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Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for the year, time has certainly flown by. We wish everyone a very happy and joyous Christmas and a safe and fun summer holiday. Next year, our newsletter will take on a shorter format as we move to adding most of our celebratory stories to Facebook. Our newsletter will contain formal information and things such as school excursion information and permission notes. A new communication policy will be included with our first newsletter of the year in 2017.



Facebook is up and Running – Please like us and keep up to date with all the latest news!

Our Facebook page was launched last Tuesday and is up and running, already with articles on Robotics, our Kitchen/Garden Project and today's post Dress Rehearsal! Please see our conditions of use attached.



Mr D has a new Son!

Congratulations to Kurt and Amy on the birth of their second son Kohan. Kohan was born last Saturday. We are very excited to have a new little person around us to spoil. Well done Mr D, what a lovely family.

Blue Star Award Winners

Congratulations to our students who received blue star awards at our last assembly – Austin O'S, Kassie H. Isabella McB, Ashton F and Brooklyn W. We are very proud of you!

Gold Award Winners

Isabella McB and Kassie H also picked up a gold award. Great to see our Year 6 students receive their last award! Well done to you!



The new School Bags have arrived and can be paid for \$50 and collected from the office



New Staff in 2017

Whilst the end of the year is full of great events such as Presentation day and Big Day Out for Year 6 it also is a time for change.

In 2017, we will welcome back Mr Dickson who will be the Relieving Assistant Principal, Mrs Georgia Yordanoff and Ms Jessica Barlow who have done a superb job working with the Year 3 and Year 4 class this semester and Ms Kirralee Naylor, who I couldn't do without!

We also welcome Tamara Woldhuis, who starts next year. Ms Woldhuis comes to us in the permanent position of classroom teacher. Ms Woldhuis has already visited our Perthville Possums and met some of our parents during her short stay. Ms Woldhuis also spent the day with Mrs Keough, discussing students and programs that involve Kindergarten. It's a great young team of excellent staff and dedicated professionals and we look forward to a super year in 2017.

But Sad to See Some Staff Moving On!

Next week will be Mrs Gillian Keough's last week. Mrs Keough has been at Perthville School since 2012, working as our reading recovery teacher and most recently as our Kindergarten teacher. During this time Mrs Keough has been remarkably dedicated to getting our young people off to a great start at school. Her positive energy, enthusiasm, love of children and support of families is second to none and it will be a big loss to our school to see her go. Mrs Keough works tirelessly to make sure her students achieve. She makes sure those colleagues around her are well supported and she has dedicated many hours of her time to developing innovative policy and practice at Perthville School. We wish Mrs Keough all the very best in her new Assistant Principal role at Bathurst West. We know they are looking forward to welcoming her and feel very lucky to have such a capable staff member on their team.

Mrs Kerr, as reported in the previous newsletter, is also leaving us for a new career in tourism in Queensland. Mr and Mrs Kerr have purchased a backpackers business in Agnes Waters, a very beautiful part of the world indeed. Mrs Kerr is doing very well, has completed chemotherapy and soon starts radiation. She is confident of a full recovery and will be visiting us every couple of months, which we look forward to very much.

Best Wishes to Mr and Mrs Hotham!

Mrs Hotham will be taking leave next year as she prepares for the birth of their next baby. We wish Jen and Craig, Charlie and Henry all the best for the safe delivery of baby number 3! Very exciting.

Classes for 2017

Since our last newsletter our anticipated enrolments have fallen below 130, the number required for a sixth class. This is due to some changes in family arrangements and a decrease in the expected Kindergarten enrolments. At this stage, remembering that many things change over the holiday period, we will be starting the year with 5 classes.

K/1 - Ms Woldhuis

1/2 - Ms Knight (M T W) / Mrs Bicanic (T F)

2/3 – Ms Naylor

4/5 – Ms Barlow

5/6 & Assistant Principal– Mr Dickson

Release From face to Face and Literacy and Numeracy Support – Mrs Yordanoff

**Last Day for 2016
Friday 16th December**

**First day 2017
Monday 30th January**

The only classes not split this time will be Kindergarten, Years 3 and 4. During the first week of school we will allocate students in other years to classes. Should we increase in numbers over the holiday period, Kindergarten and Year 6 will be separate to form their own grade class. Mrs Yordanoff will then teach the 3/4 class and a new teacher will come into the Release Role.

A Thank You to the P&C

Thank you to P&C President Matthew Franklin and the P&C Executive – Amanda, Mikala, Julia, Alison, Sharon-Lee 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.

Presentation Day Commences Friday 9th December at 12pm sharp!

We are really looking forward to presentation day this week! Students are to come to school in **their best summer uniform**. The award ceremony will be held at 12pm. The concert should commence at approximately 1pm. Please allow approximately 2 hours for this event.

Movie Day – Thursday 15th 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.

