What a Week

Unfortunately over the last couple of weeks we have had a lot of children playing thoughtlessly in the back playground and disregarding school rules and values.

I have had to try to investigate many incidents generally involving stage 2 and 3 boys.

On some occasions it seems that they just don't stop and think while at other times the children involved don't seem to think that the rules apply to them.

Our greatest concern is when this behavior is used while in the care of a casual teacher.

We know that children of this age are able to behave sensible because the majority of the children do this really well.

Of course, we know how big a job it is to teach children to be honest and respectful of others and appreciate the great job parents do.

It is very helpful when children get into trouble if parents go over the issues involved at home.

The rules, procedures and expectation of behavior that we have at school are extremely important because we have a lot of people working and playing in a relatively small space so everyone needs to work together.

Our way of operating at school may need to be quite different to their home so children need to understand that. The needs of others are often more important that what an individual may want to do.

If a letter is sent home about behavior we do need parents to discuss this issue in relation to the impact of that behavior on the rest of the school.

Please arrange to meet the teacher if you need clarification of details as children will often only tell parents one side of the story.

Please let the school know straight away if there are any instances of bullying so that we can deal with it immediately.

I can assure you that I spend a lot of recesses and lunch time trying to get to the bottom of playground events by listening to all children involved.

Upcoming Events

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Does Your Child Have a Healthy Lunch Each Day?

- Notes sent home
  - Water Safety Day – OVERDUE
  - Getting to and from school safely –OVERDUE

Parents who are dropping of lunch, notes etc for their child must do so through the office.

Do not go directly to classrooms please.

Pick up children from the office if leaving early.

Bookclub orders due back on Friday March 13

See back page of Newsletter for new information regarding ordering.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Emmy Withers has come first overall in the State Gymnastics trial!

We know she has worked very hard to achieve this great result. Good luck from us all for the future!

HOME READERS

Does it matter what level the home reader is?

- The book that comes home should be easy for your child.
- Reading at home should be an opportunity for your child to practise a smooth clear reading voice.
- Reading for them at home needs to be enjoyable and not a time for struggling and arguing.
- Parents can ask lots of questions while their child is reading to check that they understand the story line or facts of the text.

Many parents are concerned that their child has had the same book for a few nights or a week. They inform the teacher that they can read it easily and require a harder book.

- Teachers want the children to feel that reading is easy at home.
- Harder texts are given in the classroom under the guidance of the teacher.
- They do not want a child to believe that it is so difficult.
- Praise the child for how they read.
- Emphasise how smooth their voice is or congratulate them on working out an unknown word.
- Reading a book each time, can be a different experience.
- Have a different focus for each time you read it with them.
- You could focus on the use of punctuation one time, working out unknown words one time, the story line one time and what’s in each picture another time.

Find a cosy place and a time when you can provide support and encouragement. Enjoy that one on one time with your child.

ATTENDANCE

Can I take my child out of school for a holiday during school time?

The Attendance in government Schools Procedure statement states:

“From the beginning of 2015, family holidays are no longer considered under the Exemption form School – Procedures.

Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes.

A principal should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it not in the best interests of the students. Educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.

Parents are encouraged to take holidays with their child during school vacation periods.”

What do I do if I want to take my child on holiday during school term time?

- Parents need to complete an Application for Extended Leave-Travel.
- Forms are available at the office.
- If leave to travel is accepted then a certificate will be provided to the parents.
- The absences will be recorded as “L’-Leave
- Travel documentation should be attached i.e. itinerary, e-ticket

“If a student does not return on the date specified the principal must ensure the parents are contacted to establish the whereabouts of the student.”

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Each year we put aside some money from our Equity funding to help families that are struggling financially.

If you find yourself in this situation please come up to the office and request support rather than letting your child miss out.

There is a form to fill out and we usually pay half the cost so that the money stretches to as many people as possible!

If necessary we are also prepared to accept late payments or payment by installments that you can afford.

If you have 3 or more children at school one will be free. This money will in fact come out of school funds so we have altered the existing policy.

Please remind us when paying if you are in this category.
**TALKING TACTICS**

We would love it if lots of parents could come, even if your child is not in Stage 3 this year.

**TALKING TACTICS PARENT SESSION**

6 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday March 11

**EASTER**

Coming up on March 13 is the first of our Mufti days for our Easter Raffle.

Mufti means that children can come to school out of uniform (in sun safe clothes and with fitness appropriate shoes), but are expected to bring something for the Easter hampers.

The dates are:

- March 13 – nonperishable items e.g. cards, wrapping paper, toys, bags, bottles of drink etc. **NOT CHOCOLATE**
- March 27 – chocolate eggs, biscuits etc. **NOT EASTER BUNS** (they will be stale by Easter)

Hampers will be made up using these items and raffled at the Easter Hat Parade on April 2.

Tickets will be available for sale Friday, March 13.

**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.*

**P&C**

Dates for your diary:

- Cross Country Food stall – Thursday 26 March
- Election Day BBQ - Saturday 28 March

If you can help at all we would really appreciate it as this money will go towards a special sport program in Term 3. This sport program promises to be an amazing experience for our children!

**GARDENING**

**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN assessments start May 12 next term.

If any parents feel that their year 3 or 5 child needs to be withdrawn from this series of tests or needs additional support because of a disability, please come up to discuss this with the class teacher.

There are strict guidelines for exemptions.
**UNIFORMS**

Uniform shop opens Tuesday mornings 8.30-9am. Please see Angela in the office a Tuesday.

Primbee PS Uniforms
BSB-062636
Account -10396940

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

Berkeley club can still take more players in the following age groups: players turning 6yr, 7yr, 8yr, 9yr, 10yr, 11 yr and 12yr this year.

New players must have proof of birthday.

Training is on Tuesdays at 4.15pm, at Berkeley Netball courts

For more information phone 42712041 or email club at geraldineevry@outlook.com

A reminder that applications for Yr 6 (2015) into yr 7 (2016) close today, Friday 6th March.

Auditions are being held in the last 3 weeks of this term

**BOOKCLUB**

LOOP is the new scholastic book clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy. It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Long in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the iPhone/iPad app from the App store.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
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