5th August 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 4
From the Principal’s Desk

Paperless Newsletter
Parents are requested to return the ‘newsletter options’ note sent home today. Please choose one method of how you would prefer to receive the school newsletter each week. To support our Eco committee, we would encourage parents to select the website option.

Education Week
Many thanks to those families who were able to make time to help celebrate Education Week. I am very proud of the effort and commitment of our students and staff. It was great to share that with our families. I especially want to thank a few staff who once again went the extra mile. Thanks to Karen Sellick for her presentation on how the teaching of literacy has changed. Thanks also to Katie Corcoran and Holly Gay for your fantastic work with the Dance Groups, they were fantastic. Many thanks to Trish Austin and Heather McLeod for their help with the presentation on changes to school funding and what they mean for our students. Thanks also to our parents who braved the cold wind to spend time with their children and show them how much you care!

Jeans for Genes
Thank you for your support of Jeans for Genes Day last week. We raised $500 exactly to donate to this worthy cause.

100 Days of Kinder Celebration
Last week I was delighted to see Kindergarten doing what they do best – learning and having fun! Congratulations to parents for supporting this activity. The children had a great time explaining to me what book character they were dressed as and they certainly enjoyed the party food. Keep an eye on the school website for photos of this activity.

Leave
At the end of next week I will be taking 11 days of Long Service Leave. Ms Sellick will relieve as Principal while I am away (15th to 29th August). I will return to school for the last 3 weeks of Term 3. I will then take leave for most of Term 4, returning for the last 8 days of the year, prior to retiring. Ms Sellick and Ms Mozayani will take on the role of Relieving Principal in Term 4.

Sincere Thanks
On Monday afternoon I had over 200 new books accessioned and ready for covering sitting in the office. It would take weeks or even months for these new resources to be covered and in classrooms for students to use without the help of our parents. It took only ten minutes from 3.25pm to 3.35pm to have parent volunteers take all 200 books home to cover. I would like to sincerely thank each and every mum or nan who took a couple of packs home. It really does make an enormous difference in getting these books to the classrooms. If you missed out on taking books and would like to help, don’t despair, we have another 150 ready to go. Please ask at the office if you can help. Thank you once again, Karen Hunt.

Your vote will help!!!
Credit Union Australia (CUA) has a competition which gives schools an opportunity to win $5000 for a school project. The school with the most votes wins. Our school has said that if we win we would use the funds to set up new computers (netbooks) in the library. Our old computers have already been removed as they were slow and unreliable. The new netbooks will be used by students attending Homework Club and by classes doing research tasks in the library. Anyone can vote - so send the link to your friends and family. Remember, there are two ways to vote: online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in-branch, at Figtree CUA branch. Everyone is entitled to two votes.
Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival will be held at school on Friday 15th August. The day’s events will commence at 9.40am and conclude at 3.20pm. Students should wear their sports uniform with their house coloured t-shirt on the day. Students will need to wear a safety pin so that their ribbons can be pinned to their shirt. Don’t forget school hat, sunscreen and plenty of water to drink. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please return the slip below if you are to assist on the day.

Athletics Carnival - Parent Helpers
Any offers of parent help on the day of the carnival would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate if you are able to assist and return this form as soon as possible.

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2014 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Morning Activities & Leaders

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Book Fair: Once again this year, our Book Fair will be incorporated into our Athletics Carnival events. Students will visit the Book Fair set up in the Library on their rotation of events. Money for purchases can be sent to the office in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and class before Friday. Mrs Austin will hand this money to the students as they visit the library.
**Coffee Van and Cakes for sale:** Cakes and slices will be available to purchase at the carnival. Students are asked to donate cakes to sell. Please drop these to the canteen/hall on the morning of the carnival. A coffee van will also be set up for parents at the carnival starting from 9am.

