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Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 10

Dear Parents,

This will be the last full newsletter for 2013. What an amazing year we've had! I have been busy reading all reports, writing our Annual School Report and our draft School Management Plan for 2014 and viewing all students work samples and portfolios. I am so proud of our achievements and I'm really looking forward to setting new targets and starting my 7th year at Perthville School.

I would like to acknowledge the work of our whole team; they all make the workplace a happy, vibrant place to be and the environment, one of love and care for all of our 118 children. Our students are very lucky! They are learning, they are happy and we always aim to give them every opportunity. Thank you everyone!

I would like to thank all of our school community for their support. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break. Relax, spend time with family and enjoy the slower pace summer brings. Thank you all for making 2013 a super year at Perthville School.

New Assistant Principal for Perthville PS

Congratulations to Linda Kerr who is the new appointed Assistant Principal of PPS. Linda has been working at Eglinton School and brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and a great enthusiasm. Linda is very excited to be joining our team and will be attending Presentation Day so she will be able to meet lots of you on the day and get to know some of our wonderful students. Linda will be teaching the 2/3 class in 2014.

A Sad Farewell to Mrs Parker and Mrs Armstrong

As we welcome one new member to our team, it is time to say goodbye to some of the extremely dedicated and hardworking staff that have been on temporary engagements at our school this year.

Mrs Parker will be finishing up at the end of next week. Mrs Parker has been a fabulous asset to our school team. She is positive, hardworking and not only taught beautifully but has coordinated many projects at our school. Her enthusiasm, dedication and the knowledge she has taken on board is a credit to her hard working attitude. We wish Mrs Parker all the very best with her future career.

Mrs Armstrong has been working three days each week with Mrs Hotham. Mrs Armstrong stepped in to replace Mrs Kinlyside when she became unwell. Mrs Armstrong has done an amazing job preparing 3/4 for their senior years and we know even though she is finishing up in this role, she will be back joining us on a casual basis in the future. Not ready to hang up those teaching boots yet!!

Thanks so much to both of you.

AND a new baby!!! How exciting

Mr and Mrs Hotham are expecting their second child in April. Mrs Hotham will still be teaching her two days per week in term one alongside Mrs Bicanic. Then she will take maternity leave for the remainder of the year. We wish Craig and Jen all the very best for the safe delivery of the new baby.

Big thanks to Brett and Lucinda Wells

Thanks so much to Brett and Lucinda who purchased a new camera for the school. All of our cameras were stolen in last month's break in so it was great to be able to take some snaps today of our scripture service with the new camera. Thanks so much, wonderful parents!

Semester Two Reports

As has been discussed now for many months, we have a new reporting format coming to you this week in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. The goal of this was to try to provide you with more information in these key areas. I must emphasize that this is trial report and we are aiming to provide parents with a deeper understanding of their child's results. We are keen for your feedback so please feel free to provide written comment with the survey that will be in your child's portfolio.

As we held a workshop last week, we will not be holding individual interviews this term. These will be held in the middle of term one, once children are back to school in 2014.

Key Points are

- A separate report letter for literacy and numeracy should be read closely, followed by the child's continuum report page. These letters will describe the cluster area that each student should be in and a list of achievements at each level.
- We have still reported for Science, Human Society and its Environment, Creative Arts and Personal development/ Health and Physical Education in the traditional way.
- We are still including an A-E grade for each subject. Remember a SOUND means that the child has learnt everything they have been taught this semester. To get HIGH the child must be showing work beyond that level.
- We are still giving an effort score. 1 being 'limited effort' to 5 being 'tries their best at all times'.

Reporting To Parents – Workshop complete.

Thank you to the parents that attended our reporting workshop. I am sure that the new reporting format became clearer for you during the presentation. Thank you to all the staff that attended and provided further insight on the night.



