

# Perthville Public School



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## Newsletter

Wednesday 18th February 2015

Term 1 Week 4

Dear Parents,

Our term is now well under way. I would like to welcome new student Zoe C in Year 3 and her family to Perthville School. We know she will love coming to Perthville and being in Mrs Kerr's class. This puts our enrolments at 129.

### Class Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents that attended our class information evening. It was great to see so many in attendance. We hope you found the session added a little more knowledge to how our classes operate and all the fantastic things that we do each day. We are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers in every class. We encourage you to maintain regular contact and ask any questions that you may have about your child's learning. Pictured is Mrs Kerr with parents from the 3/4 class.



### Blue Star and Gold Awards

Congratulations to our blue star award winners for our first assembly this term - Max D, Aneikah B, Hudson F, Dillon P and Chloe S. Great way to start the year!

Also a very well deserved award to Kiana L who picked up a gold award at our last assembly. Kiana is a hard working student and this award is well deserved. Great effort!



## Wombats win House Points for First Assembly

Congratulations to all the wombats who picked up the first award for the year. Pictured is Kiana and Tyler with the trophy.



## The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons got off to a great start last week and today. Everyone has commenced in their group and is swimming really well. A reminder that swimming lessons must be paid for before the children attend lessons.

**Family Picnic Afternoon**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5-7.30 PM**

## **Bathurst Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all of our wonderful swimmers who took part in the Small Schools Swimming carnival last Friday. It was a fabulous day and wonderful to see everyone so involved and cheering each other on. Well done to those that will be moving onto the next level at the Bathurst District Swimming Carnival this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs James will be one of the officials on the day and Mrs Forsyth will be the team manager who children will report to. We wish all those competing this week very good luck! Pictured are some of our super swimmers!



## **Western Advocate & 2BS – Another way to keep you informed!**

Don't forget our Kindergarten students are in today's Western Advocate. Next week will feature our student leaders.

We will also have regular articles in the 'From the Schools' section of the Western Advocate. Keep an eye out for upcoming articles.

Mrs James also appears on 2BS radio each week at 8.50am to discuss what on at Perthville PS.

## **Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten have commenced.**

Kindergarten has commenced working with Mrs Keough for individual assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Miss Naylor will have Kindergarten on Thursday and Friday's. This will continue this week until all children have been assessed.

**Our next assembly will be held Friday 20th February at 10.50am.**

**Year One will be performing.**



Kinder did a great job with their first assembly!

## **Excursion Information for Years 3-6 – Advance Notice of Costings**

Later this term Years 3&4 will receive information about their Small Schools excursion to Dubbo. The approximate cost of this excursion will be \$160. This will be a one night excursion.

Years 5&6 will be heading off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 4 and the approximate cost of this excursion will be \$350. This is a four night excursion.

Regular payments can be arranged with the front office and can be deducted via eftpos or credit card.

## **Year Six Information**

### **Year Six Shirts**

Attached is an order form for year six shirts. At this point we are only asking for a \$10 DEPOSIT. Full payment will be required when the shirts have arrived. Please complete the order form following and return to the front office.

### **Year Six to Seven High School Enrolment forms**

Enrolment packages for High school are attached for our year six students. Our feeder high school is Denison College - Kelso High Campus. If your child is attending a different high school this must be recorded on the form and all forms need to be returned to school by 20th March. If your child is not attending a government school please return the form with a note stating which school they will be attending in 2016. We require this information on time so that appropriate enrolment procedures and transition programs can occur.

### **Year Six to Seven i-learn – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Kelso High**

Year 6 will commence the i-learn transition to high school program next week. The first date will be held on Wednesday 25th February. Students will meet Mr Dickson at the Kelso High School administration building at 9.15am and should be collected at 1.00pm. Transport to and from these events is by private arrangement. Canteen facilities are available and students can order their lunch in the morning upon arrival at Kelso High. Students should attend Kelso High even if they are enrolling in a non-government school next year.

Some students are also attending Bathurst High Transition programs. Please note, these students will be unaccompanied by a teacher and should report to the admin building.

ALL students need to return the following permission note.

### **Year Six End of Year Celebrations – Big Day Out or Grad!**

Year six parents will also need to complete a survey in regard to the end of year celebrations. Children will have a choice in the traditional graduation ceremony that we have held in the past or the 'Big day out' which we ran in 2014. The day will include a day of fun activities for Year 6. Both will not be offered, so please discuss this with your child and return the survey before the end of term so planning can get underway. This will be a majority vote.

### **P&C Family Picnic Afternoon – Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Don't forget our family picnic day next Friday 27th from 5pm. Remember your own picnic rug, chairs, drinks etc. Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Also book your family in for the very reasonably priced portrait sitting. See attached information.

## Recorder – Opera House

Today Mrs Bicanic has completed training in Sydney in preparation for our recorder group performance at the Sydney Opera House. Mrs Bicanic will then be offering twenty positions to years 5 and 6 and if required year 4. We look forward to hearing more about this project in coming weeks.

