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Newsletter Wednesday II<sup>h</sup> November 2015 Term 4 Week 6

Dear Parents,

Term 4 is flying fast as we start to think about our Christmas, organise reports and prepare for Presentation Day. We are really looking forward to sharing all of our achievements over the past year and starting our planning for 2016.

I will be taking leave from 7<sup>th</sup> December, with my last day this year being Presentation Day.

#### **Remembrance Day**

Well done to the 2/3 class who completed some fantastic work on Remembrance Day. Fabulous! A minute's silence was observed in classrooms today at 11am.



This Friday Return note tomorrow please!

#### Term 4 Gala Day - CSU - ALL 3-6 Students - Friday 13th November

This year our Term 4 Small Schools Gala Day will be held at Charles Sturt University. The day will commence with a presentation to sporting representatives and then students will participate in a range of sports including cricket, netball and basketball. Cricket selections for next year's Small Schools Team will also take place. The ball games team will also compete for the trophy. **Students do NOT require a tennis racket.** A BBQ lunch has been sponsored by CSU but helpers to cook are encouraged. Please let Mrs James know if you can assist. Please return the permission note **tomorrow.** We will be travelling to and from CSU by bus. Cost of the bus is \$2 per child.

### Presentation Day 12pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December All Welcome!

#### Blue Star Awards & Kookaburras win last House Points Award

Congratulations to the following students who received blue star awards at our last assembly – Tenika L, Ben W, Chloe P, Max D and Chloe S. Fabulous effort everyone!

Well done to all the Kookaburras who were house point's winners last fortnight.



#### 2016 Classes

At this point in time we have 126 students for 2016. This is our organisation thus far, however as we are all well aware there are many variables that can occur over the summer holiday break. Student numbers can change, staff can change and class organisation can change and in a larger school often classes are not established until week three of first term. We aim to always keep our families as informed as possible but I stress there are often unforeseen changes to enrolments. Grades that are split include Year 2 and Year 3. These parents will receive a note before the end of this year discussing their child's class placement.

Kindergarten - 17 students – Mrs Keough

Year 1/2 - 21 students – Miss Knight (MTWTh) & Mrs Bicanic (F)

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

3/4 - 30 students Mrs Kerr

5 /6 – 31 students Mr Dickson

RFF – Mrs James & Mrs Bicanic

Reading Recovery & Literacy Support & Numeracy Continuum Groups (RAM Funded) – Ms Naylor

We require 130 students to form another class.

#### Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Prize winners were presented with their certificates at our assembly last Friday. Well done to all who were involved.

Bailey Ronan – Distinction Erutan O'Shannessy – Distinction Dylan Patching – Distinction Darcy Roberts – Distinction Courtney Roberts – Distinction Zac Yandle - Distinction Lilly Fragar – Merit Tyler Pears – Merit Jack Murray – Merit Elle Jones – Merit Darnell Polsen – Merit Kiana Lowry - Merit



#### **Perthville Possums**

Our Perthville Possums got off to a great start and it was wonderful to see our year 5 students showing great care with their buddies. Huge thanks to Mrs Keough who has done an amazing job settling in our new families and especially our new little people. We are very lucky to have Mrs Keough!



#### Yr 6 Photo to appear in Advocate

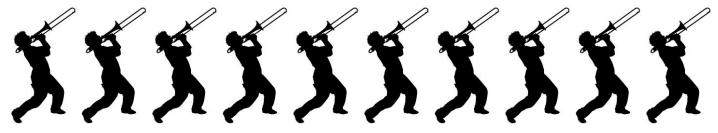
The Western Advocate will be taking a photo of Year 6 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This will be included in an upcoming addition of the paper titled – Heading to High School. Keep a look out!

Semester Two Reports - Reports will be sent home on Presentation day. Key Points to remember 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, Geography, 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 <u>stages.</u> 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 I is Kindergarten over I year.
- Stage I is Years I 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. I being 'limited effort' to 5 being 'tries their best at all times'.

#### Band in 2016 – Try an Instrument Day coming up!

We are planning to hold a 'Try an Instrument' day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November with Mr Hoolihan 2.15pm. At this stage we will need 20 students to sign up for band in 2016 for the program to be sustainable next year. If your child is in Year I to Year 5 and is interested in trying out for band please make sure they are ready to turn up this day.



#### **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.

<u>K – 5 Year Awards</u> – Outstanding Academic Performance in each Grade

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

Year 6 – Dux – Outstanding Academic Performance

Year 6 Citizenship – Outstanding citizenship and representation

<u>K-6 Col O'Regan Encouragement award</u> – 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

<u>Sports Awards</u> – Western Region Sport Representatives

<u>Creative Arts Award</u> – Outstanding creative achievements

Public Speaking Awards – Junior and Senior Public Speaking

Leadership Badges - 2016 student leaders - 4 students elected by students through school voting system

House Points Trophy – Presented to winning House for 2015

#### Perthville Bike Day – Fabulous fun!

Thank you Mrs Kerr for organising a fabulous bike day for our students! It was great to see so many bikes at school and now even a few children riding to school each day! Make sure you check our website for more fantastic photos.



Year 6 to Denison College - Kelso High – Full Day Orientation with all schools!

Year 6 will participate in their last transition to Kelso High school this term. This day is the state wide transition day on Wednesday 2nd December. **This is an all day event.** Transport to and from this event is by private arrangement. Canteen facilities are available and students can order their lunch in the morning upon arrival at Kelso High. Mr Dickson will NOT be accompanying students on this day.

#### Parent Orientation Night – Kelso HS 24<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 Parents who have children attending Kelso High next year are also invited to a parent Information evening at 7pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Kelso HS hall.

