

# Perthville Public School



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## Newsletter

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for the year, wow how quickly it has come around again! We've had a super year and everyone has worked very hard to ensure Perthville is the fabulous school it is.

Mrs Kerr and I have been busy reading all reports, writing our Annual School Report and our draft School Management Plan for 2015. I am so proud of our achievements and I'm really looking forward to setting new strategic directions and starting my 8<sup>th</sup> 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 124 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 2014 a super year at Perthville School.

### **AND a new baby!!! How exciting**

Mr Dickson and his partner Amy are expecting their first child in January. Mr Dickson will still be teaching the 5/6 class next year. We wish Kurt and Amy all the very best for the safe delivery of their first born.



### **2015 Classes**

At this point in time we have 126 students for 2015.

Kindergarten - 16 students – Mrs Keough

Year 1 - 19 students – Miss Knight

2/3 - 27 students – Ms Naylor (3 Days – MTW) & Mrs Bicanic (2 Days ThF)

3/4 – 30 students Mrs Kerr

5 /6 – 34 students Mr Dickson

RFF – Mrs James

We require 130 students to form another class. If this was to occur in 2015, we would have the following classes - Kinder, Year 1, Year 2, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6. This would result in Years 3 and 4 being split. We will commence the year however with the classes above.

### **What's Due this week!**

**Hamper items**

**Raffle Tickets**

**Goldfields Note – 5/6**

**Big Day Out Note – Yr 6**

**Movie Day Note & Gold  
Coin - K-5**

**Library Books Tomorrow**

## **A Thank You to the P&C**

Thank you to P&C President Amanda Peterson and the P&C Executive – Sharon, Mikala, Alison 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.

## **Presentation Day Dress Rehearsal – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Our students will be having a dress rehearsal on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. Each class will need the following costumes. Please send them in clearly labelled in a plastic bag on or before rehearsal day.

**Kinder** – Everything is provided by Mr Keough, so Kinder need nothing!

**Year 1** - Girls - A dress or skirt, any colour, knee length. If they are wearing a skirt could they wear a blouse (no T-shirts), a pair of shoes and white socks. Boys – A shirt and trousers (any colour – No Jeans) plus a tie, black shoes. We are dressed in our best clothes like people used to do in the old time social dances.

**2/3** – Girls – White shirt and Black Shoes (skirt provided) Boys Black shirt, Black jeans or pants and black shoes

**3/4** – 70's clothes

**5/6** – Girls – Nice suitable going out dress, Boys Black suit and black shoes.

## **Presentation Day Commences Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm sharp!**

We are really looking forward to presentation day next week! 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.

## **Christmas Hamper – Please assist the P&C by sending your things in asap**

All hamper items and raffle tickets should now be returned. Raffle tickets will also be available on the day.

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

## **Movie Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 yet to be confirmed but please note that both may be rated PG, therefore if you do NOT want your child to watch a film with this rating 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.



## **Year 6 Special Assembly – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – This Friday**

A special assembly will be held for Year 6 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**We have Fandangles \$1.50, Icy poles \$1.00 and Zooper Doopers for sale 50c.**

**These are available each day during term four.**

## **Presentation Day Awards**

I have included a list of major awards for the year and tried to explain the process of selection. Teachers will discuss at length award winners and recipients can be selected right up until presentation week.

K – 5 Year Awards – Outstanding Academic Performance in each Grade

K- 5 Class Awards – Given to 1 person per class for class citizenship, effort or improvement

Year 6 – Dux – Outstanding Academic Performance

Year 6 Citizenship – Outstanding citizenship and representation

K-6 Col O'Regan Encouragement award – Any student in K-6 that shows growth, effort and always tries their best.

Library Awards – One per class for effort, borrowing, research and library skills

Sports Awards – Western Region Sport Representatives

Creative Arts Award – Outstanding creative achievements

Public Speaking Awards – Junior and Senior Public Speaking

Leadership Badges – 2014 student leaders – 4 students elected by students through school voting system

House Points Trophy – Presented to winning House for 2014

## **Reporting To Parents – Workshop complete.**

Thank you to the parents that attended our reporting workshop yesterday afternoon. 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.

## **Semester Two Reports**

Reports will be sent home on Presentation day. As we held a workshop last night, we will not be holding individual interviews this term. 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 Progression of Learning 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- C 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.
- Also an important point is that we work in stages. This means that when a child enters Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 they are at the very beginning of 2 years of learning. If they receive a SOUND then they are doing well as the learning of that concept takes place over the 2 years.
  - Early Stage 1 is Kindergarten over 1 year.
  - Stage 1 is Years 1 and 2 (over 2 years).
  - Stage 2 is Years 3 and 4 (over 2 years)
  - Stage 3 is Years 5 and 6 (over 2 years).
- We are still giving an effort score. 1 being 'limited effort' to 5 being 'tries their best at all times'.

