2014
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

No time for Breakfast?
Try some of these quick breakfasts children will enjoy on the go.
* Reduced-fat yoghurt
* Reduced-fat milkshake
* Fruit smoothie
* Hot or cold Milo with low fat milk
* Wholemeal toast with cheese
* Slice of banana or fruit bread


Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 31st May

Kindergarten and Stage 1 parents from 8:00am-11:00am
Stage 2 parents from 10:30am-1:30pm
Stage 3 parents from 1:00pm-4:00 pm

If these times don’t suit you, then please let us know what time does.

Thank you for your support,

Renee Stewart
(P&C President)

☐ Yes, I/ we would be able to help at the Bunnings Barbecue on Saturday May 31st
☐ 8:00-11:00
☐ 10:30-1:30
☐ 1:00-4:00
☐ I can help pack up at 4:00

Name/s:____________________________________

Contact Number:_____________________________