Mrs Keough & Mrs Peterson



Mrs Parker & Mrs Stonestreet



Ms Knight & Mrs Lenehan

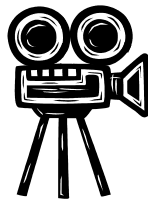


Mr Dickson & Mrs Priestly

Movie Day – Tuesday 17th December – K-Yr 5 *****Bring in a gold coin Please!

Whilst Year 6 are off having a great time at their BIG DAY out, Kindergarten to Yr 5 will be having Movie Day. The two movies that we will be showing are 'Despicable Me 2' and the 'Indian in the Cupboard'.

Please note that both are rated PG, therefore if you do NOT want your child to watch either of these films you need to contact the office and let June know. Alternate activities will then be provided for these children. We will also be having some lollies and cordial and we ask for a gold coin donation to cover the cost for this fun event.



Pavers due now – Orders need to be sent away – PLEASE CHECK THE LIST!!!

The following paver orders have been received and are noted in the P&C ordering form.

It is very important that you check you are on this list, remembering that some paver orders were stolen in our break-in.

We think we have accounted for most that were lost but please double check here and let June know if there is a problem with your order.

SINGLES

T & A Fallow
O' Shannessy Family
Jordan, Makaylah & Liam Shirvill
Brianna Adams 2006-2012
Nicholas Adams 2008-2014
Adam & Noah Kirk
Isabella & Mahalia Irvine
Kate Hamer 2005-2011
Ethan Hamer 2006-2012
Rowan Hamer 2008-2014
Grace & Will Priestly
Luke Bonham Year 4 2013
Gus Clancy Dusty Wyrzykowski 2013
Taya Patching! 2010-2014 Yr 2-6
Michael & Kathy Mills
Joshua Noonan I like trains
Elaine Rudge Office Staff SAO
Jade Tobin & Clancy Fitzpatrick
Cody Howe Year 4 2013
Sophie Howe Year 5 2013
Kiana & Rianna Lowry
Kaysha & Taj Edmonds Y5/6 2013
Gabrielle & Claudia Kelly 2014
Eve & Isabella McBryde
Emma Hulme Kindy 2013
Jodie James Principal

DOUBLES

Berry Family Josh, Debbie, Deua, Tully & Ruby
Naylor Family Milton, Brent, Matthew, Jared & Kirralee
Thomas Family 2013 Ben - Year 1 Erin - Preschool
McArthur Family 2003 - 2014 Harry Bryce Angus Flynn
Ben Holmes Vesna & Declan Ryan Mitchell Pile
Fragar Jordan Yr 6 2014 Lilly Yr 5 2014
Suzanne Lawson 1986-1992 Teresa Lawson 1988-1994
Mark Lawson 1991-1997
Burge Family Ross, Coral, Jill, Mark, Sue & Paul
Euan Wells Patrick Wells

Hand drawn

Layla Bettles
Tom Dubyk
Max Dubyk
Darnell Polsen
Dominic Polsen
Dontay Polsen
Georgie and Katie McPhail
Ellen Stonestreet
Kayley Stonestreet
Lenehan family
Megan Cooke
Shelby Whalan

A Thank You to the P&C

Thank you to P&C President Rebecca Phillips and the P&C Executive – Sharon, Katrina, Sandra and Phil and Alaine for their amazing support this year. Our meetings are friendly, relaxed and very informative. I encourage everyone to attend these meetings. There are only two per term at 6pm. There is also no problem with bringing along your children to play in the library while the meeting takes place and they are held at 6pm so it follows the school's staff meeting and it's not too cold in the middle of winter. You learn a lot about what is happening in your school and it's a nice way to meet other parents. If you turned up to help and support any event this year, you've been fantastic.

Scripture Christmas Service

Thank you to all of our wonderful scripture teachers, our service was lovely and you do an amazing job each week!



Presentation Day – This Friday 13th December

Today's dress rehearsal was fantastic and we are really looking forward to our Presentation day this Friday.

Students are to come to school in **their best summer uniform**. The award ceremony will be held at 12pm and if your child is receiving an award, you will have a letter attached to this newsletter.

