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Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter for Term 2. We've had a great term and everyone has been working very hard and deserves a little winter break! As stated in our last newsletter, I will be on leave now until the 14th August, off to visit our family in Wales. Mr Dickson will be the Principal during this time.

Reports were sent home yesterday, we hope everyone enjoyed reading their child's report. Teachers have set goals for every child in Semester Two and we encourage you to assist us with their learning. Should you require an interview please contact the school office.

I wish everyone a safe and happy winter holiday and enjoy Bathurst's Winter Festival! Lots of Fun.

Blue Star and Gold Awards

Congratulations to Tom L who received a Gold Award last assembly.

Blue Star Awards also went to Rianna, Tom, Clare, Brooklyn, Steph, Clancy, Ben, Will, Dontay, Dominic and Riley P. Well done to all of our hard working people!



Happy
Birthday Mrs
Holt!

Thank you for
the amazing
job you do at
our school
each day



NAIDOC Assembly This Friday

A special NAIDOC assembly will be held this Friday. Students will also be completing activities involving indigenous culture throughout the day. Students will even get to try some special sausages! Thank Ms Woldhuis and Ms Naylor for organising a super day, which will be lots of fun! Year 2 & 3 will also be performing their music item which they have been rehearsing with Mr Brent Dickson.

**Next Assembly Friday 30 June 10.45 am – NAIDOC
& Year 2 & 3 will present their music item**

Beanies For Brain Cancer raise \$201

Well done to our students who raised \$201 for 'Beanies for Brain Cancer'. We enjoyed our hot Milos and we had some great beanies on display! Thank you to Mrs Kirk who donated the Milo and Mrs James who purchased the milk, cups and marshmallows!



NAPLAN Online

Mr Dickson was at a course yesterday learning all about the NAPLAN online system which will commence next term with a practice readiness session. From 2018, all schools in Australia will move to an online version of the tests. I have attached some information and a NAPLAN information session will be held for interested parents in Term 3.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2018

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten students who will start school in 2018. We encourage you to contact people in our area who will have children starting school next year. Ask them to make contact with our school so we can begin planning for classes next year and also to let them know about our Perthville Possums program.

Stage Two Excursion – Week 2 Term 3

All payments for the Year 3&4 excursion to Gulgong must be received by this Friday. We need to send our whole school payment to Wattle Flat School who are the chief organising school for this excursion.



Full Payment Must be received by this Friday

Thank you to those that have already paid

A reminder that all children need a green Small Schools hat for excursions.

This is available from the front office for \$16

Kelso High School Staff to Visit next term

Staff from Kelso HS will be working with Years 5&6 students on a technology program which focuses on Google Classroom and preparing students for the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) system in year 7. We look forward to these activities which will be held each Wednesday for three weeks from 26th July.

Staff Development Day

Staff return to school on Monday 17th July. Staff will be completing Professional Learning on John Hattie's research and how to give effective feedback. We will also be reviewing homework procedures in preparation for a new style in 2018. We will analyse smart data from NAPLAN and prepare focus groups for literacy and numeracy for Semester Two.

Lock In the Date! Presentation Day & Year 6 Big Day Out

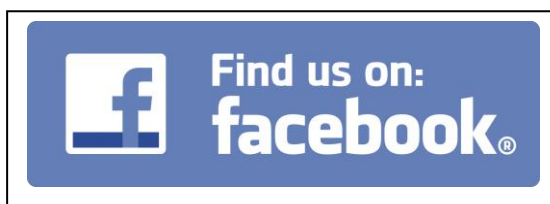
Presentation Day will be held on Friday 8th December at 12pm. Year 6 BDO will be held on the 14th December. School finishes for staff and students on Friday 15th December

Band fees Due – Please Pay Promptly

Please pay outstanding band fees for term 2. Students will be unable to continue in the school band without payment of fees occurring each term.

Boys Soccer

Well done to the boys soccer team who played last Thursday at Police Paddock. The boys were beaten by Lithgow but played really well. We really enjoy Alex Watson's match reports! Thanks Mr D for coaching!



