

Perthville Public School



Rockley Street Perthville 2795

Phone: 02 6337 2316

Fax: 02 6337 2321

Email - perthville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website www.perthville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Newsletter

Wednesday 25th November 2015

Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents,

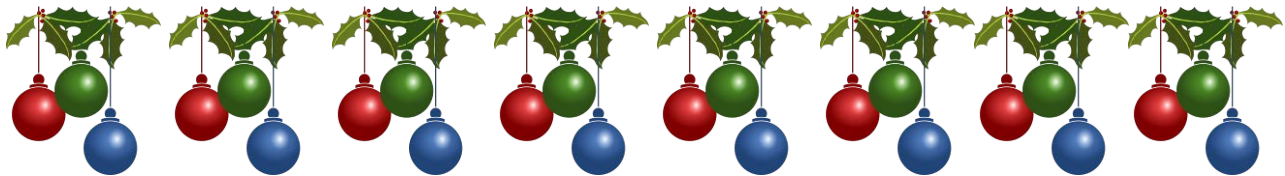
This is our last newsletter for the year. Is it just me or does this year seem to have flown? I would like to thank everyone for a successful 2015.

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 updating our School Management Plan for 2016. I am so proud of our achievements and I'm really looking forward to continuing with our strategic directions and starting my 9th 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 132 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 2015 a super year at Perthville School. As next Friday is my last day for the year, I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Mrs Webb is appointed as new SAM at our School

The panel consisting of Sally Sharp (School Admin Manager) at Millthorpe, Andrew Lenehan (Parent Representative) and Mrs James along with staff and students would like to Congratulate Mrs Suzanne Webb on her appointment to the School Administration Manager position. Suzanne has been an excellent asset to our school so far this year. Mrs Webb has an excellent knowledge of finance and school administration and we really look forward to working with her for many years to come. Welcome officially to PPS Mrs Webb!



Year 6 Enjoy Last Assembly

Last Friday a special assembly was held to honor our twenty two Year 6 students who have completed seven years of primary education. Each student was presented with a graduation certificate and an engraved pen. Mr Dickson then showed a very special DVD he has been working on for the students as a memento of their time here at Perthville PS. Mr Dickson spent a lot of hours creating such a moving piece and all children will receive a copy before school ends. Year 6 then enjoyed a special cake which they shared with the whole school. Thanks must go to Mrs James and Mr Dickson for organising this special day.



2016 Classes

We have had many enquiries re enrolment at Perthville over the past few days and it looks highly likely that we will have the sixth class to commence the 2016 school year. As this is the case **we will not** be sending home class placement letters until the end of Week One next year. It is best at this point to not set in stone a placement that may not be occurring in the new year. We will commence with our original structure listed below until we return to school and complete census. We require 130 students to form another class. Should that occur we will allocate classes in the first few days, as is the system in larger schools.

Kindergarten - 17 students – Mrs Keough

Year 1/2 - 22 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

A Thank You to the P&C

Thank you to P&C President Amanda Peterson and the P&C Executive – Danielle, 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. The resources that support all of our children would not be made possible without the strong support of the P&C. If you turned up to help and support any event this year, you've been fantastic.

Gala Day

A great day was held at CSU last week as we celebrated all of the successful sporting achievements by the Bathurst Small Schools in 2015. All children sat in the lecture theatre to see the awards presentation then rotated around activities that included netball, cricket and Aus Tag. Congratulations to all children who behaved beautifully and played as good sports. A massive round of applause to our ball games team who smashed the opposition and were gracious winners. It was fabulous to retain the trophy. Well done team, Go Perthville!



Library Books now to be returned ready for Stocktake

All books need to be returned so the shelves are organised and ready for stocktake. Could children hunt for and return all library books please asap. Thank you for your dedication to the library program this year.



**Please return your
library Books!**

Presentation Day Dress Rehearsal – Thursday 3rd December

Our students will be having a dress rehearsal on Thursday 3rd 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 – Jeans, collared shirt, hats and boots (Like Bushrangers)

Year 1 - Jeans, collared shirt, any suitable shoes eg enclosed. Girls can wear a dress or skirt.

2/3 – Black shorts or tights, brightly coloured t-shirt and enclosed shoes e.g. joggers.

3/4 – Black pants, shirt and shoes.

