Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student – payment overdue
Craft - $40
5/6 Broken Bay Camp Deposit - $100
NAIDOC Day - $18
Gymnastics - $30 + note (attached)

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

What’s Happening

Term 2

Week 7
13th June
Senior Book Club
School Disco

Week 8
20th June
Winmalee Cup

Term 3

Week 3
29th July
UNSW English Competition
1st Aug.
Infants Athletics Carnival – school grounds

Week 4
4th Aug.
Primary Athletics Carnival – Tom Hunter Park
8th Aug.
Open Day – Book Fair

Thursday, 5 June 2014
**Value of the Week – Excellence**

I am practising excellence when I:

- give your best to relationships;
- set noble and realistic goals;
- remember to plan and practice and
- don’t try to do everything.

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Gateway Family Services

‘Circle of Security’ information mornings are on this this coming Tuesday 10th June and the following Tuesday 17th June at 9.15am here at school. Please feel welcome to join the group.

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‘Eat it to Beat it’
The girls from Gateway will also be running a session on ‘Eat it to Beat it’ for parents. This is part of the ‘Live Life Well at School’ program that teachers are running Kindergarten to Year 6.

Mr Foye and Mrs Shaw attended training and information sessions in order to support the school in the implementation of the program.

Mr Foye and Mrs Shaw noted that they were the….let us say….the more experienced of the teachers attending and in Mr Foye’s inimitable style, when asked what he would do to reward and encourage students to bring healthy food to school, responded that he, ‘would offer them all a lolly’, much to the amusement of the young teachers and dismay of the course managers.

P&C watched a short information video at their last meeting, agreeing on the value of the program. Please come along on Wednesday 11th June for information about the program and what you can do as a parent to support your child / children.

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Chess Challenge

The Chess Team participates in the interschool chess challenge held at Glenbrook Public School on Tuesday 10th June, beginning at 9.00am.

Our thanks to Mrs Symonds who is always there to encourage and support our attending students. We wish all participants good luck, a day of new learning and lots of fun.

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**Dance Auditions**

Blue Mountains Festival organisers will be at school on Thursday, 12th June at 11.00am for our dance groups’ auditions. It is a stressful time for teachers and students and essential that all dancers are at school on the day unless too ill to attend. While we know they have worked hard, deserve to be selected and should have no problems we still send everyone our wishes for the very best of outcomes with fingers and toes crossed.

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**Hot Chocolate Club**

The library is closed for lunch on Friday 13th June. The Senior Book Club will meet at 1.00pm in the library with Mrs Hall for a great discussion on literary finds and hot chocolate to enjoy with lunch. It sounds wonderful. Can I come too?

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**Parent and Teacher Interviews**

Look out for notes for Kindergarten to Year 6 interviews in June.

Tuesday 24th 3.30pm – 7.00pm All classes

Mrs Lees: Tuesday 24th 8.30am - 12.00pm
Mr Zoglmeyer: Tuesday 24th 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Mrs Shaw: Tuesday 24th 8.30am - 12.00pm
Mrs Palmer: Thursday 26th 8.30am - 12.00pm
Mr Ellwood: Thursday 26th 12.00pm - 3.00pm
Mr Foye: Thursday 26th 8.30am - 12.00pm
Mrs Ellwood: Thursday 26th 12.00pm - 3.00pm

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**Work Experience Students**

We happily welcome Brodie, Sam and Mitch back to school for a week of work experience beginning Tuesday 10th June. It will be wonderful to catch up with these wonderful past students.

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**PLAN**

Over the last two weeks of term teachers will be involved in one half day release to engage in data entry for PLAN, mentored by colleague at school.

PLAN is part of our assessment and reporting package and forms a continuum of learning. It is tracking system for Literacy and Numeracy, Kindergarten to Year 6. Information is stored on the Department of Education and Communities centralised system which is secure and available only to the NSW State School the child is enrolled.

Teachers determine which cluster of development each child is in. This is based on ongoing assessment throughout the year.
Teachers will enter data at the end of Semester 1 or Term 2 and at the end of Semester 2 or Term 4.

In literacy, for example there are 12 clusters in the areas of Reading Texts, Comprehension, Vocabulary Knowledge, Aspects of Writing, Aspects of Speaking, Phonics, Phonemic Awareness and Concepts about Print.

The clusters are;

Preschool: Cluster 1
Kindergarten: Clusters 2 – 4
Year 1: Clusters 5 and 6
Year 2: Clusters 7 and 8
Year 3: Cluster 9
Year 4: Cluster 10
Year 5: Cluster 11
Year 6: Cluster 12

It is detailed and will require additional teacher time for data entry, however, we believe this is an advancement in our capacity to provide for statewide assessment of students that is clear and transparent. As part of our professional development teachers will focus on the delivery of the new literacy syllabus, the development of learning units, PLAN and consistency in teacher judgments.

