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Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to Term 4 and it's hard to believe that it is Week 4 already. I would like to acknowledge the work of our Relieving Principal, Ms Debbie Knight, who capably led our school during my absence last week at the State Principals' Conference. The conference was very informative and a great chance to learn from others and share ideas. At this time of Educational change, it is important to keep up to date with all the new programs and finance models that will be put into place over coming months.

Thank you Debbie for continuing to be a wonderful leader in our school.

Assistant Principal Position is advertised

Last week I meet with our 4 person panel to begin the process of selecting a person to permanently fill the role of Assistant Principal at our school. Over the past three years, this role has been filled in a temporary manner and we have been very lucky to have had such capable people. Ms Knight, Ms Stephens and Mrs Hotham have all relieved in this position over past years. Now that numbers are stable and in fact increasing, we are able to fill this position permanently. Mrs Sandra Hamer has been elected as the parent representative and I thank Mrs Hamer for her involvement. When the process is completed in a few weeks, I will be able to inform you of the panel's decision and officially welcome our new Assistant Principal to our school. What a wonderful opportunity for an inspiring leader.

Enrolments for 2014

As mentioned above, our enrolments for 2014 are on the increase. Presently our enrolments are anticipated to be 126 students (Currently 118). This will be 4 students off a new class. It is very important that I know of new families or families that are relocating as soon as possible so that I can allocate staff appropriately and organise a classroom and resources. If you know of new families moving to our area, that have school age children, could you please ask them to contact our school for an enrolment interview and viewing. I thank you in advance for this request.

15th November – Year 5 Election Speeches & Second Hand Book Sale 10.30

Year 5 students who are wishing to become student leaders in 2014 will prepare and present speeches during week 6. The speeches should be written at home and be ready for presentation on Friday 15th November. Year 5 students are to consider whether they would like to take on the responsibility of being a student leader and prepare their speech indicating which leadership qualities they feel they offer the student body. Voting will then be held following the speeches. We wish all candidates good luck!

During and after voting all second books from the library will be for sale. This is a great time for parents and students to pick up some super books and some classics for their book shelves at home.

5 Books = \$2 Bring a bag and some spare change!



Congratulations Nick

Well done to Nicholas Adams who competed at the State Athletics Championships last fortnight. Nick ran in the 800m and finished 10th in his heat. This is a marvelous result considering Nick had spent 2 days at camp prior to the event. Well done to Nicholas, an amazing athlete, a good sport and we are very proud of him!



Blue Star & Reading Eggs Awards

Congratulations to Erutan O, Alexandra R and Isabella I who received blue star awards at last fortnight's assembly. Three of the hardest working students who show fabulous results!

Super work also to our Reading Eggs stars – Noah K, Angus M and Liam S – Super boys AND super readers!



House Points

Kookaburras again take out the prize, come on Wombats and Barramundis – keep those points coming in!

Well done Natasha for keeping her team on track!



Driveway on Church Street

Please try to avoid the driveway that is present near the 'no parking sign' in Church Street. Although the drive way has no cemented area leading to the house, it is still a designated drive and we ask that you avoid parking in front of it. We appreciate your thoughtfulness with this matter.

Next Assembly – Week 2 - Friday 1st November - 11.00am

Reporting To Parents

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our reports in literacy and numeracy will look a little different this term. This term will be reporting using the Literacy and Numeracy Continuums. We will still report an overall A-E grade. As this is a new trial format, I will be running a parent workshop on the new language and the look of the new report on Tuesday 19th November at 6pm as well as including information in upcoming newsletters. I encourage you to attend and provide feedback about this new process. Currently this new format will only be delivered this term for trial. Feedback will be sought after the report has been completed.

Bathurst Public School Band Visits PPS

Well done to the children in the Bathurst Public School Band. We really enjoyed your concert and it was fun to see our students up and dancing! Thanks Mr Snitch for organising this event!



Stage Three Excursion

In week 2, Years 5&6 had a fabulous time at camp. I would like to thank Mr Dickson for taking our students to camp and for providing them with a wonderful experience. From all reports, the camp was fantastic and children behaved very well. Thanks Mr D and well done 5/6! I'm jealous I couldn't go.

5/6 are working on a photo presentation for an up-coming assembly! Watch this space!



Thank you to O'Shannessy and Bonham Families

Thank so much to Luke and his family who donated music stands for our school and Erutan and Austin and their family who donated a new library book for our library. We also had Euan and the Wells family and Joshua and the Noonan family who donated books to the library from the book fair. What a wonderful community we have!

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Next Week is a big week at PPS!

Possums Last Day – Next Wednesday 6th November

Next Wednesday is our last day for our Perthville Possums. A parent meeting will be from 9am-10am on this morning in the library. Uniform and bus information will also be made available. Possums will be enjoying a teddy bears picnic with kindergarten on this day and Possums and Kindergarten students will need to bring along their teddy. We will eat our morning tea down on the grass near our outdoor learning space (In front of Ms Knight's Room) at 11.30 and have some games and fun! Our buddies will also be invited. We thank Mrs Keough for the amazing job she has done with the transition program and we know that everyone will have a super smart start to Kindergarten in 2014. Thank Gillian.