#### Year 6 Special Assembly – Friday 20th November

A special assembly will be held for Year 6 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Year 6 Baby Photos

Year 6 are requested to bring in 3-4 baby photos. Mr Dickson will be putting together a short DVD for a special keepsake!

#### Year 6 Big Day Out – Tuesday 15th December

Year 6 will enjoy their big day out on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. More information will be sent home with year 6 when everything is booked.

#### Last Week for Borrowing Library Books

Next week is the last week for borrowing! Could everyone please search for any library books at home and return them in preparation for stock take. Thank you!



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#### Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Scripture students will be involved in a combined Christmas Service on Tuesday 8<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.

#### Last Half Staff Development Day

Our last half Staff Development Day was held yesterday from 3.30-6.30. Congratulations to Mr Keough and Mrs Kerr who both presented amazing professional learning on the new History Syllabus and I-pad Digital story telling. Mrs Webb also presented training on the SCIS library system. Well done to all of our fabulous trainers. Staff, along with students will finish the school year on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 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 4th December. Tickets are attached to this newsletter and will also be sold 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.



Raffle Tickets attached to this Newsletter!

#### 'Beats by the Bridge' – New Name – Lots of fun!

Next year in March the P&C would like to recommence the music fun day that was previously called 'Music by the Bridge. We are seeking both your interest and your support. Please complete the following page if you would like to see this event go ahead and if you would be willing to support it in any capacity. Please return the expression of interest to the front office asap. We will gauge interest and start to step up our organisation as soon as forms are returned. Thank everyone!

### BOOK CLUB – DUE BACK - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



Burraga PS · Black Springs PS · Meadow Flat PS · O'Connell PS Perthville PS · Rockley PS · Sofala PS · Wattle Flat PS · Hampton PS

Dear Parents,

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of November students in Yrs 3-6 are invited to the Term 4 Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day.

The day will involve an assembly where students will be recognised for their sporting achievements for 2015.

Following the assembly students will be involved in a number of sporting clinics where the emphasis will be on participation and having fun! Cricket Trials will also be held for next year's Small Schools Team.

#### Thanks to special funding from CSU lunch will be provided on the day. Please bring Recess

Who:	Students in Years 3-6
Where:	Charles Sturt University
Start time:	Perthville Students will be travelling by bus. Start time 9.45am to commence promptly at 10.00am
Finish time:	2.00 pm
What to bring:	hat, sunscreen, recess and water
What to wear:	Full school sports uniform
Cost:	\$2 for the bus
Students in Kinder and Year 1 and Year 2 will be taught at school as normal	

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Please complete and return the following permission slip and return it to the school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

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I give permission for my child/ren

to attend the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day to be held at CSU on Friday 13th November, 10am-2pm. I understand that transport is by bus to and from Perthville School in normal school hours.

YES I have enclosed \$2 for bus travel per child

Signed Date

## Little spokes-people get on their bikes



#### By JACINTA CARROLL

THE changeable weather was just one of the obstacles when students at Pertiville Public learnt the finer points of bike safety as part of the school's annual

bike day yesterday. Assistant principal Linda Kerr said the program, which is held every year, teaches students how to stay safe when they are on their bikes. "A lot of the kids ride bikes to school, but or show rate door they ride overwhere

A lot of the kids ride Dikes to school, but as they get older they ride overywhere, so it's important they are aware of safety requirements," she said. The day involved all students and also covered obstacle courses, precision riding and foure-eightre

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"Different stages did different skills," "Different stages did different skills," she said. "Some learnt about road safety, or how to give way, others learnt about stopping and scanning for traffic, or simply putting their feet on the ground when they are stopping – little things, but important for their safety." Mrs Kerr said the program involved more than one day. "We've been learning things in the classroom during the week," she said. Students also had the chance to win bike prizes thanks to Wheelers Cycles. "We had a 'design a bike helmet' competition with Wheelers donating prizes," she said.

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CHRISTMAS CARD: Bathurst Masonic Village general manager Sue Martin, Porthville Public School Year 6 student Lilly Fragar, assistant principal Linda Kerr and school administrative officer Leanne Fragar get in the festive spirit. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

## Christmas fame is on the card for Lill

A CHRISTMAS card created by a Perthville Public School student will be sent to hundreds of families this year

sent to hundreds of lamiles this year after it won the Bathurst Masonic Village Christmas card competition. Eleven-year-old Lilly Fingar's card was chosen by residents at the village as their annual Christmas card to be sent out to family and friends.

Royal Freemasons Benevolent Institution (RFBI) Bathurst Masonic Village general manager Sue Martin said the competition is held annually and all schools are invited to submit entries. This year there were around 20 entries.

Lilly's card depicts a Christmas tree with presents and the words "Happy Christmas".

Ms Martin said the quality of the entries in the competition was high and it was difficult to choose a winner. As the winner, both Lilly and her school received Dymocks gift vouchers to choose books of their liking.

to choose books of their liking. Ms Martin said the Christmas card competition started about three years ago and is growing in popularity, adding there was a vast variety of entries. "They were really creative. We had Christmas baubles and reindeers and some of them were just words, like 'Noel', but they were all great," she said. But it was Lilly's Christmas tree that caught the residents' attention. "They just loved it," Ms Martin said Lilly said she was surprised to find out

she had won. She said she made her entry one day after school, taking just a couple of hours to complete it. She said she heard about the competi-

tion from her num, but decided to enter it after her class teacher told everyone about it. She said she was "pretty proud" of winning. "I like art and drawing, but I usually

draw sheep," she said. She wants to be a farmer when she fin-

ishes school. In addition to receiving books, which Lilly said she will read over the holidays, she also received five of her printed cards. She will keep one and give the others to family members.