**WHAT A WEEK**

Teachers have been very busy over the last couple of weeks assessing children’s’ literacy and numeracy skills.

This will enable teachers to program learning activities which will match the children’s needs. Our Instructional Leader is supporting teachers in this task.

Shortly there will be class meetings which will provide a great opportunity for parents to get important information about how to support their child at school.

Please note the times in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support of our fundraiser to help the Heart Foundation. We raised $257.60.

There were some delicious goodies for the treat stall thanks to parents’ generosity.

Our first assembly went very well as we inducted our school captains and SRC members.

On Monday our stage 2 and 3 children will participate in a discussion about Cybersafety presented by the Police Liaison officer Scott Burgess.

It will be a great opportunity for parents to follow up these talks with a bit of discussion at home.

Information will go home next week also about a drug and alcohol program called Talking Tactics run by a very experienced presenter.

This program will educate children about the consequences of drug and alcohol use.

The Life Education Van will be at our school round about the same time and will have a similar message.

This is a great opportunity to discuss this topic at home too.

All of these sessions are free and support our Personal Development syllabus.

We hope that these activities plus discussion at home will give children an opportunity to think about these issues and develop a sensible and safe attitude to their health and wellbeing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A HEALTHY LUNCH EACH DAY?**

- **NOTES SENT HOME**
  - Gymsport – has started - **$15 due now**
  - Volunteer Expression of Interest 2015
  - Water Safety Day – **due 2 March**
  - Getting to and from school safely – **due Feb 12**
  - Scripture note due
  - Life Ed – notes and money **due Feb 17**
ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential and increase their career and life options.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of Primary school they will have missed over a year of education.

Parents must ensure:

- Their children attend school every day that it is open
- They provide an explanation for absences within 7 days. The 7 day time frame is a legal requirement of the Education Act.

Acceptable reasons for absences are:

- Too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness
- Is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. funeral)
- Has to go to a special religious ceremony

Our Home School Liaison officer analyses our attendance each term and sends the school a report. The principal has to follow up any issues that arise as a result of this analysis. Parents are expected to support this process by helping us to improve children’s attendance or ensuring that all absences are explained and fit into the acceptable reasons category.

It is important that parents understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school.

This may be a series of meetings or prosecution in the Local Court resulting in a fine of up to $11,000.

HEALTHY EATING

Every family should have received information about school policy and procedures to support healthy eating.

These guidelines apply to all government schools so that we can improve the health of all children now and in the future.

The procedures have been discussed with staff and we feel that this is an efficient way of implementing the guidelines.

However, they won’t really have the desired result unless parents support them.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE MOSTLY HEALTHY FOOD AND ONLY 1 OR 2 TREAT ITEMS.

Sometimes children tell the teacher that they do not like what is on their sandwich or that they do not have enough to eat.

We encourage children to let their parents know if this is the case so that food items can be altered if necessary.

Little children find it easier to eat small peeled pieces of fruit or vegetable rather than a whole piece of fruit.

We do see a lot of really healthy items in lunch boxes so thank you for that but we are noticing too many high sugar, high salt and additive items also.

SCRIPTURE

Lessons started this week. Classes have been organised based on the note that was sent home last week. If a note was not received than we used the information on the enrolment form.

If parents want to change their child’s scripture class please notify the school in writing.

WHITE RIBBON/RESPECT

Why are we supporting the White Ribbon Foundation? Because:

- Young people are already exposed to and influenced by domestic violence
- Young people are being subjected to violence and are perpetrating violence themselves.
- Many people are starting to accept violence as normal
- Violence prevention among children and young people has been shown to work

We want violence against all people to end and for all people to treat each other with respect.

Unachievable? Only if we don’t try!

P&C MEETING

Our school is in urgent need of additional funds in order to implement some extra programs this year and to replace technology which is past its use by date.

The P&C hopes to raise more money this year to support these programs.

If you would like to help in any way it is worth coming to the P&C meeting for information. You do not need to take up a position but your support would be appreciated.

Our first Bunnings Barbecue is coming up soon on 1st March so please let us know if you can help.

Our first P&C meeting will be Tuesday February 17 at 5:45p.m. This will be the AGM.
We would love to see a few more parents for your ideas and help!

**CLASS MEETINGS**

A class meeting with the teacher has been organised at the following dates and times.

Teachers will let parents know about homework, class organisation, class reward systems and expectations.

There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and to have a look around the class room.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE MEETINGS ARE NOT PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS.**

However if you would like to organise one for a later date you can organise this by filling in the form outside the office.

