Principal’s Message

REMINDER:
* For the security of our students and staff, we remind parents they need to sign in at the office when they are on school premises.
* Also, if you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment by writing a note or ringing the office.

Use of Recording Devices During Interviews With Teachers
Sometimes people being interviewed on school premises seek to record the interview. It is important to remember that everyone involved in the conversation agrees that it may be recorded, i.e. if the teacher says no, it cannot be recorded.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you would like more information, ‘Legal Issues Bulletin No 35 revised March 2013’ is available for you at the office.

Bandage Bear-Casual Clothes Day
Next Tuesday, 24th March we will be having a ‘casual clothes and bring your teddy to school day’ – wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation. The money raised from our ‘casual clothes’ will be donated to Goulburn Base Hospital Children’s Ward. (See SRC note inside newsletter).

Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 2nd April our school will be holding its annual Easter Hat Parade. We invite you to start creating your Easter Hat so that it is ready for this fantastic day.

Peanut Butter
Because of possible allergic reactions, we discourage children from bringing peanut butter/peanut products to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Item
Group K-6M will be performing at next Monday’s assembly which starts at 2.10pm. All welcome.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow, Thursday 19th March at Hudson Park, Bradfordville. The whole school will be participating and travelling by bus. Children need to be at school by 9.22am for roll call.

Children 8-12 years will be at the carnival from 9.45am to 1.30pm, then return to school.
Students turning 6 and 7 will return to school at 12.30pm with Mrs Manning and Miss Geale.

Please wear sports uniform and joggers and bring sunscreen, hat, extra water, recess and lunch/money if you wish to purchase food on the day. There will be limited canteen facilities at Hudson Park on this day. (See P & C note inside).

Dates to Remember
March 19th
School Athletics Carnival

March 20th
Girls Football Trials,
Zone Football Trials,
Field Events.

March 24th
SRC Casual Clothes Day

March 25th
P & C AGM 6pm

March 30th
Rugby Union District &
Zone

April 1st
District Basketball,
Autism Awareness Day

April 2nd
Cross Country,
Easter Hat Parade,
Last day of school for Term 1

April is Autism Awareness Month
What is autism spectrum disorder?
“Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental disability characterised by impairments in social communication and interactions, as well as restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior, interests or activities. For an ASD diagnosis to be made these symptoms need to be evident from childhood, and impair daily functioning (APA, 2013). The word ‘spectrum is used because the range and severity of the difficulties people with ASD experience can vary widely.”

On 1st April our school will be recognising Autism Awareness by allowing the children to wear something blue to school, and/or crazy hair day. There is no need to bring gold coins for this day.
What’s happening in Group KM

In Literacy this week Kindergarten have been looking at vowels. We love singing ‘Old McDonald Had Some Vowels’ to help us remember our short vowel sounds.

In Maths we have started to discuss fractions. We have been making sure that a ‘half’ is two equal parts and even made some choc chip cookies out of paper to share ‘one half’ with a friend.

Thursday is going to be a busy day full of fun activities and races at the Athletics Carnival. We can’t wait! Make sure your child has plenty of water, hats and sunscreen. Kindergarten will be returning to school after lunch.

Miss Geale

What’s happening in Group 1M

Year 1 have been investigating data. They have been answering questions from looking at graphs and doing a great job. Remember to read every night and return home readers to change books the following day. I will be checking sight words tomorrow.

We have our Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Please remember hats, sunscreen and water. I’m sure it will be a fantastic day.

Mrs Manning

What’s happening in Group 2/3M

Thank you to the parents who attended interviews yesterday. It is always lovely to discuss the children with you and let you know what they are doing in class.

We have the Athletics Carnival on Thursday (tomorrow) Remember to bring a hat, jumper, drink and lunch. Everyone needs to wear their sports uniform. On Friday we are having Field Events, so the children will need to be in sports uniform again.

Mrs McDade & Miss Bushell

What’s happening in Group 3/4B

This week 3/4B are continuing with our Maths work on data collection, graphing results and extracting information from graphs and tables. Our exposition writing continues with the bold statement, “Television is Bad for Children”, agreeing or disagreeing and stating at least 3 valid reasons. We began this exposition with a mini class debate and interestingly, most children in the class agree with the statement.

We are revising our 2, 10 and 5 times tables this week and beginning our 3 times tables. Please help your child and practise these number facts at home to help consolidate our classroom learning.

We are nearing the end of our class narrative (fiction book) ‘Witches by Roald Dahl and it is getting very exciting. In Art we further explore Aboriginal Culture and how drawings and art works in dreamtime were a way to tell important stories and provide information. I am sure we are all looking forward to the School Athletics Carnival on Thursday and don’t forget to pack plenty of water and pre-apply sunscreen as it is supposed to be a hot day.