CSIRO – 2 Fabulous shows at PPS – Thursday 7th November

How lucky are we to now have access to a community hall and have all these wonderful performances and exhibits visit Perthville School! Next Thursday 7th November, all students K-6 will participate in 2 science shows. K-4 children will be watch 'Seeing the Light Show' and 5/6 will participate in 'Electric Circuits'. Both shows compliment units of work completed in Science and Technology. There is a small cost for each show and a permission note is included. *Please note students who have not returned the note will not be attending.*

Gala Day – Now to be held at Perthville next Friday 8th November

In previous years, our Term 4 Small Schools Gala Day has been held at Raglan Hall and Oval. This year it will be held at Perthville. The day will commence with a presentation to sporting representatives and then students will participate in a range of sports including tennis, t-ball, touch football, newcombe ball and indoor hockey. Students are encouraged to bring along a tennis racket and order a sausage sandwich. There is no permission note for this event as students are moving locally to the hall and tennis courts, however if you wish to order a sausage sandwich please complete the attached note. Our P&C will be cooking the BBQ on the day so anyone who is able to assist please contact Sharon Stonestreet.

'Beach to Bush' and RSPCA to Visit – Monday 11th November

We are looking forward to two events coming up on Monday 11th November. The 'Beach to Bush' program talks to students about safety at the beach, swimming between the flags and how to seek assistance if required. RSPCA will speak to our K-2 children about caring for animals and the important work that the RSPCA does. Ms Margaret will be bringing in a live dog so if you have any objections to this, please contact the school. We thank Ms Knight for organising these events for our students.

No Hat play in the shade

Protection from the sun is vital during our warmer months; please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat each day. No hat, no play means students play under COLA. We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 12th November
NAPLAN Results
Bus Letter



Next Assembly

Friday 1st November – 11.00
There will no items this term
as children prepare and
practise for Presentation Day

P&C News

Our P&C have been very busy and funds have now been made available for the school to purchase lockers and a new shade sail. Both will be installed in coming months and with everyone's assistance we look forward to working on further school improvements. Come along and be part of our great P&C network!

Bus Letter

A short meeting (**Strictly 30 minutes**) will be held prior to the next P&C meeting to discuss a letter from the P&C to the Ministry of Transport. The general content of this letter includes the following points

Students still arriving 74 minutes before the scheduled school time of 9.25.

The round trip of 30 minutes in the afternoon for all students on the Bathurst Bus Lines Run

The inconsistent approach of 2 bus companies

There will no general discussion about other options for student supervision and the meeting will be chaired by Mrs Sandra Hamer. If you would like to comment on the letter please feel free to attend or if you would like a copy of the letter prior to the meeting please contact Sandra Hamer via email on

samfred@iinet.net.au The letter will then be tabled and sent after the P&C meeting.

We have two scheduled fundraisers to complete the year. Read all about them and contribute where you can.

Pavers – Available to Families, Community Members and Staff

It's time to renew our pavers and combine them with our latest installment. This is a great opportunity. Buy a paver and see it built into Perthville's School History. How wonderful in years to come to come back and see your family name still part of Perthville School. An order form and more information is attached. We will be unveiling our pavers during our Family Fun afternoon in Term 1.

Christmas Hamper – Donations of Quality Non Perishable Items Now accepted

This year our P&C will again be coordinating our Christmas Hamper raffle for Presentation Day on Friday 13th December. Tickets will come home in the next newsletter and will also be sold at the Perthville Hotel and on the day. We ask that you sell your share of the tickets and send in some quality, non-perishable items for the hamper. We appreciate your support.



Uniform Shop – Now held on Mondays!

This term our uniform shop will operate on a MONDAY 3.15-4.00pm. We thank Phil & Alaine for all their time and support with our uniform orders. If you cannot make the uniform shop time to purchase summer uniform, please leave your orders with June in the office. When the order is completed Phil or Alaine will contact you to arrange collection.

Next P&C Meeting – Week 6 - Tuesday 12th November

6pm for Bus Letter

6.30pm for normal meeting.

Dates to Remember

November

- 6th Perthville Possums Last Day Teddy Bear's Picnic & Parent Meeting 9am
7th CSIRO Science Fair – Perthville Hall
8th Gala Day – Sports Awards
11th Beach To Bush & RSPCA Visit
19th Parent Workshop 6pm – New Report Format

December

- 4th Year 6 Full day at High School
10th Christmas Scripture Service
13th Presentation Day 12pm
13th Portfolios and Reports Handed out
17th Year 6 Big Day Out
18th Last Day for Students
19th & 20th Staff Development Days – Mandatory Training & 2014 Organisation

Well done Mrs Keough & Welcome 19 New Possums



Permission Notes

CSIRO Show – Perthville Hall

Thursday 7th November

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend the CSIRO show at the Perthville Hall on Thursday 7th November. I understand children will walk to and from the Perthville Hall for the exhibit.

I enclose the correct money for my child/ren

K-4 – seeing the light Show \$4.50 per child

5/6 – Electric Circuits \$8 per child

Total \$ _____

Signed _____ Date: _____

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Gala Day – Perthville School, Hall and Tennis Courts 3-6 ONLY

Friday 8th November

Sausage Sizzle Order

I would like to order the following sausage sizzle orders for my child/ren.

\$3 per order

Family Name _____

Total Orders _____

Signed _____ Date _____