- ES1 (Kindergarten) – Wednesday, Feb 18 – 9a.m.
- Stage 1 – Wednesday, Feb 18 – 2:30p.m.
- Stage 2 – Tuesday, Feb 24 – 8:45 a.m.
- Stage 3 - TBA

Hopefully lots of parents will be able to attend. It's usually very helpful.

**CAPTAIN AND SRC INDUCTION**

Congratulations once again to our School captains and Vice captains as they made their pledge in front of children, teachers and parents at our indoor assembly this week.

We know that they will be an excellent leadership team!

The captains and vice captains are automatically leaders of the Student Representative Council. The SRC are elected class member from years 3, 4 and 5.

Their role is to support all school children in any way that they can as well as supporting the school rules, procedures and values personally.

Congratulations to the SRC members for 2015 who also made their pledge and received a certificate at our assembly.

We hope that they have a productive and satisfying year in their role.

I'm sure their parents will provide support and encouragement as necessary.

**SWEETHEART DAY**

One of the important reasons for holding this day was to provide an authentic opportunity for children to be kind and generous as a result of feeling compassionate about the plight of people with heart disease.

Because we actually have a genuine connection with the Heart foundation through one of our families, we have a real example of the importance of this organisation.

Thank you to Emmy and Jye as well as other class members for their work in organising and running this day.

The group activity at school encouraged children to make kind comments about other children.

An important focus this year at Primbee is being kind to other people.

We encourage all families to support this idea at home and in the local community.
DISTRICT SWIMMING

We were pleased to see that 19 children qualified for this event but disappointed that quite a few children did not participate.

Obviously if children become sick they cannot attend but several children just did not want to compete at District level.

We will be reviewing the future of having a swimming carnival at Primbee as there is a cost in running the event at the school level and a cost in replacing a teacher for the District event.

Thank you very much to the parent who helped out with transport and encouragement for their children.

Good luck to all our participants.

PAYMENTS

- Please pay the correct amount as the office does not have change!
- All payments must be put in an envelope with your child’s name and activity on the front. These are to be placed in the money box outside the office
- Please do not hand payments directly to the office counter.

Don’t forget the on-line payment option which is easy to use. Pick up the instructions from outside the office

LIFE EDUCATION

Please return notes and money by Tuesday Feb 17 as this program starts on Thursday.

It is a terrific program, well worth the money.

DRAGONS VISIT -NRL

This is happening on Wednesday Feb 18.

The whole school will meet with the players for a talk and then stage 3 will participate in an activity.

This is part of our sport program and happens every year. There is no cost and no need for a permission note.

GYMNASTICS

Parents who have given us verbal permission so that children can do week 1 and 2 of this activity still need to send in a signed permission note as soon as possible.

We cannot continue to phone for each event because our admin staff do not have the time and more importantly it is not really legal to do this.

Please support us with this so that we can run our programs efficiently. Ask your children if they have notes, read the newsletter (also available on-line), check their bags if younger and check the sign.

Children who do not pay may not complete the program.

Thank you to the majority of parents who have paid and returned note!

We really appreciate this!

UNIFORM

Final orders have now been taken for this term, however there are still plenty of polo shirts and hats available for purchase on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 and 9:00 via Angela in the office or by sending an order form

The following stock available in the listed sizes for purchase until sold out.

Fleece zip jackets
- 6
- 10
- 14
- we have ordered a few size 8, size 12 and 16 that will be available in around 2 weeks.

Microfibre jackets (shower proof)
- 4
- 6
- 12
- 14

V neck jumpers
- 4
- 10

Unisex shorts
- 6
- 8
- 10
- 14

Skorts
- 6
- 12
- 14

Unisex Pants
- 6
- 8
There are also limited stock of the sport shirt which is being phased out if you wish to purchase these at $15 each. These will be sold to the first in with their money.

Sizes: 1 x 10, 6 x 12

All items on back order will be issued within 2 weeks.

Once items in stock are sold out new orders will be taken in week 1 of term 2, or lay-bys can be placed at any time by placing these in the box outside the office and regular payments can also be either placed in the box or made online direct to the uniform account.

Primbee PS Uniforms
Bsb - 062636
Account -10396940

Please do not pay for uniforms through the schools online payment system on the website.

Canteen
Please see the attached new canteen price list which comes into effect from next week.

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4pm – Junior Program 5pm – Senior Program
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Please try and support the Big Red Kidney Walk.
Children under 12 are free with adult supervision.
Go to: www.kidney.org.au

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