Term 2 – Week 9

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student **overdue please pay**
5/6 Canberra Excursion - $50 deposit **overdue please pay**
Term 1 Craft - $10 **overdue please pay**

*Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments*

What’s Happening

**Term 3**

**Week 1**
15\(^{th}\) July  Staff Return
16\(^{th}\) July  **Students Return**
18\(^{th}\) July  Walkathon

**Week 2**
23\(^{rd}\) July  Chess Competition
25\(^{th}\) July  Milo Cup, Years 5/6, Summerhayes Park

**Week 3**
2\(^{nd}\) Aug.  K-2 Athletics Carnival, at school

**Week 4**
5\(^{th}\) Aug.  Athletics Carnival (Primary), Tom Hunter Park
6\(^{th}\) Aug.  Interrelate – 6.00pm & 7.15pm
9\(^{th}\) Aug.  Open Day
Value of the Week – Perseverance

I am practising perseverance when I:

- choose my commitments wisely;
- set goals and stick with them until completed;
- pace myself, and take one step at a time; and
- stand by my friends and loved ones.

This Friday brings the end to Term 2, Semester 1.

Our thanks for your ongoing support which ensures our learning community is one that lives its values, shares in learning and is constantly striving to improve practice.

Teachers are back on Monday 15th July for a Staff Development Day targeting the implementation of new syllabus.

Students, Kindergarten to Year 6 return on Tuesday, 16th July.

Term 3 is a 10 week term and begins with the school walkathon on the first Thursday back and then gears up over the coming weeks with practices and rehearsals for the presentation of the school musical; ‘Into the Wild Blue Yonder’.

Ethics Classes
We are indeed fortunate to have a parent who is willing to act as a coordinator. We are seeking parents who may wish to train as teachers to take the ethics classes for Years 3 to 6.

If you would like to be involved please contact Debbie in the office for further information. It would be wonderful to be in a position to offer ethics classes for students currently not participating in Scripture.

School Walkathon
The school walkathon is on Thursday, 18th July. Students will need refillable water bottles, comfortable walking shoes, hats, morning tea and sunscreen on faces. Hopefully, the weather will be dry and sunny. Friday 19th is a backup if Thursday is not suitable.

Chess Competition
The Chess Team competes in a tournament at the Penrith RSL Club on Tuesday 23rd July. Good luck everyone! Have a great time and enjoy new learning.

Years 5 and 6 Milo Cup
The Milo Cup for senior students is on Thursday 25th July at Summerhayes Park. Enjoy the day!

Friday 26th July
If needed this date provides an alternative back up date to the walkathon if we experience ongoing wet weather issues.

If we are at school on Friday 26th we will have a coin snake day and students are asked to bring a gold coin to make the snake.

Watch the school website or Facebook for clarification in Week 2 of Term 3.

Earn and Learn
Dockets for Earn and Learn are due in on Friday 26th July.

Safety
Yesterday, a group of our students encountered an unfortunate occurrence with an older member of the community who was pushing a shopping trolley and collecting items from the footpath during the walk along Bridge Road and the Highway.

The children were frightened by the incident. Fortunately, no one was injured and the children responded admirably.

The Police were informed and they responded quickly. A patrol car was to be dispatched on Friday morning to check the area.

The students who were directly involved were counseled and arrangements have been made for parents to walk to and from school with the group.

The School Education Director has been informed, as has the Safety Directorate.

The Police Liaison Officer for schools who is attached to the Springwood Command Unit will be at school early next term to have a talk on safety with all students Kindergarten to Year 6. This is an activity we have on a yearly basis. Previously we have included the talk in our Safety Day activities; however, we would like to confirm strategies children can use if they don’t feel safe when walking to and from school.

Please be assured the students involved are safe and well.
Have a safe, warm, healthy and happy holiday.
See you back at school on Tuesday 16th July.

Student Awards
Term 2 Week 8

Mrs Lees
Christopher S – a helpful class citizen
Lily O – excellent progress in Maths and Reading
APs Award
Myles P – Friendliness
VIPs
Jacob V, Lana T

Mr Zoglmeyer
Rohan D – excellent ideas in class
Emily J – working carefully and neatly
APs Award
Amerie O - Perserverance
VIPs
Mollie G, Araluen F

Mrs Ellwood
Samantha E – enthusiastic participation in Sport
Byron M – enthusiastic participation in Sport
Woody S – beautiful presentation of work
Jazmyn W-B – completing her work with improved care
APs Award
James M – being a friendly class member
Aiden P – persevering when things get tricky
VIPs
Ellie H, Ethan H, Austin L, Woody S

Mrs Hayes
Declan McD – a great project on Oceans
Lilly N – a great ‘snow’ project and amazing diorama
APs Award
Jericho H – perseverance in Spelling
VIPs
Riley J, Talia L

Mrs Shaw
Kayleigh W – trying hard in Maths
Alistair B – steady application to all tasks
APs Award
Hamish B – being a friendly class member
VIPs
Caitlyn L, Tom M

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Thomas M – fantastic effort in Maths
Ashton VP – wonderful work presentation
APs Award
Nicholas J – Perseverance
VIPs
Phoebe R, Daniel S

Mr Ellwood
Callum W – an interesting and well presented project
Olivia C – a fascinating and confidently presented project
APs Award
Aarin P - Perseverance
VIPs
Paige J, Callum W

Mr Foye
Brad D – fantastic Bushranger Poster
Liz S – wonderful Gold Assignment
APs Award
Samantha L - Perseverance
VIPs
Alyssa L, Lucy M

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Interrelate

When kids ask “the” questions . . .
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . .

We know how to ‘help break the ice’.
Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Friday, 28 June 2013
Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and rents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:

“The educator has a great way of putting things simply”
“Provided me with a solid foundation”
“Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about”
“Entertaining and informative”

Where: Blaxland Public School
When: Tuesday, 6th August 2013
Time: 6.00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”)
7.15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Cost: 1 Session: $27.50 per family
2 Sessions: $33 per family

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

Please return to school

Name of Family: ………………………

Number Attending: ______________________

☐ Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
☐ Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”

Amount Enclosed: $…………………..

☐ Cash
☐ Cheque
(please make cheques payable to school)

Jackeroo Ranch (est. 52 years)
Recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, is again running its popular horse riding camps in Winter Vacation.

1st Week: Sat.29th June – Sat. 6th July
2nd Week: Sat. 6th July – Sun. 14th July

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.

These camps are for “horse mad” children aged 6 to 16. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a 1 hour lesson and a 3 hours trail ride in the beautiful Turon Valley with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, and catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship.

Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for, we specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. The property abounds with Wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud.

There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.

This is not just a camp!!
It is a wonderful farm experience
Your child will treasure forever.

Enquiries Mrs Pattie Hudson
Phone 6337 7173 (nights are best)