3/4B are working hard but having fun, particularly as we develop our measuring skills with construction tasks in Maths groups.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Critchlow for their help in the classroom during group time.

Mrs Barnes

What’s happening in Group 4/5L

It was productive and useful meeting with parents at the interviews today. If you hadn’t organised a meeting, please phone the office to organise one.

In Literacy lessons this week we are writing a discussion about ‘Computers are Bad for Children’ and revising the rules of direct speech.

In Mathematics, our focus is converting units of measurement and calculating the perimeters of 2D shapes.

Mrs Leten

What’s happening in Group 6C

Music therapy continues this week, everyone is really enjoying the sessions with Clare.

Next Tuesday the SRC have organised to have a ‘casual clothes and bring your teddy to school day’ for Bandage Bear Day. The money raised will go towards Westmead Children’s Hospital and Goulburn Base Hospital.

In Maths this week we are continuing our Unit on Data.

Everyone should be proud of their participation during the assembly on Monday. ‘Student of the week’ is Elijah—well done!

Miss Bosevski

What’s happening in Group K-6B

Please ensure all high school forms have been returned.

On Wednesday 25th March most of Year 6 will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference—have you returned your note? Year 6 will be doing their Peer Support training at school on Thursday 26th March. Students may wear casual clothes on the day. Everyone must have a clipboard to lean on and a pen.

Mrs Copland

What’s happening in Group K-6M

Tomorrow is the School Athletics Carnival, remember to wear your sports uniform, runners and bring your hat. The canteen will be serving food at Hudson Park, but no orders will be taken in the morning—children should bring money if they wish to buy food.

Next Tuesday the SRC are running a ‘casual clothes for Bandage Bear Day’. The money raised will go towards Goulburn Base Hospital. Students can bring along their favourite bear. Merchandise will also be for sale on the day and money from that will go towards Westmead Children’s Hospital.

In Maths we have moved on from Length and are looking at Data. ‘Student of the week’ was Mariah.

Ms Martin
Congratulations Year K-6M

Congratulations to
Leah, Alex & Indiana

What’s happening in the Library

Our library should have new carpet laid during the holidays. The old carpet was put down when the library was opened in 1976. As all of the freestanding furniture has to be moved and storerooms emptied, the library will be closed for the rest of the term as well as week 1, term 2.

I am sorry the children will not be able to borrow during this time but look forward to a fresh, clean library next term. However, the children are still able to return any items, especially overdue loans to the library during this time.

Any children who have placed items in our nature display in the library that they wish to keep, need to collect these by next Wednesday. All items not collected will be placed into storage.

Mrs Gilchrist

The Enviro Club

With many willing hands, the beans and tomatoes were harvested again and enjoyed on Thursday at Morning Munchies. Sadly, that’s the end of the beans as our summer veggie patch “winds down”. There will be a swap over next week with the last of the vegetables finished.

Other students shredded paper for the chooks to scratch through. Our watering team has done a great job giving our young shrubs a drink in this hot weather—the rain this morning was very welcome.

University of NSW Assessments

A reminder—if you wish your child to participate in these assessments, entry form and money must be returned to school by Friday 27th March.

P & C News

P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 6pm. All welcome. New office bearers will be needed. Please consider joining your school’s P & C to enable it to continue to support your children’s education.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall 28th March

On Saturday 28th March we will be holding a BBQ and Cake Stall in the school grounds (corner of Bourke and Addison Streets—opposite the Scout Hall).

We need donations of cakes, slices, biscuits (with a list of ingredients) to sell on the day. These may be left at the school on Friday 27th March or brought to the stall on the Saturday morning from 8am.

Also, we will need helpers on the BBQ and Cake Stall on the day—if you can spare an hour or more between 8am-2pm please fill in the coupon and return it to school.

Athletics Carnival 19th March 2015

The P & C will provide limited canteen facilities at Hudson Park for this day: Sausage Sizzle, Fresh Sandwiches, Home Bake Cakes and Slices, Fresh Fruit, Snacks etc.

Volunteer workers are required for canteen and we would appreciate donations of cakes, slices etc. prior to event.

Canteen Special

Friday 20th March

Homemade Sausage Roll
... $3.00 ...

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall—28th March 2015

I am able to help on the BBQ/Cake Stall on Saturday 28th March at:

☐ 8am ☐ 9am ☐ 10am ☐ 11am ☐ 12noon ☐ 1pm

(please tick preferred time)

Name: __________________________________________

Child’s Name ________________________________________ Class __________________________
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Also, we will be supporting the Children’s Westmead Hospital Bandage Bear Appeal - the SRC will be selling Bandage Bear merchandise for $2, $3 and $5 as shown opposite.