WHAT A WEEK

This week has been a busy one for teachers as they have been involved in professional development to help them implement the new Maths syllabus.

All classes currently use maths groups to support learning in this area. The children are able to practise a range of skills in each session while the teacher provides instruction.

It is very helpful for teachers to have a few parent helpers to assist children during this time. If you would like to help in this way please let the class teacher know. Just send a note to the teacher or let Shannon know in the office.

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help with craft groups.

It is a legal requirement that all volunteers complete a training session with the principal before starting to help in class rooms. Please contact the school to organise a time to do this.

Thank you very much to our P&C president, Renee Stewart and her team who worked very hard to make the Father’s day breakfast and the walkathon so successful.

Please remember to send in your sponsorship money before the holidays. The children are really keen to know if they will be getting some I pads.

The ‘Talk like a pirate day’ has been postponed until next term because we had so much on this term.

I want to assure parents that we do work hard to follow up on all incidents that happen in the playground and but there are times when teachers are not made aware that there is a problem.

It is helpful if parents encourage their children to report all incidents straight away.

There are times when it is very difficult to get to the bottom of these events because children have conflicting recounts of what happened.

We do spend a lot of time investigating a range of incidents including giving all children the opportunity to have their say.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss any issues with the class teacher or the principal.

Dorothy Cass

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dates for Term 4
- Students return on Tuesday Oct 7th
- Kinder Orientation – October 21st
- Kinder Orientation – October 29th
- 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

School Banking – Tuesdays
Please put bankbooks in the tub at the office.

Enrolment forms MUST be completed for all children starting school here in 2015.

Appointments to see the class teacher can be made by completing a request form and dropping it into the office.

Office Hours are 8.30am – 3.15pm
ASSEMBLY AWARDS


PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

We are very proud of our competitors in this event. Jhye, Ryan, Joe and Claudia did very well.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jarrod Dyer who is one of Primbee Public School's past students has achieved the following State Records for swimming:

- NSW Multi-class State Record – 13yrs & under 100m Backstroke
- NSW Swimmers with a Disability State Record – 13yrs & under 100m Backstroke
- NSW Swimmers with a Disability State Record – 13yrs & under 50m Backstroke

SCHOOL FEES

Although we know that the $40 class levy is not mandatory, it is an incredibly valuable amount of money for each class to access.

Currently we have quite a few families who have not paid which is approximately $1,520. This would help us with the cost of the following resources.

- Kinder – Reading folder-$10
- Headphones -$10
- Reading Eggs (computer reading practice) $20
- Stage 1-ipad for the class ($20 per student buys 1)
  - Reading Eggs $20
- Stage 2- maths practice kit worth $900 OR
  - 1 laptop
- Stage 3 – Maths on line (computer maths practice program $20)
  - New atlases or dictionaries ($20 per child would buy a class set of one or the other)

These are items that are very expensive and difficult to afford unless we have everyone paying their levies.

P&C money generally goes toward larger items that the school need. Funds for these items are only available if there is a lot of support for P&C events.

If you have not already paid your class levy we would really appreciate it if you would. We don't mind installments and any amount will help to pay for this year's expenses.

We really need your support in this area.

READING FOLDERS

Children MUST return their folder every day so that their book can be changed regularly.

It WILL improve children’s reading ability if they read a little bit every day.

Make it an ENJOYABLE experience by emphasizing that it is a special time for just that child and mum, or dad.

The book that comes home in the folder should be easy enough for the child to SHOWOFF their skill without too much intervention from their parent.

Make an APPOINTMENT to see the teacher if you have concerns about how to best help your child.

It is vital that children experience SUCCESS as a reader during the first couple of years at school.

Your support as their parent is INVALUABLE to your child’s success.
DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION?

We have just received information about a charity which provides financial assistance to financially disadvantaged families.

This funding will be used to pay for fees, textbooks, uniforms, camps, excursions, computers as well as other needed items.

To receive this funding parent must fill out an application form and meet several criteria.

An application pack can be downloaded from www.astartinlife.org.au

Interested people can also ring 02 9264 3017 for more information.

5C COIN COMPETITION

Thank you very much for your support for this event. Children will enjoy choosing their new reading books and reading them.

The winner and the amount raised will be in newsletter next week.

IS YOUR CHILD SICK AT THE MOMENT?

There have been a lot of children who needed to be sent home because they were sick this week. The current illness included vomiting.

Shannon ended up sick herself after looking after these children. Her doctor said that it is quite contagious.

If your child is obviously too sick to come to school it is important that they stay at home. For more information visit: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/gastroenteritiscontr.html

Symptoms

Usually begin one or two days after infection and include:

- Water diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headache, muscle aches, joint aches
- Fever, chills
- Sweating, clammy skin
- Abdominal cramps and pain
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss

Symptoms can last anywhere from 1 to 10 days.

Quite often we know that children become sick at school and we will notify parents so that children can be taken home as quickly as possible.

If children are hurt at school we will notify parents if it is a head injury or a serious injury.

Minor cuts or bruises are not generally reported but are dealt with at school.

There seems to be a lot of conjunctivitis around at the moment too. Please check the following information.

Conjunctivitis

Symptoms

The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.

School or home?

Keep home from school while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.

How can I help prevent spread?

- Careful hand washing, avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

P&C REPORT

PIE COLLECTION

Don’t forget to collect your pies on the last day of term being Friday, 19th September from 2.30pm onwards.

They are to be collected from the Parent’s Room.

Thank you

GREEN MEAL

When: Wednesday, 17th September.

Money raised from the green meal will go towards subsidising excursions

Orders forms went home this week for the Sausage sizzle and are due back on Tuesday, 16th September.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Late Uniform lay-bys can still be placed for anyone wishing to order items for 2015, these orders we hope may be able to be filled by the end of the 2014 school year however we can not guarantee the polos will be available until early in term 1 of 2015 due to this being peak order time.

All uniform lay-bys placed in July/August are now in and ready for collection once your final payments have been made.
Payments for uniforms (including lay-by’s) can be made by cash or can be transferred directly to the following account with your child’s name as a reference number.

BSB – 062636
Account - 10396940
Account name - Primbee Primary School uniforms

Order forms are available on the school website or outside the office. All orders must be placed on an order form.