**Canteen:** The canteen will be opened all day on the Athletics Carnival. A special lunch order will be available for students, parents and siblings. **This lunch order deal must be pre-ordered to the canteen by Wednesday 13th August.**

**Kinder Orientation**
We have begun to plan for Kindergarten Orientation in Term 4 this year. Please try to keep the following dates free: **Tuesday 14th October, Wednesday 22nd October and Tuesday 28th October.** Orientation is a wonderful opportunity for children to get a bit of an idea about what Kindergarten is all about. It also gives us time to talk to parents about what to expect and how you can help your child make a successful and smooth transition to ‘big school’. We will send an information package to families this term, if we know that your child will be enrolling for next year. Please make sure you give us a mailing address, especially if you will be moving.

**Gala Day**
Our next PSSA Gala Day is Friday 8th August. The cost for the bus for Gala Day is **$8.50 per child.** Please send your $8.50 to the office by the **Monday before Gala Day. The bus will depart at 8.50am** sharp and return to school by 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Venues are as follows:
Netball: Coronation Park, Minto
Soccer: Ambarvale Sports Complex, Ambarvale
Touch Football: Rosemeadow Playing Fields – Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow

**Aussie of the Month**
An AUSSIE OF THE MONTH is someone who:
- Consistently obeys the school rules.
- Is helpful to students and teachers.
- Is caring to other class and school members.
- Is a good friend.
- Always gives of their best and tries hard to improve.
- Displays a wonderful attitude to school.

The ‘Aussies of the Month’ for July are: Infants - Darcy Wilson    Primary - Maddi Crompton

**Awards**
Bronze: Joshua Grant, Shelby Brown, Maddi Crompton, Thomas Bebb, Nick Jr Constantin, Hayley Greenwood, Savannah Corcoran, Ayla Cook, Leon Brierley, Joel Haeren, Ayla Cook, Justin Brierley

Students of the Week: KB Akira Smith    KS Kaia Thompson    1M Cameron North
1/2L Corey Lovelee 2/3M Emma Clissold 3/4P Aaron Stonebridge 3/4T Cody Crane
5/6C Russell Hampson 5/6M Hayley Greenwood

**Tahmoor District Cricket Club**

**Canteen News**
Please note that the canteen is no longer selling meal deals.
See information below for our next special lunch order day.

**P&C News**
**P&C Meeting:** Next meeting is Tuesday 26th August. Agenda for the next meeting will be: Twilight fair, BBQ- Markets, Storage room, Photos.

**Fridge and freezer for sale from the canteen:** These items have not been turned on for quite some time so it is buy at your own risk. It will be decided as a secret ballot and will be given to the highest dollar figure. Please put a figure in an envelope with your contact details if you are interested. P&C will notify the new owner at the next P&C meeting.

**Shopping Trip:** Places are filling fast for the P&C shopping trip on Saturday 25th October. Only 6 spots left. Please contact Melissa Lovelee for further information.
Markets: The P&C are holding a Spring Market on Sunday 31st August in the school grounds. If anyone is interested or (knows others who may be interested) in having a stall (not second hand goods), please advise the P&C. We are asking for volunteers to help with set up, pack up and cooking of the BBQ. If you are able to help please return the slip below or contact Melissa Lovelee on 0420 662396: Also a reminder to any dads or mums who work at BHP that they provide incentives for volunteering at local events. Ask BHP for details.

Markets Helper – Sunday 31st August
I am able to assist with:
□ Setting up from 8am       □ Packing up from 1pm
□ BBQ – Please circle time slot: (8am to 9.30am) (9.30am to 11am) (11am to 12pm) (12pm to 1pm)

Name_______________________________________Contact Number____________________________

Canteen Showbag Day – Friday 15th August 2014 (Athletics Carnival Day)
Come join in the tasty tempter on the 15th August. Special lunch packs are available for all students, parents and siblings. Orders must be pre-order by 13th of July. Please choose one of the following packs: salad wrap or sausage roll
Both packs include a quench drink, a packet of popcorn and a zombie chew.
All packs are $6.00 each. They must be pre-ordered by Wednesday 13th August. Please send your order directly to the canteen.
$1 from every pack ordered will be donated from the canteen to the school. (These funds will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year)

Canteen Lunch Order – Friday 15th August
(Please circle your choice):
Name: ___________________________ class __________ salad wrap/ sausage roll
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I have enclosed a total of $..................... as payment for (no. of packs) ............lunch packs.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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