Combined Scripture Service – Tuesday 13th December

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

Tender for After School Care

The successful tender has been selected yesterday by our panel, which also included parent rep Amanda Peterson and Parent/Office Manager Suzanne Webb. It is anticipated that due to a range of issues including final approvals, staffing and set up time that the After School Care will commence in Term 2 and Vacation care in the Easter holidays. We are hopeful that it may be earlier if final approvals are sorted early enough but parents should plan for alternative arrangements in Term 1. We are looking forward to being able to provide this service for our community for many years to come.

Perthville Staff will not Participate in Industrial Action Tomorrow

Perthville Staff will not be taking strike action tomorrow during the stop work meeting. School will commence as normal, with no changes to the daily routine.

Movie Day – Thursday 15th December K-Yr 5



Gold Coin Required

Year 6 Celebrate Graduation

Last week we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation with a cake and special assembly. We wish Year 6 all the very best with their transition to High School and encourage them to always do their best and work hard!

Look out for them in this today's Western Advocate!



All the best Year 6!



Glass Installation

The installation of our glass lamination work that was completed with guest artists Bridget Thomas and Paddy Robinson will start tomorrow. We are hopeful that the windows will be ready for viewing on Presentation Day.

Swimming lessons in Term 1 Next Year

Swimming lessons will commence for Year 2 to 6 each Thursday from Week 3 in term 1 next year. I have been able to secure funding from the Sporting School Grant which will enable us to lower the costs for all students involved in the program. We also encourage students who can already swim to participate in the squad training sessions which work on improving stroke, strength and distance. More information will be sent out in the first week of school.

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

Super Student Dontay

Congratulations to Dontay Polsen who has completed a full book of home reading sheets this year. Dontay is so committed to homework that he has also completed all set homework this year in year 2. Well done Dontay, I am very proud of you!



Raffle Items and Tickets now Due

Raffle items for our hamper are now due as well as any tickets that you have sold over past weeks. Tickets can also be purchased on the day. Good luck everyone and thanks to Alison, our expert wrapper! We appreciate your support everyone!

Library Books – due back ASAP

Thank you to those who have returned their library books. All library books should be returned before next week please. There are many books overdue so if you could please check at home and return any you may find.

Past Students - Cooper and Ethan return to PPS

It's been lovely having Ethan Hamer and Cooper McDaid return to Perthville School to complete their work experience. We hope they enjoyed their time back at little school and we thank them for all their help this week!



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

On Friday we had our last Stephanie Alexander lesson for the year. The children enjoyed making healthy hamburgers! We would like to say a **big thank you to our amazing group of volunteers** who have come and helped in our kitchen and garden lessons. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank Christine McInerney from **Bunnings Warehouse** for her time and for organising the donation of mulch, soil and seedlings for our vegetable gardens. We would like to thank Mrs Toireasa Gallagher and Mr Geoff Ryan for installing our fabulous new watering system in our garden. Thank you Mrs Jodie James and Ms Lynette Holt for donating the seed potatoes and pumpkin seedlings. The support for the program has been incredible. Thank you!

Next year this wonderful program will be organised and co-ordinated by Mr Kurt Dickson and Ms Tamara Woldhuis. The Kindergarten and 5/6 students will buddy up and take part in these lessons.

Mrs Keough



QuoCKa Finish up with Year 3

Perthville Public School is very fortunate to have **QuoCKa Reading**, a group of volunteers and police officers, to read fun and interesting stories to the children each week. QuoCKa reading stands for Quota, Cops and Kids reading together. This program is a community service project that targets Kindergarten to Year 3 children. The aims of the program are: to increase the literacy levels of children, encourage children's love of books and to break down the barriers between school children and police officers. This term was Year 3's turn to enjoy the program. With last week being the final week, all of Year 3 was given a book as a gift. Thank you to the readers who have generously volunteered their time to help our students with their reading.



Casual Cleaners required for Perthville School

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 0400 533 670



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Facebook Page Guidelines

The intent of our page is to provide a hub for responsible community engagement that celebrates the daily life of our school. We proactively support participation in social media to develop and grow digital citizenship throughout our community. Perthville Public School values the responsible use of social media articulated in a range of policies and guidelines that govern the expectations of online behaviour. For privacy and protection, we do not permit 'facial tagging' of our students and will only name students where appropriate. We reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school. Perthville Public School will remove content if:

- It contains content written by a student enrolled at Perthville Public School or under 13 years
- It is offensive, abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racial content, links or images
- It contains comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- The direct full name or descriptive reference to a student in the comments section
- It contains endorsements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations
- It is a multiple or repetitive post by a single user
- It is a repetitive post copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- It contains anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines of the Department of Education.

For further information regarding the use of our official social media channels please contact the Principal on 6337 2316.

Principal - Ms. Jodie-Lea James



Year 2 enjoyed their cooking last week with Mrs Hotham

Students made Santa hats and they were delicious!



Merry Christmas Everyone!

From the

Staff and Students of Perthville Public School