**Next P&C Tuesday 8th
August 6pm All
Welcome**

June

- 30th - Last Day Term 2
- 30th - NAIDOC & Assembly (Yrs 2/3 to Perform)

July

- 17th - Staff return SDD
- 18th - Students return – Day 1 Term 3
- 25th - State Hockey
- 26th & 27th - Stage 2 Camp to Gulgong
- 26th - Kelso HS to Visit 5/6 – Transition through Technology

August

- 2nd - Kelso HS to Visit 5/6 – Transition through Technology
- 3rd - Education Week Assembly + Open Day + Morning Tea
- 9th - Kelso HS to Visit 5/6 – Transition through Technology
- 10th - Recorder Rehearsal – Bathurst PS
- 11th - District Athletics Carnival
- 16th - i-Learn (Longer session 9-2.30pm – Includes Testing)

Staff Wanted

After School Care will be commencing next term.

If interested keep an eye out in the Western Advocate or Call Carol at Galloping Gumnuts on 63523798



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

Tactical public awareness campaign

About

NSW has the largest metropolitan bus fleet in Australia. More than 3850 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. In addition, in NSW there are thousands of buses that travel every day transporting students on country roads.

Crashes involving buses often result in more severe outcomes to other road users due to their size and mass, and because due to their size and weight, they take more time to stop.

The Centre for Road Safety is committed to improving safety around buses. We are implementing a tactical school bus safety campaign comprising radio and social media which targets motorists and parents.

The issue

We are seeking to highlight for parent and carers the need to always supervise their children and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road and also about the need not to call their children across the road.

We are seeking to highlight for drivers the laws around bus flashing lights. Lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children. A 40km/h speed limit applies when bus lights flash.

Partner Toolkit – Creative Assets

Be Bus Aware

All information relating to the 'Be Bus Aware' Slow down to 40 campaigns is available on [Be Bus Aware](http://bebusaware.com.au) website.

Bus 'flashing lights' animation

A bus flashing lights animation will be available on the [Be Bus Aware](http://bebusaware.com.au) website. You can share this on social network, in newsletters or embed in in your websites.



Additional bus safety animations are available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPIRrBFtpVE>

Facebook posts

A series of bus safety Facebook posts will commence on 25 June 2017 targeting NSW drivers, parents and carers. The content will be posted on the [NSW Road Safety](#) Facebook page. Please feel free to share these posts across your own Facebook pages. If you craft your own posts about the campaign/bus flashing lights, please use the campaign hashtag #BeBusAware or road safety campaign hashtag #TowardsZero.

Animated GIF

An animated GIF has been developed showing bus flashing lights. This will be published on our Facebook page and available to share.



Safety Town

Safety Town, our road safety website for primary school students; teachers; and families; contains information for families around driving safely around buses and getting their children to and from the bus stop safely.

Well done leaders on a great end of term activity!



AFTER SCHOOL / VACATION CARE UPDATE

FROM CAROL AT GALLOPING GUMNUTS

Galloping Gumnut has now received all necessary Approvals to operate the After School and Vacation Care Programme for a maximum of 20 children per day. **We are currently looking for suitable staff and have placed an advertisement in The Western Advocate.** If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for a position please ask them to get in touch with our the Galloping Gumnut Office by phone: 63523798 or email: admin@gallgum.ngo.org.au to obtain a detailed information pack outlining the criteria for employment. Closing date for applications is 14 July.

We are now hoping to start the **After School Service** in Week 4 or 5 of Term 3 and will keep you updated. In the meantime, if you are planning to use this service and want to claim the Child Care Benefit you will need the following Approval Id numbers:

After School Care: 4-53CCUP0 Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days: 4-53CCUSC

Applications for Child Care Benefit are the parent/carers responsibility and are obtained through Centrelink and generally done online.

We are looking forward to providing a high quality service for the children and families from Perthville and surrounds.