## Community Consultation Survey for Annual School Report

I am currently writing our annual school report for 2014. One survey on Communication has already been completed and returned, thank you. Last Monday there was one remaining survey which needs to be completed by parents. This survey is on the teaching of Personal Development, Health, Sport and Physical Education in our school. I am also seeking input about our involvement with the Bathurst Small Schools Sports. 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 due to be returned by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We thank you in advance for your time. A second copy is attached to this newsletter.

## Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Scripture students will be involved in a combined Christmas Service on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. All parents are invited to attend and some students will be presenting the Christmas story, play and songs. We look forward to celebrating our Christmas service with you.

**Library Stocktake is Tomorrow – Return all books tomorrow Please!**

**Please return your  
library Books!**



## Year Six Big Day Out! – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year six have received all of their information for the 'Big Day Out' on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please return the permission note and money to the office so we can confirm transport arrangements.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> December.. 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.

## Important Dates

### December

5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Special Assembly – 10.45
8 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool Party
9 <sup>th</sup>	Scripture Service
9 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Afternoon – Mandatory Training
12 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day 12pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports home with students
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Big Day Out
17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Staff and Students

**Mufti Day  
Last Day  
Bring in a gold coin!**



## A Note from the P&C President

The year is coming to a close rather quickly, we have had a busy year. I am pleased to report that 20 iPads have now been ordered. We look forward to seeing these in action in our classrooms come 2015. Thankyou Linda for all your efforts in this venture, I for one have loved your enthusiasm and dedication to this project.

I would just like to remind everyone about our dinner on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The dinner will be held at The Bridge Hotel in Perthville. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can book the appropriate number of seats. We hope you can come along, purchase some dinner and have a catch up. ☺

Thankyou to those who have brought in non-perishable items for our end of year raffle. We have had some gift vouchers donated and there will be lots of hampers. If you or someone you know owns a business and would be interested in donating gift vouchers please invite them to do so. Please remember to have goods in by this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and return your tickets and money by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Some ideas for donations can be Biscuits, lollies, christmas decorations, canned food, fruit cake or mince pies. Thankyou in advance and Good Luck with the Raffle, there will be some great prizes.

*Amanda Peterson*

### Well done to all the Year 5 students who made their Leadership speeches At last week's assembly – Good Luck







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## Personal Development/ Health and Physical Education Survey

### Personal Development/Health/Physical Education – Parent Survey

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. Physical education (e.g. fitness, fundamental movement skills, games, sport, dance), is an important part of my child's education	0	0	0	0
2. PSSA (Bathurst Small Schools sport, swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals) provides a valuable sporting experience for Perthville Yrs 3-6 students	0	0	0	0
3. The school's Year 5/New Kinder Buddy Support program is vital to maintaining a positive school environment	0	0	0	0
4. The Virtues education program is an important part of my child's social development	0	0	0	0
5. The child protection program (Term 3) is an important part of my child's social development	0	0	0	0
6. The drug education program (term 4) is an important part of my child's social development	0	0	0	0
7. The Bus, Pedestrian and Farm Safety Programs (Term 1) are an important part of my child's education	0	0	0	0
8. Sports skills clinics (basketball, cricket, AFL and soccer) provide my child with a opportunity to develop and improve their sports skills	0	0	0	0

Please feel free to comment on any of the following

Would you like to see a focus on a healthy eating at school program in 2015? Yes No

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We would like to trial eating lunch at 11.30 instead of 1.30. Would you support this initiative? Yes No

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Were you aware our school has a yearly plan which includes the teaching of all fundamental skills and different sports? Yes No

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Do you support Perthville staying involved in the Bathurst Small Schools or would you like us to start to complete just as a school group? Yes No

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Would you consider assisting us in the teaching of sport/PE or one of our teams? If so what is your sport of choice?

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Could you please comment on our school lunches and ice block system at Perthville? Please suggest any changes or suggestions for 2015?

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Our school teaches and involves itself in the following activities related to Personal Development/Health and Physical Education. Circle the ones you consider most valuable. There is no limit.

Life Education Van

AFL Clinics

NRL Clinics & Bully Box Program

Crunch and Sip (Fruit Break)

Tennis Lessons

Swim School

Jump Rope For Heart

Family Friendly Schools (Anti Bullying Program)

Fun Run

Beach to Bush Program (surf lifesaving)

Sun Smart

Nose Blow

Asthma Friendly School

Bike Safety Day

Sun Smart Program

**Please feel free on comment on any other areas related to the teaching of Personal Development/Health/Physical Education and Sport at Perthville PS.**

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**Thank you for providing valuable information regarding our school programs.**