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## Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Term 4 Week 7

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 7, things are 'hotting up' both with the weather and all the great things happening each day at Perthville Public School. Years 3-6 had super fun at Gala Day today, our Kindergarten Possums finished up for the year and our glass works were completed by staff yesterday. Reports are being written, portfolios put together and everyone is very excited about Presentation Day, Movie Day and The Big Day Out! What a great end to the year everyone.

### Ms Barlow receives Accreditation Award

Congratulations to Ms Barlow who received her accreditation award at last week's assembly. Accreditation is a two year process where teachers complete the required professional learning supported by a mentor, which may be across a number of schools. Ms Barlow is a wonderful teacher, who shows great enthusiasm and is dedicated to our team here at Perthville PS. Well done Jess!

### Blue Star Award Winners

Congratulations to our students who received blue star awards at our last assembly – Patrick W, Euan W, Tom D, Declan R, Hudson F, Vesna R and Max D. We are very proud of you!

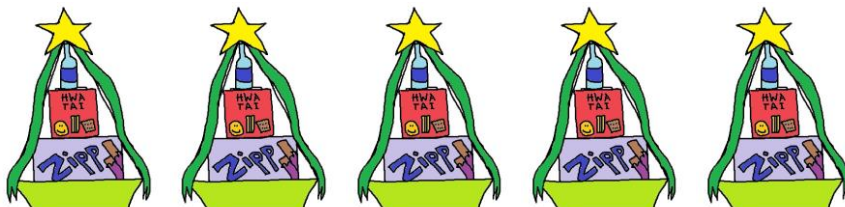
### Gold Award Winners

Tom D also picked up a gold award. Great to see Tom! Well done to you!



### Kookaburras Win House Points

Congratulations to the Kookaburras who took out this fortnight's house points!



Hamper items due now so we can start to wrap and organise hamper prizes!

Thank you

## Perthville Joins Facebook

Perthville Public School will have its very own Facebook page up and running in coming weeks. The timing is now right and we are ready and willing to continue improving our communication with you. It is a wonderful way to celebrate all the great things our students do at school each day and to send ideas, reminders and upcoming events. Peter Sutton from 'Social Remediation' will be working with us on the setting up and monitoring of our page and will work with staff on using our Perthville page and adding new events.



## Remembrance Day

Well done to our students who were so very respectful at last week's Remembrance Day Service. Everyone observed a minute's silence and our leaders laid a wreath near our flag pole. Lessons about the day were held in each class.



## Clare Lenehan - Now a Published Author

Congratulations to Clare Lenehan who recently entered an Australian wide writing competition. Clare's poem was successful and is now published in a book called 'Faraway Anthology 2016'. Mrs Webb is currently purchasing the book for the library. Wonderful work Clare, how privileged we are to have such a fantastic author in our school. Your writing is simply incredible! Good girl.



## Buddies Do a Wonderful Job!

Congratulations to all Year 5 students who did a smashing job at being our new Kinder's buddies. Thank you so much for the care and attention you gave our new little people and the help and assistance you gave to Mrs Keough. Ice block vouchers all round! Special thanks also to Mrs Keough who ran the program, we will certainly miss you!



**Well done Year 5!**



## Ball Games Win

Congratulations to our ball games team who were triumphant at today's Gala day. The team trained so hard and was on fire for the event. After a few close seconds, the team finished strong, winning the last four rounds! Well done to the 5/6 participants and Mr D! Well done also to all sports award winners.



## Staff Finish Glass Works

Yesterday our staff completed the last of the glass works ready for our administration building windows. The stained glass laminations for our office windows will be installed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in time for Presentation day.



## Jump Rope Prizes

Today our classes received their Jump Rope for Heart thank you prizes. Well done everyone on raising well over \$2000 for the Heart Foundation.



**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 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'.

### **Presentation Day Awards**

I have included a list of major awards for the year and tried to explain the process of selection. Teachers 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 2016

### **After School Care – 2017**

Our After School Care tender closes next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you have children requiring after school care in 2017 we would like to make sure we have you on our list but once started, all negotiations will be done with the company that wins the tender.



## **Year 4 Bathurst Regional Council Visit**

Last Thursday, Year 4 was fortunate to have a strategic town planner from Bathurst Regional Council, Ms Janet Bingham, come to visit and speak to the class. She told the class about her role at council and used large Land Zoning Maps of Bathurst and Perthville to show the children the different areas. Ms Bingham asked the children for their suggestions regarding the vacant land that is across from the school and will take these ideas back to council. Students then designed their own imaginary town plan including different zones and regions. It was a very informative and fun session!



## **Year 6 Special Assembly – Friday 25th November**

A special assembly will be held for Year 6 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to attend. Year 6 will receive their special certificates and pens on this day.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 29<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 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Kelso HS hall.

## **Year 6 Big Day Out notes to be returned**

'Big Day Out' notes were handed out last Friday. Please return these as soon as possible so we can pre pay for our bookings.

## **Year 6 Photo to Appear in Western Advocate**

Last Monday Year 6 students had their photo taken for the Western Advocate's Heading to High School edition. Please keep an eye out in coming weeks.

## **Asthma Management Plans**

Can all students with Asthma Plans please have them updated with a GP over the holiday break ready for the new school year.

## **Casual Cleaners required**

Joss Facility Management is looking for people to include on their casual, cleaners list for our school. If you are interested please contact Louise Dixon at the Bathurst office of Joss on 6328 8200.

**Year 6 Special Assembly - This Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am**

## Library News

There will be no more borrowing for the rest of the year. Please return all outstanding books.



## Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Scripture students will be involved in a combined Christmas Service on Tuesday 13<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.