School Uniforms
Winter uniforms are in and the pants feel snug for the children on those chilly days.

(Thank you Christine 😊)

The uniform policy reminds us that shoes for both boys and girls must be black. Black sneakers must be all black, no coloured sides, soles or laces please.

If you have a little person intent on assuring you that colour is ‘OK!’ please feel to send them to Mrs Jamieson who will happily and kindly clarify that misunderstanding. 😶

Winmalee Cup
Years 3 – 6 students who are part of the junior and senior sport teams will participate in the interschool games; Winmalee Cup on Friday 20th June.

Permission notes, medical forms and payments must be received at the office by no later than Tuesday 17th June.

Parents are very welcome to join their children on the day.

Good luck to all of our teams, learn lots, have fun.

Live Life Well and Safe at School Day
Mr Foye and Mrs Shaw are organising a day to showcase our Live Life Well Program on the last day of the term, Friday 27th June.

Information will be sent home shortly.

Parents are very welcome to join us for the day.

Disco Friday 13th June
Families will be away from Friday night for the long weekend. As a result the disco is rescheduled from Friday 6th June to Friday 13th June.

Kindergarten to Year 2 attend the disco from 4.30pm to 6pm with a break for a drink and some chips at 5.15pm.

Years 3 to 4 attend the disco from 6pm to 7.30pm with their break for something to drink and eat at 6.45pm.

Teachers will supervise both groups. It’s always great fun for all, hope to see the children there.

Cost is $3.50. Funds received go towards the cost of drinks and food with the remainder supporting Year 5 and their efforts in fundraising towards the 2014 Year 6 Farewell.

NAIDOC
Despite all the organisation that was put into the day and the fact that Mrs Ellwood was in constant discussion with the Aboriginal groups that were contracted for the day to provide what we thought were to be fantastic experiences for the children, nothing prepared us for the eventuality that the morning to lunch time group would fail to attend or notify us of this fact.

Teachers were put on the spot to either cancel the day, reschedule or to continue with modified activities.

The afternoon group; the dance performers attended and have been reimbursed their costs.

It is our intention to bring in another group later in the year to accommodate activities students and staff missed out on. Remaining funds will be put towards the costs of this day without further cost to our families.

The day certainly did not transpire the way in which we believed it would due to issues outside our control.

The day was a great source of stress and disappointment for staff that, all in all, did a great job in a very difficult situation.
Gymnastics

As a compulsory part of our PD/H/PE program, Gymnastics will be run in Term 3, 2014 for Years K-6. Lessons will be held on Tuesdays for 8 weeks, commencing Tuesday 22nd July. The cost is $30 per student. Children should wear school shorts, polo shirts and joggers.

Students were invoiced at the beginning of the year. Some families have already paid, please check your statement or receipts to avoid double payment.

Markets

The markets are on Sunday, this weekend. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to support with the BBQ which has become a very welcome financial boost to our wonderful P&C and the purchase of resources we can provide for our students.

Please, if you can find an hour or two this Sunday please give our P&C President a call and let her know.

Queen’s Birthday

This coming Monday, 9th June is the Queen’s Birthday long weekend and we wish all our families a lovely day.

We are all back at school on Tuesday 10th.

Student Awards

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Mrs Lees

Lola W – excellent Art work
Luke B – excellent progress in Reading
Jaxon C – excellent presentation of his work
Willem H – excellent presentation of his work

APs Award

Mia H – Creativity
Sacha McL - Excellence

VIPs

Ryley D, Ebony B, Keira L, Sophia W

Mr Zoglmeyer

Angad P – lovely expression and fluency in Reading
Emily J – outstanding presentation of her work
Alexander W – great work in Writing
Benny T – excellent work habits in Reading Groups

APs Award

Eli P – Creativity
Jazi S - Excellence

VIPs

Kynan L, Claudia K, Carlito G-P, Angad P

Mrs Shaw

Albie W – his enthusiastic approach to work
Mitch F – approaching tasks in a positive manner
Samantha E – a quiet, mature approach to all tasks
Isaac D – a fantastic effort in all he does

APs Award

Hartley K – creativity in many areas
Matilda W – excellence in all she does

Thinking on……..

We have attached some information from Michael Grose about reading our children’s reports for your interest.

He can be viewed on [http://youtu.be/CGIPlT7kYB4](http://youtu.be/CGIPlT7kYB4)

Thursday, 5 June 2014
School Disco!
Friday, June 13th
Infants: 4:40–6:00pm
Primary 6:00–7:30pm
$3.50
includes: entry, chips, drink, dancing & fun!

JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING
WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS

Jackeroo Ranch (est. 53 years)
Recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, is again running Winter Vacation.

1st Week: Sat. 28th June – Sat. 5th July
2nd Week: Sat. 5th July – Sun. 13th 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)