Education Week

We are looking forward to our Education Week assembly next Tuesday 29th July. Proceedings will begin with an assembly at 11:40am, followed by an opportunity to spend some time in your child’s classroom. Parents and guests are then invited to join their children for a picnic style lunch. Please bring your own food as well as a picnic blanket and any other creature comforts. We hope you can join us in celebrating the great achievements of public education.

Kindergarten Placement Panel

We are fortunate to be a part of a school with an outstanding reputation amongst the wider community, and one which is a popular choice for families. Our placement panel will be meeting tomorrow to discuss applications for Kindergarten, 2015. Parents will be informed of the outcome via mail by the end of the week.

Primary Excursion

Staff are busy finalising the primary students’ overnight excursion. This year Years 3-6 will be off to Sydney in Term 4. We are trying our best to keep expenses to a minimum and the cost to parents is expected to be no more than $200 per child.

Parents will be notified in coming weeks once all details are locked in.

Staff Professional Learning

It is crucial that teachers stay informed about the very latest research and practices to guide their teaching. During last week’s Staff Development Day our teachers joined over 400 of their colleagues to participate in workshops and share ideas at Shoalhaven High School. The knowledge, passion and dedication within the room was inspiring and reminded me of how lucky students of Shoalhaven public schools are!

On a personal note…

Some of you are aware that my wife Bec has been sick in recent years and is currently being treated for Lyme disease.

Lyme is often overlooked by mainstream doctors in Australia - much of the Australian medical profession say it doesn’t exist, although in Europe it is widely accepted and treated.

We found out last week that she has been accepted into a clinic in Germany for further treatment, beginning on 7th August. I will be taking leave during weeks 4-8 of this term during which time Belinda Walker will relieve as principal, as she has done previously. I have no doubt that school life will continue seamlessly under her leadership.

Positive Behaviour for Success

This week’s value is

Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Congratulations to last week’s winners

Imika & Gracie Kate
Congratulations Sienna!

Last Friday Sienna participated in the State Cross Country carnival where she finished 39th in her age division. Congratulations Sienna, what an amazing effort!

Music Festival

Once again our school is participating in the Shoalhaven Music Festival. This year our school is performing on the evening of Thursday 4th September.

Our choir consists of every student in Years 3-6. Their first rehearsal will be held on Thursday 7th August at Bomaderry Public School. A note will go home next Monday, but there will be no charge to parents as the school will cover the cost of the bus.

Gymnastics

Our students had a great initial gym session last week and are no doubt looking forward to this Friday.

Last week we stated that the cost of the program is $40 which equates to $4 per session spread over 10 weeks. However, we have been informed that there are only 8 sessions at a cost of $5 each. This obviously won’t effect those paying the lump-sum, but needs to be taken into account if you are paying weekly. Please rectify this with Ruth if necessary. Apologies for the confusion.

District Athletics Carnival

Last week notes went home with students who have qualified for the district athletics carnival. Please note competitors will need to complete a PSSA medical note, as well as the note that was sent home last week. Please have both notes returned by the end of this week.

Our list of competitors are as follows:

Declan, Zachary, Sienna, May, Chloe, Lochlan, Georgia, Grace, Kobey, Colbee, Emily, Rory, Jayden, Keira and Erin.

Canteen

Today a roster and menu has been sent home with the bulletin for Term 3.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Yr 6 will be having a Guessing Competition. How many lollies in the jar. At recess each day for 2 weeks 50c a guess or 3 for a $1.00. Proceeds go towards the Yr 6 gift to the school.

Book Club

Today Book Club brochures were sent home. Anyone wishing to purchase a book please have the order returned by 29th July.

After School Sport

All positions have been filled for After School Sport. If you have not heard from the school and we have received your EOI sheet, your child has been accepted. The program recommences next Tuesday between 3:10 and 4:10.

Assembly

Please note there will be no assembly this week because of our Education Week assembly next Tuesday.

Uniforms

If you have any uniform requirements please have your orders in by this Friday 25th July. Please see talk to Ruth if you require a pricelist/order form.

Happy 100 days!

Today Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school. What an amazing 100 days they have been! A big thank you to our helpers.