## Clean Up Australia Day

Next Friday children will be involved in the Cleanup Australia Day project. Children will be cleaning up around our local school, our playground and senior children will be cleaning down along our school roadside.

## Author Visit

Kindergarten and Year One were lucky enough to have Mrs Heather Ornek visit with our very special mascot Fergus. Mrs Ornek wrote the Fergus series that our infants children will be studying during the Bathurst 200 years celebrations. We thank Mrs Keough for organising this activity for us.

## Term One Small Schools Gala Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – All Years 3-6

Friday the 13th March is the Small Schools Gala Day. All students from Year 3-6 are **required** to attend. We will be travelling in on the bus and leaving Perthville School at **9.30am**.

We will arrive back at school by 2.30pm. During the day students will be running the cross country event, practising touch football, rugby league, soccer and hockey drills and trying out for the small schools teams in Rugby League, hockey, soccer and touch football. The cost of the day is \$4 (\$2 for sport + \$2 for the bus). Students will need to be in their sports uniform, bring along a hat, recess and lunch and plenty to drink. There will be a canteen operating on the day. Head gear, mouth guards and shin pads (Soccer & hockey) are required if trying out for our teams. Please return the permission note attached.

## Library – A change for Kinder and Year 1 – Now Library is Tuesday!

Library is well under way and commenced last week for all classes. Library borrowing is reported in your child's report so please encourage regular borrowing from the library each week. We have had to make a change to the library day for Kinder and Year one who will now be borrowing on Tuesdays.

When is your  
Library Day?



Kinder – Tuesday  
Yr 1 – Tuesday  
2/3 – Thursday  
3/4 - Thursday  
5/6 - Tuesday

Please note  
Change of  
Day

## Reading Recovery

Miss Naylor will commence testing the reading levels of all of our year one students this week. Two students will then be selected to join our reading recovery program. It is wonderful to have this program in our school and last year we saw outstanding results. Interviews will be held with those parents whose children will be participating in the program during week 4.

## Next P&C Meeting - AGM

**Tuesday 10th March – 6pm (In Library)**

**All welcome!**

## **Perthville School Band**

Band lessons have commenced. Band will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 3.25. We ask that you pay your term one fees as soon as possible or set up our regular payment option.

## **School Fees – Please pay promptly as part of this fee supports our online subscriptions.**

The school fees assist us with purchasing online maths and reading programs, text books, sports equipment, art and craft supplies and stationary needs. This year school fees have been raised slightly due to increases in the cost of resources and online programs. Fees are as follows.

1 child = \$60

2 children = \$100

3 children = \$150

We ask that you pay this contribution to the office before the end of term 1. If you are having difficulty please contact Mrs Rudge or Mrs Webb.

## **Contact Details**

Please contact Elaine or Suzanne if any of your home contact numbers, mobile numbers, emergency contact details or work details have changed. We must keep up-to-date information in case we need to contact you.



## **Volunteer Agreements**

All parents or community members who volunteer to assist with our children are asked to read and sign a volunteer agreement and child protection declaration. We encourage you to contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help with reading, sport, computers or assist in the library. A form for all our volunteers is available from the office and must be completed at the beginning of each school year.

## **Tissues**

Last year each child donated a box of tissues to their class. We'd love your support with this again. Thank you to those families who have already donated a box. A big help!

## **School Uniforms**

A reminder that students are expected in correct summer uniform each day. Uniform makes our students feel smart, strong and proud. Raban shoes and tights are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn. All uniform is available by seeing Mr and Mrs Jones on Tuesday's at 3.30 in our Uniform shop (Office Area).

## **Newsletters**

Our newsletters are sent home each fortnight. Please try to keep your newsletter in a safe place and return any notes or money promptly. It is also available on our website, therefore second copies of notes and information will not be photocopied.

## **Term One Dates**

### **February**

- 20th Bathurst District Swimming Carnival
- 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Year 1 to perform
- 25<sup>th</sup> I-Learn Year 6 – Kelso HS
- 27<sup>th</sup> Clean Up Australia Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic Evening

### **March**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Western Region Swimming Carnival
- 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly – 2/3 to perform
- 13<sup>th</sup> Gala Day (Yrs 3-6)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly – 3/4 to perform
- 27<sup>th</sup> Questacon Visit

### **April**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly - 5/6 to perform & last day Term 1

### **Iceblocks Available**

Tuesday and Thursday

Fandangles \$1.50

Zooper Doopers 50c



## Permission Notes

### Year 6 Transition to Kelso/ Bathurst

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Kelso High School on 25<sup>th</sup> February for the transition program. I understand I am responsible for transporting my child to and from Kelso High School.

Medical conditions you need to be aware of are: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Year Six Survey – End of Year Celebrations

I have discussed the following options with my Year 6 child and our family has voted for  
(Please circle)

Graduation

Big Day Out

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Yrs 3-6 Gala Day

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day on 13th March. I understand students are travelling to and from the venue by bus. I understand the cost of this excursion is \$4.

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I have enclosed \$4 per child

Medical conditions you need to be aware of are: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_