The concert should commence at approximately 1pm. All hamper items and raffle tickets should now be returned. Raffle tickets will also be available on the day.

All costumes need to be at school by **tomorrow**, most have already organised this. Thank you.

We look forward to a great day. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Big Day Out

Year Six are really looking forward to their big day out next Tuesday 17th December. Mr Dickson, Mrs James and Mrs Connor will be transporting students to and from their venues. We will need a signed note for this to take place. Please see the one included with this newsletter.

Mrs Connor – Isaac, Deua, Taj,

Mrs James – Olivia, Augusta, Angelica, Emma

Mr Dickson – Emily, Samantha, Natasha, Allira

2014 Class Structures

Classes for 2014 have been staffed and organised. At this point in time we have 125 enrolments. We will begin the year with 5 classes and this will continue unless we reach 130 students which will result in the 6th class being established. As you are well aware however, living situations do occur for families over the Christmas period so numbers and class structures are always subject to change.

We welcome Linda Kerr to the Assistant Principal's position.

We also welcome Mrs Gillian Keough to the Kindergarten Class and welcome Ms Kirralee Naylor to the Reading Recovery Position

I will resume teaching all classes over three days per week in the release and library position. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Classes will be

Kindergarten - 18 students	Mrs Keough
Year 1 - 24 students	Ms Knight
2/3 - 25 students	Mrs Kerr
3/4 - 25 students	Mrs Bicanic (3 days – M T W) & Mrs Hotham (2 days – Th F)
5/6 - 34 students	Mr Dickson
Reading Recovery & RFF	Ms Naylor
RFF/Library	Mrs James
Support Learning Officer	Mrs Holt & Ms Jen Gibbons
Office	Mrs Lowry & Mrs Rudge
General Assistant	Mr Martin
Cleaner	Mrs Sharwood

Facebook

A reminder that facebook and other social media needs to be monitored. The law states that children under 13 should not have a facebook page. We ask you to actively discuss cyber safety with your children and carefully monitor their access to social media.

EFTPOS Machine at PPS

Our EFTPOS machine is now installed and ready to go. We purchased the machine after our last break in and now it has been installed and is ready for use. Payments paid to the school can be made using EFTPOS. It is the safest option. Please note our service does not have a 'cash out' option.



Surveys for Annual School Report

In our last newsletter I included two surveys which need to be completed by parents. One survey is thoughts about the *L3 (Literacy)* and the *TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy)* programs for students in K-2. The other is available for all parents to complete and it is on *school planning*.

It is important to have a comprehensive amount of surveys returned so we can capture the thoughts of our whole school community. The surveys are to be returned now thank you!

Police ready for holiday watch!

As you are well aware the school is covered by the 'Inclosed Lands Act' and being on school grounds after school hours is considered trespassing. Please keep a watch out during the holidays. Each of our gates will be padlocked. Police will be patrolling in the area and can be contacted if someone is on school property on 63328699.

Lost Property

If your child has lost clothing this term please check the box located in the office. All lost property left at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Old Uniforms – Please send them in!

If your child is finishing school this year or have grown out of old uniforms please send them in for our clothing pool, where we may be able to pass them on to new students.

Dates to Remember

December

11 th	Last Newsletter for 2013
13 th	Presentation Day 12pm
13 th	Portfolios and Reports Handed out
17 th	Year 6 Big Day Out
18 th	Last Day for Students
19 th & 20 th	Staff Development Days – Mandatory Training & 2014 Organisation

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Permission Note

Year 6 Big Day out.

I give permission for my child to travel with _____ during the ' Big Day Out' on Tuesday 17th December.

I understand children will leave school at 9.30, travel to Metro 5. Then walk to lunch at Duncan's Bar & grill and be driven to Laser Skirmish at the Kelso Industrial Area then return to Perthville in time for 3.25 end of school.

Signed _____ Date _____