**What a Week**

This week was National Reconciliation Week starting on Monday with Sorry Day.

This is an important event for all of us as we acknowledge the importance of the contribution of the First Australians in protecting our land.

Teachers talk about the issues that have impacted on modern Aboriginal people and how Europeans have contributed to that.

Reports will go out on Monday and should provide food for thought for parents.

There will be results and comments that you may not understand and differences to the last report.

That is why we provide the opportunity for parents to talk to the class teacher who can explain these results and provide practical ideas too.

If the times provided do not suit you please organise another timeslot with the teacher.

This year, as part of our school evaluation, we are asking parents to provide feedback about our reporting/interview process.

A questionnaire will be handed out at the interview which we would really like everyone to complete and return.

We do appreciate honesty but ask people to refrain from insults and rude comments because they are not helpful.

Although 2 class teachers are not here at the moment parents may still like to have a chat to the teacher who has been working with them over the last few weeks.

Unfortunately I need to remind parents to remember that corridors are out of bounds at all times. It is important that children get their bags etc. themselves as part of learning to be independent.

Don’t forget the Bunnings barbecue on Saturday!

**Upcoming Events**

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**Next Assembly: June 4**

**P&C Meeting: August 6**

**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

The Uniform shop will no longer be open on a Wednesday morning. It will be open on a **Tuesday morning - 8.30 – 9am**. Orders with payment can be placed in the letterbox outside the office at any time and will be processed asap.

**School Banking - Tuesdays**

*Please remember when paying online you still must bring in your permission note.*

**We are now taking kindergarten enrolments for 2015**

**Don’t forget to return your notes:**

- Green Meal
- Athletics Carnival
- Athletics Carnival lunch order
Coming up in Term 3

- Life Education Van – free for all children – 15,16/7
- K-6 excursion to Wollongong Library, Art Gallery and Council Chambers – 23/7
- Mid South Athletics Carnival – 25/7
- Bookweek – Week 6
- Surf talk – 2/9
- Fathers Day Raffle/stall – 5/9
- Talk like a pirate day – 19/9
- Green Meals – 6/8,3/9

**WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

It is important that we are informed of any changes to children’s arrangements for going home in the afternoon.

Several children have not been going home but have been staying at a friend's place.

For children’s safety, we need to know that children have their parent's permission to stay with friends in the afternoon.

If children would normally be going on the bus it is necessary for the supervising teacher to know if they are not going on a particular day.

So that this information can be communicated to students and teachers. We need to be made aware of changes to going home arrangements before 2:30 pm please.

**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. 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.

**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 an appointment to discuss them with their teacher.

**P&C REPORT**

Thank you to the families who have volunteered to help out at the Bunnings BBQ tomorrow. We could not do this without your support.

Please come along to Bunnings tomorrow and buy a sausage to support the school.

**UNIFORM**

The following sizes are available from the Uniform Shop:

- V Neck jumpers – 4,6,8,10
- Fleece Zip – 4,6,8,10,12,14,16
- Microfibre jacket – 4,6,14
- Skorts – 4,6,8,10,12,14
• Shorts – 4,6,12,14
• Girls tailored pants $15 – 4,6,8,10,12
• Trackpants w cuff – 4
• Unisex pants – 4,6,12
• Polos – all sizes

Reminders:
All hat exchanges to be done no later than Tuesday.

Hair Korkers are available for sale in school colours.
1 large or 2 medium for $6

Other colours can also be purchased for outside of school wear. See noticeboard for colours. Please put any orders in an envelope with the money in the money box outside the office.

Time to start thinking about uniform orders for Term 3. An order will be going in at the end of this term.

Please note that the Gaberdine pants and shorts are unisex. We have had great feedback about the quality and how well they are holding their colour.

Thank you

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is really important because it can add up very quickly.

1 day a week off is:
• 2 weeks a term
• 40 days a term
• 440 days (2.5 years), K-10

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

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 your 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If anyone is putting together a box for this important appeal here is a list of items to include.

• Something to LOVE e.g. soft toys, teddy bears, dolls
• Something for school e.g. pencils, pens, books, textas
• Something to wear e.g. T-shirt, shorts, hats, sandals
• Something special e.g. bracelets, bangles, stickers
• Something to play with e.g. balls, skipping ropes, marbles
• Something for personal hygiene e.g. soap, toothbrush

GREEN MEAL – WEDNESDAY JUNE 4

Our next Green Meal is on Wednesday 4 June. Please contact Cheryl on 0411 275591 if you can help.

$5 for Spaghetti Bolognaise, treat and a drink.

All notes must by in by Tuesday 3 June at the latest.