Our mission is to provide children with…

• a love of learning
• a pride in achievement
• a respect for themselves and others

…in a safe and happy environment

2014 Calendar

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Early Action for Success

Early Action for Success is the Department of Education and Communities strategy to implement the NSW Government’s Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan. The strategy aims to improve students’ performance through a targeted approach in primary schools. It involves the identification of the level of attainment in literacy and numeracy of each student (K-2) and tailoring a specific program of learning to that student’s needs.

We received exciting news yesterday that our school has been included in this program for 2015. Inclusion in this strategy will ensure that we continue to have literacy and numeracy programs that cater for the individual needs of all students and that we have the resources and personnel to ensure our children have the best chance of success.

Part of the strategy is the appointment of an Instructional Leader at the level of Deputy Principal. The role of the Instructional Leader is to work with teachers on the delivery of the strategy prioritising student achievement in literacy and numeracy.

I will aim to keep our community informed as we learn more about our involvement in the strategy. We are very pleased about the opportunity it offers our students and staff.

PBL Badges

Tomorrow we are planning to give out 36 PBL badges to students who have worked extremely hard to achieve this fantastic milestone. This will mean that after tomorrow, 142 students will have achieved their PBL Badge. We are very pleased with how this program is progressing and very proud of the effort our students are putting in to earn them. We will continue awarding PBL badges until Week 10 where we will hold a special assembly to present them on Friday afternoon. This means that all students can continue working their way toward achieving their PBL badge before the end of the year.

In 2015 each student will start again on the first day of Term 1 in an effort to achieve a new badge. We will continue to work on our implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program to ensure our students are extremely well supported to be the best Safe, Positive, Learners we know they can be.

Tony Gadd
Principal
Kinder Orientation:
Orientation for our 2015 Kindergarten new students continues this week. The children will remain in the classroom in their colour group with a Kindergarten teacher while the parents spend the hour in the Multi-Purpose Space above the office. Mrs Kelly will talk with parents about kindergarten next year and answer any questions that you have. Tea and coffee will be available. This week Blue group is 9.20am, Red group is 10.30 and Green group is 12.30. See you there!

Rebecca Young Cup
Our girls’ rugby league team played in a 7-a-side competition yesterday at Windale Oval. The first game against St. Pauls was a 4 all draw. Our girls won the second game against Swansea 20 – 8 and in the final game; we lost to St. Pauls 3 tries to 2. All the girls played very well and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations on the team effort.

Reg Kelly Cricket Competition
The first game was held today against Greta PS at Mt Pleasant Street. The boys scored 133 and bowled Greta out for 25.

The second game will be against St Philip’s Christian College at Miller Park, Branxton tomorrow, Wednesday, commencing at 10am.

On Friday we play Kurri Kurri Public School at Mt Pleasant Street Oval commencing at 10 o’clock.

Youth Choir Visit
On Thursday, a talent scout from the Australian Youth Choir will be visiting to talk about the Choir and to listen to Years 2 - 6 students sing. The Youth Choir practices outside of school hours.

Tabloid Sports Morning
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 are holding a tabloid sports morning this Friday, 14 November, weather permitting. Grandparents are invited to join us for the event and also to stay and enjoy lunch with the students.

Samaritan’s Giving Tree
Our school again is contributing to the Samaritan’s Giving Tree. Every parent/carer is asked to provide one or more items of non-perishable food stuffs; cans or packet items. We are particularly targeting the Telarah/Rutherford community for this worthwhile food drive. All donations are to be placed under the Christmas tree in the staff room. Thank you in anticipation.

Music - Expression of Interest Term One 2015
This term we are offering an exciting opportunity for students to join the School Band (Yrs3-6) in 2015. Expressions of interest notes have gone home this week.

We have been fortunate to find a very experienced Bandmaster who has many years’ experience conducting school and community bands to successful state competition level and who is willing to lead our school band. Students will participate in a 30 minute lesson on an instrument of their choice and participate in band practice once a week. We have a variety of instruments which are available for hire to students who would like to join the band. Research has shown that students gain many benefits from learning to play musical instruments; they develop skills such as self-discipline, communication, diligence and teamwork. These traits carry into their school life and lead to effective study and work habits. Creating and performing music promotes self-expression and fosters essential life skills.

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Expressions of interest notes are available at the front office and are due back to school by 5th December, 2014.

Musically Yours,
Ms Keith and Mrs Carratt
THANKYOU
Thank you to Highway Ford for their generous donation to our school and also, thank you to the community members for nominating our school for this donation.

STAGE 1 HOME READING ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to:
Jemma Randall 1/2J 150 nights
Shanae Neesom 1/2J 125 nights

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The simplest way

...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:

- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you’ll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.

For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below. Merry Christmas!

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