Cooler Weather

With this recent cool snap most children are wearing winter clothing. The majority of students are wearing school uniform but a small number are wearing an assortment of colours. Positive behaviour and attitude go along with the wearing of uniforms and the school would like to see everyone comply with this. If you have a concern please ring the school. Also, names should be clearly marked on all clothing including hats.

Outstanding Accounts

As previously mentioned, outstanding accounts regarding textbooks and excursions will be sent home this week. If your child still owes money for an excursion from last year they will be ineligible to attend this year’s excursion until outstanding money is paid. Any concerns please contact the school.

Self Help Raffle

At present we have 22 prizes for this year’s Self Help raffle including an iPad (valued at $375), several accommodation packages and sporting equipment. My thanks again to Mel Stringaro for organising several prizes along with people who have donated/organised a prize. I hope to send out raffle books with interested students from early next week. More details next week.

Grip Leadership

Our school captains and vice-captains have been invited to attend a leadership initiative to be held in Coffs Harbour. We hope they enjoy the experience.
Interrelate Program

Year 6 will be participating in a social skills program called Interrelate during NAPLAN testing for Year 5. The program aims at improving relationships in families and social groups. If you have any concerns or would like to know more about the program, contact Mr Taylor or Mrs Owen.

Red Shield Appeal

Major Julia Metcher addressed the school regarding our participation in this years Red Shield Appeal which will take place on **Sunday, 25th May.** It is a very good cause and our school has participated for many years. This year we need someone to co-ordinate the door knock. It takes about 2 hours on the day and the school can assist regarding the organisation. If anyone is willing to co-ordinate the day could they please contact the school as soon as possible.

Congratulations… to Ryley Smidt who has been selected in the Zone 11’s Rugby League team. Ryley will travel to Grafton on Friday to attend Regional trials. Well done and good luck Ryley!

Calendar

I have included a term calendar in this weeks newsletter that may be helpful.

School Assembly

Congratulations to Year 1/2 who were named ‘Class of the Week’ at yesterday’s assembly. Next week’s assembly will feature an item from Year 4. It will also contain a general wrap up of the Cross Country.

Sport

Best of luck to our Rugby League and Girls softball teams who play this week!

Mr Rayner

Win Bin Winners:

*Bonnie, Kirra & Matilda*
Welcome back everyone. It seems that everyone had a great holiday. This term we are doing COGS units on ‘Healthy Choices and Getting Along’. I am glad to see that most children are remembering to read every night and are changing their Home readers every day. Any parents who would like to help out with our morning groups are very welcome. If you could let me know that would be great. We have groups from 9.30am till Recess.

Mrs Jarvis

Just a quick couple of reminders. Students need to bring in their ‘powered toy’ by this Friday ready to present by next week. The number of students bringing home readers in on a regular basis has been very low. Please encourage regular reading as it benefits your child across all learning areas and makes a huge difference to their confidence and progress. Homework was handed out on Monday and is due back Friday morning.

Thankyou....... Miss H

Yesterday a green note went home about a COGs assessment task. Students are to bring a powered toy to present to the class. They will have to explain what the toy is, how it is powered and what the toy does when it is powered. Well done to 1/2 and 2 who performed at assembly yesterday. Good job everyone!

Mrs Bartlett

Homework and Spelling sheets have been issued today and are due in on Friday. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction of money. In grammar we have been looking at statements, and adverbs. We have been investigating how adverbs are used in news articles. We have started our COGS unit on “Movement and Energy” The children designed a machine that could travel on land, on water and also fly! Some of the designs were very imaginative. Welcome to a new student in our class, Justin Costelloe.

Mr Hasson

Homework and Spelling sheets were given out yesterday. Spelling is a revision sheet. The class has started their new unit called ‘Physical Phenomena’ (understanding that energy can be transferred, stored and transformed from one form to another). A reminder my short parent meeting time is Wednesdays 10.30am to 10.45am.

Mr Taylor

Our Year 6 t-shirts were delayed for a few families but have now gone to the screen printer at last. They usually take about a week. The new Term 2 Homework Grid has a few different choices. Make sure you have a look. Homework is due on Fridays. Late homework is always accepted.

Mrs Owen
Running in the rain!

Canteen News....
Just a reminder.......canteen is now open

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**
A new menu list is included in this newsletter. A volunteer slip is also included so if you would like to help out please fill it in and return it to school. Could all current volunteers please let Tania or Rachael know about new availabilities.

Tania & Rachael

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**Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

**to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box**

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the 5 food groups.

- **Breads and cereals:** Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pita bread, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.
- **Fruit:** Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.
- **Veggies:** Pack carrots and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold cucumber slice.
- **Low Fat Dairy:** Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.
- **Lean Protein:** Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

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**Canteen Roster**

**This Week:**
- Wed 7/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Kerry Cox
- Thu 8/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Aleesa King
- Fri 9/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Kylie Wemyss

**Next Week:**
- Wed 14/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Eve Anders
- Thu 15/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Kylie Dillon
- Fri 16/5/14 Rachael Chisholm, Kerry Cox

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