4/5 – Jeans and Flannelette shirt

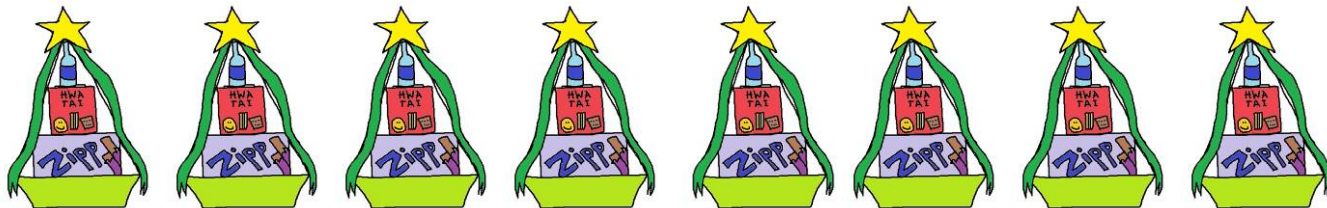
5/6 – Reporters – Suit or at least shirt and tie for boys, Girls - dressy clothes. Dancers – Black Clothes

Presentation Day Commences Friday 4th 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 – Donations of Quality Non Perishable Items - **Reminder**

This year our P&C will again be coordinating our Christmas Hamper raffle for Presentation Day on Friday 4th December. Tickets were sent home last month and should be returned by this Friday. They 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. Prizes include meat tray, food hampers & much more! Huge thanks to Alison Whalan who collects daily all items and prepares hampers – You are fabulous!



Big Day Out – Information for Year 6 attached.

Year 6 will enjoy their big day out with Mr Dickson on Tuesday 15th December . Mr Dickson has included a note in this newsletter explaining all information. I know year 6 will have a great day, I'm sad I will miss it this year!

Movie Day – Tuesday 16th 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 at school. 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 Suzanne 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.

Almira Achieves Great Results in Reading

Congratulations to Almira who achieved great results in reading this semester. Almira is a wonderful student who is always happy and willing to learn!



Lots of Second Hand
Uniforms for Sale!

Good Quality

\$2 each

Cheap as chips!

And Handy!

Students return to
School in 2016

Thursday 28th
January

All the best to Ms Heath

I would like to thank and congratulate Ms Heath on a fantastic job with the 4/5 class this term. Ms Heath stepped straight into the role and has shown enthusiasm and dedication. It's never easy starting a new class at the end of the year and Ms Heath has done a super job!!

Ms Heath will be teaching in England next year and we wish her all the very best with her future career.

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 next week. 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.

Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 8th December

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

Major Excursions for 2016

Please be aware that both major excursions for our primary aged children occur in Term 2 next year. Years 3 & 4 are off to Sydney to learn about British colonization and Year 5 & 6 are off to Canberra to support their learning in Democracy and Government. The approximate cost for each excursion is Years 3 & 4 (\$245 which includes Small Schools Hat) and for Years 5 & 6 \$270. Regular payments are encouraged.

Swimming Lessons

Our swimming lessons have been booked for 9 weeks from Wednesday 10th February until Wednesday 6th April. This involves children who are in Years 2-6 next year. Children who can swim are also encouraged to attend the squad group which builds stroke skills, fitness and extended swimming skills like diving, tumble turns etc. A full information package about swimming lesson and costs will be sent home with the first newsletter.

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 – 2016 student leaders – 4 students elected by students through school voting system

House Points Trophy – Presented to winning House for 2015

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 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'.

Perthville Possums

What an amazing job Mrs Keough did with the Perthville Possums Transition Program. Our 17 students finished transition today and we held our Teddy Bear's picnic to cap it off. We are very lucky to have such dedicated teachers and Mrs Keough is really looking forward to teaching Kindergarten next year.

A super effort also to Year 5 buddies. The care you showed to the new possums was amazing, you made me very proud of you, hence the iceblock!! Well done to everyone involved.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Thank you *Hothams' Sand, Soil and Gravel* for the soil to fill our five new vegetable garden beds! We would also like to thank *Sharnie Foley, from Bunnings Warehouse*, for organising the delivery of the soil. Thank you to all of our volunteers that help us each week in our lessons. We really appreciate your support!

We are excited to now be using our organic vegetables from our garden to prepare healthy meals in our kitchen lessons. Last week the Kindergarten and Year 6 students prepared a delicious chicken and vegetable stir fry. **Mrs Keough**



Movie Day – Tuesday 15th December



Bring in a Gold Coin

2/3 BYOD Day

On Thursday 12th November, the 2/3 class participated in a BYOD (Bring your own device) activities afternoon. Students used the schools iPads as well as some of their own devices. They completed different activities relating to our geography unit using the GOOGLE EARTH app. Students explored Australian natural land formations and other significant sites from around the world. It was a successful afternoon and I was really proud of how the children worked together, shared their knowledge and displayed IT maturity. Well done 2/3! **Mrs Bicanic**



'Bring Your own Device Day' is used to supplement our own ipad program and prepares children for finding information from a range of sources (part of the new History and Science Syllabus) and on a range of devices.



2/3 Science Activities

A very big thank you to everyone that contributed recycled materials for our science activity. The students had a great afternoon creating their shelters. Many creative and practical ideas were displayed and students worked fantastically in their groups! **Miss Naylor.**

Building Bridges

Year 4/5 and Year 6 have been working on a Science unit called 'Bridging the Gap'. Here are some of the structures that had to support certain weights. Well done to all groups.