Presentation Day 12pm  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Around the World in 80 minutes!



## Next Years' Family Picnic – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Our 2017 family picnic will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This is a family picnic to welcome new families, have a few fun activities and say a big welcome to Perthville School. Please add the date to your calendar.

## New School Bags & Hats – Both Available Soon

The P&C has ordered new ergonomic **school bags** that have a 13 year warranty for normal wear and tear. That means they last the child's schooling life, the bags will have the Perthville logo on them and look very smart in the navy colour. The bags (when they arrive) can be purchased from the uniform shop or front office for \$50. The bags would make a great Christmas present as all children prepare for a new school year. An order form will also be available at our last possums meeting.

New school hats are also on order with a navy outside and house colour on the inside. These are a bucket style hat and will be great for sports days when we need to be in house colours as you can turn them inside out!

## Working with Children Check for Unrelated Volunteers – Compulsory in 2017

Parents and grandparents of children at the school who wish to volunteer next year must sign a Statutory Declaration that complies with section 40A of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012. 100 points of identification must also be provided at the time of bringing in the paperwork. For example a passport and drivers license.

Please note Parents and grandparents are not required to obtain the Working with Children Check number through the kidsguardian and the RMS. This declaration is then valid for 5 years. Thank you to those parents who have completed the required documentation. All forms are available from Mrs Webb at the office.

Those volunteers not related to a child are required to obtain the Working With Children Check number through the kidsguardian and the RMS. This number must be provided to the school before undertaking any volunteer work. These have already been obtained by all staff, scripture teachers, band leaders and Quocka Volunteers.

**Iceblocks Now Available on Tuesday and Thursday at Recess 1.45**

**Fangdangles \$1.50, Icy Poles \$1.00**

# Christmas Family Night

**FREE**



**Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

**Date: Thursday 8th December 2016**

**Bring the family along for a great night of fun**

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

**Plus more great activities including:**

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| Laser Tag        | Free Sausage Sizzle |
| Jumping Castle   | Pancakes            |
| Face Painting    | Product Demos       |
| Christmas Crafts |                     |

**Bookings recommended** for more information or to book speak to a team member in store or go to [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) and locate your nearest store.

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# School Disco

Perthville Public School P&C will be holding a Christmas disco for Perthville Public School Students and their families.



**When:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

**Where:** Perthville Community Hall

**Dress:** Christmas Theme (optional)

**RSVP: No later than Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

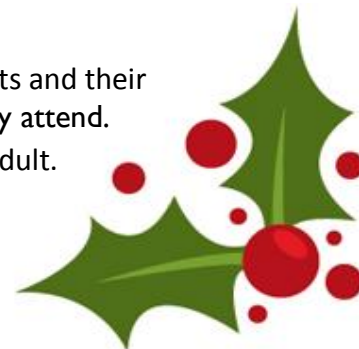


Entry to the disco is free.

A sausage sizzle, Drinks, Lollies and chips will be available for purchase on the night.

### Please note:

- This is a disco for Perthville Public School students and their families only, no other children outside the family may attend.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- No Alcohol is permitted



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PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN **MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016** if you will be attending the disco on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

A sausage sizzle will be available for purchase on the night. The below section is to give us an indication of number for catering purposes.

Do you think you will purchase from the sausage sizzle? YES NO (Please Circle)  
If yes, approx how many sausages? \_\_\_\_\_

## **For Your Information!**

### **Closure of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule**

#### **Q. When will the Child Dental Benefits Schedule be closed?**

If the legislation passes, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule will close to all patients from 1 January 2017. This means that the cost of dental services provided on or after 1 January 2017 will not be met by the government, and will need to be met by the patient.

#### **Q. I received a letter advising that the Child Dental Benefits Schedule will be closed from 1 January 2017. I am unsure whether my child is eligible this year. How can I check this?**

You may check your child's eligibility for 2016 by checking your myGov account if you are registered or by calling the Department of Human Services on **132 011**. If your child is eligible for 2016, you will be able to access the Child Dental Benefits Schedule until it closes from 1 January 2017.

#### **Q. Will my child be able to access dental benefits for dental services provided on or after 1 January 2017?**

No. Dental benefits under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule will not be payable for any dental services provided from 1 January 2017. If your dentist charges a fee for dental services from this date, you will be responsible for payment. You may wish to discuss with your dentist the impact this change may have on arrangements for your child's continuing dental treatment.

#### **Q. I was told that my child has two calendar years to use the \$1,000. Can my child keep using his or her Child Dental Benefits Schedule entitlement until the two years runs out?**

Your child can use his or her entitlement up until the closure of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule from 1 January 2017. Any dental services received by your child on or after 1 January 2017 will need to be paid for by you as no benefits will be available on or after this date. You may wish to discuss with your dentist the impact this change may have on arrangements for your child's continuing dental treatment.

#### **Q. What happens to the remainder of the cap if my child still has benefits available at the closure date (1 January 2017)?**

No further dental benefits will be payable from 1 January 2017, even if your child has not reached his or her cap at this date.

#### **Q. My child is halfway through his or her course of dental treatment. Can I finish the treatment?**

You will be able to access the Child Dental Benefits Schedule for services provided before 1 January 2017. However, any dental services provided to your child on or after 1 January 2017 will need to be paid for by you as no benefits will be available from this date. You may wish to discuss with your dentist the impact this change may have on arrangements for your child's continuing dental treatment.

#### **Q. Where can I get further information?**

Information on the closure will be sent to all dentists and to all children/families who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. For specific questions, please contact the Department of Human Services (which administers the program) on **132 011 (patients)**.