From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Again, there is a lot of excitement in our school. Last week we provided a work place for two Picton High School students who were doing work placement. They were a pleasure to have in the school and the staff hope that they decide to pursue teaching as a career.

This Wednesday is our P and C Meeting. We meet in the school staffroom at 6.30 pm. If you have ever wondered what a P and C do, come along and find out. You are very welcome.

This week in our school we are celebrating Book Week. As you know the “BIG” day is Thursday when the Librarians from Picton Library will be at our school sharing exciting books with our students. Your child has also been encouraged to dress as an alien on this day as the theme for Book Week is “Read across the Universe.”

I have had a visit from the Department of Education and Communities Home School Liaison Officer. He is concerned about the number of students in our school who are having what appears to be an unexplained absence. The law states that children must attend school each day of the term. We all understand that to get medical appointments, participate in family activities etc that children do need to be away from school at times. However, the school must be able to explain where any child is on any given day. We require you to write a note to explain your child’s absence from school. At the start of the year you were all provided with special notes that you can use for this purpose so that you do not have to write very much to explain your child being away from school. Please, if you have any days that you know your child was away, send in a note to explain why they were not at school. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated and very important.

Next week is shaping up to be a very, very busy one. As you know Swimming School starts for 20 of our children. If your child is one of those, please ensure that they have dry towels to use and underwear (it is often the thing that is forgotten if they have their swimmers on under their uniforms at the start of the day) to put on after each swimming session. Either Mrs Roberts or Mrs Syphers will be supervising this scheme and traveling on the bus with the children. We have a very generous community member who is giving up several hours each day to drive the bus for the entire ten days.

Next week is also the week of the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival. I know that you have had many notes about this and have been kept well informed of all the details by our very busy staff. I look forward to seeing you at the festival on Wednesday night. I have seen the dancers and heard the choir and they are WONDERFUL. I am sure that you will be incredibly proud of the students and the great teachers that we have at Buxton Public School.

Year 4 will have been given new medical forms to complete today. You may remember that in the last newsletter I explained that the Department of Education and Communities is changing their state wide computer systems resulting in medical knowledge being updated about your child. All classes will complete these forms over the next two terms. If you are the parent of a Year 4 child please ensure that the completed medical form is returned to our office by the 4th September. If you are the parent of a Year 6 child we require your completed forms immediately so that the updates can be completed for 2014.

Friday of next week is the P and C Fathers’ Day stall. The P and C does a great job of always having something special for your child to purchase.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
R/Principal

CANTEEN CLOSED EVERY WEDNESDAY
BOOK WEEK has arrived!
The judges decisions have been published. They may not agree with our school favourites, but that is how judging works. Our classes loved It’s a Miracool!, The Terrible Suitcase, Lyrebird, Lightning Jack and Sophie Scott Goes South. Of these, The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen, won gold in the Early Childhood category. Too Many Elephants in this House and With Nan are the honour Books.

The Picture Book of the Year was won by The Coat by Ron Brooks and Julie Hunt. Honour books are Herman & Rosie and Sophie Scott Goes South. The Children of the King and Tom the Outback Mailman were the winners of the other two categories. We have most of these books on display in the Library. You are most welcome to visit the Library. There are many wonderful posters based on the Short Listed Books. The classes have been very busy being creative.

Thankyou to everyone at home for helping send an alien to school on Thursday. The children will be talking about aliens in their classrooms. There will be no official parade. I’m sure that Julie and Lisa from Picton Library will be astounded to see them. On your behalf I thank Julie & Lisa for coming to talk about books, do skits and play games with us.

Dates for diary: on Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th November we will be having a Book Fair through Carnival Books. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Book Club: Issue 6 brochures will be going home this week. Please send orders and money to school no later than 4th September, 2013.

Thankyou
Mrs Hanna-Teacher/Librarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 Aug - BOOK WEEK
- P & C Meeting 6:30pm
23 Aug - Dance to be Fit
26 Aug - 6 Sept - School Swimming Scheme
30 Aug - Fathers Day Stall
- Dance to be Fit
2 Sept - Zone Athletics - Field
3 Sept - Zone Athletics - Track
9 Sept - Spelling Bee Finals
13 Sept - Dance to be Fit
18 Sept - P & C Meeting—6:30pm

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3, 2013

Week 6
Monday, 19 Aug: L. Remfry
Tuesday, 20 Aug: C. Harper
Wednesday, 21 Aug: CLOSED
Thursday, 22 Aug: F. Patterson
Friday, 23 Aug: L. Remfry

Week 7
Monday, 26 Aug: K. Mills
Tuesday, 27 Aug: N. Hale, K. Dore
Wednesday, 28 Aug: CLOSED
Thursday, 29 Aug: L. Remfry
Friday, 30 Aug: L. Remfry

Week 8
Monday, 2 Sept: C. Worley
Tuesday, 3 Sept: C. Harper
Wednesday, 4 Sept: CLOSED
Thursday, 5 Sept: F. Patterson
Friday, 6 Sept: F. Patterson

FATHERS DAY STALL
This year’s Fathers Day stall is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday 30th Aug. Classes will visit during the morning session; ALL gifts will be $5.00 and remember to pack your child with a plastic shopping bag to carry their gift home. If you would be able to assist on the stall your help would be greatly appreciated.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday, 9 August 2013

**K Treasures**: Jack P, Ivy (x2), William (x2), Jai, Hannah, Jenelia, Jack M  
**Writers Award**: Nathaniel

**K Surprise**: Isabella, Kirsty, Alyssa, Jorja, Tyler (x2) Caidan, Connor (x2), Kobi, Wade, Kubera, Lachlan (x2), Joel.  
**Writer’s Award**: Luke

**1/2 Hullabaloo**: Justin, Bladyn, Cooper, Eli, Blayke, Georgia, Abbey, Rheyen (x2), Ella (x2)  
**Writers Award**: Katherine

**1/2 Turquoise**: Harriet, Amity, Lauren, Pheobe, Charlie, Lincoln, Brayden, Ben, James, Brandee,  
**2 Awards**: Ryan, Matthew, Harley, Shae, Jocelyn, Skye, Emmet, Max, Ryan S (x3)  
**Writer’s Award**: Emmett

**3/4 Silver**: Emma, Layney, Aaron, Mackenzie, Dominic  
**Writers Award**: Layney

**3/4 Polkadots**: Jake, Amber, Chloe H.  
**Writer’s Award**: Viola

**5/6 Ruby**: Liam, Jackson, Molly, Jasmine, Jacob, Mia, Aaron, Tyler, Logan, Kiara (x2)  
**Writers Award**: Cooper

**5/6 Violet**: Lilly, Tyrone, Madelin, Thomas, James, Hayley, Liam, Alison, Jade, Carly, Jaimie, Dylan, Peta, Georgie

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

**BLUE AWARDS**  
Kobi, Kirsty - K Surprise  
Harry - 1/2 Hullabaloo  
Heath - 1/2 Turquoise  
April, Viola, Victoria, - 3/4 Polkadots  
Mackenzi, Luke, Ashley—3/4 Silver  
Josha, Flynn - 5/6 Ruby  
Tyrone - 5/6 Violet

**SILVER AWARDS**  
James - 1/2 Turquoise  
Nelson, Jade- 3/4 Silver  
Cooper - 5/6 Ruby  
Emily - 5/6 violet

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