Notes from the Principal

School Attendance: The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act requires you to explain your child’s absences within 7 days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded.

If possible, please call the School on the day of absence (from 8:30am) or on the day your child returns to school (by phone or absence slip).

If you receive a letter of explanation for an unexplained absence, please return it as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. Continued unexplained absences will lead to investigation by the Home School Liaison Officer.

Applications for Extended Leave (travel or holiday)? From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School – Procedures. Travel outside of vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. Parents can fill out a form for extended leave which will be considered by the Principal. Principals are able to approve applications for extended leave under certain circumstances. Applications are available from the school office.

School News

Brekky Club: Brekky club is run every morning from our canteen by staff volunteers and available to any student who is hungry after their journey to school. Thank you to those volunteers for your time and dedication and we would like to say a big thank you to In The Mix bakery and Woolworths for their ongoing support by supplying food items to keep this program running.

PBS Awards: Congratulations to Luka Cowles, Hayden Gray-Thompson and Lola Houston who all received PBS awards at Monday’s K-2 assembly. Stage 2 and 3 wristband awards are being distributed in the classroom this week due to the special assembly next week. Award recipients are: Bailie Noack, Kyle Hansen, Bethany Winslow, Jessie Wallace, Nesta Williams, Annabell Gray, Stonie Campbell, Toby Want and Jayden Reyneke. Congratulations.

P & C Trivia Night: Tickets are selling fast for this coming Saturday’s Trivia Night fundraiser. This event is for 18 years and over and is set to be a fun, friendly night that will raise funds for new school resources. Tickets are $15 each, those in attendance will receive nibbles to eat and will have access to great auction prizes that will raise money for our school. If you want to sit with your friends book for a team of 8, or for those who cannot get a team together you are welcome to join one of the part-tables already booked. You can purchase tickets from Club Sapphire or ring Club Sapphire to purchase tickets over the phone, using your credit card, on: 64951306. Have a great night.

Stage 2 News

NRL Gala Day: The National Rugby League development officers are running a Stage 2 Gala Day at Pambula Sport Complex tomorrow, 18th June. The Merimbula students who have accepted an invitation will be playing in non-competitive league tag games or 8-aside non-competitive rugby league tackle games. These days are organised to develop skills and positive attitudes to sport in a fun, non-competitive environment.

PBS: This week five students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix. Awarded were: Sam Hsiaso for Care, Angus Kew and Elouise Hicks for Fairness and Jayden Reyneke received a wristband for completing his Respect Matrix four times.

Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to the Stage 2 students who qualified for the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival by gaining places at our Carnival. The Zone Carnival will be held at Bega on Friday, 31st July.

Conversations: This week’s parent/caregiver/child conversation topic is ‘Explain and show how a simple machine in your house works e.g. old fashion egg beater (lever, gear & screw), nut cracker (lever) or something more challenging like the parts in a car engine or washing machine. How does a microwave oven work?’

Stage 3 News

Athletics Field Events: Due to the many activities happening on Friday, the athletics field events were postponed for the 11yrs and 12/13yrs. We will work with the weather to run them for these students over the next 2 weeks.

Kianinny Camp: An expression of interest went home today with all year 5 students for...
the Kianinny Camp in Term 4. These are due by the end of term with a $50 deposit. Please contact Mr Hughes if you have any questions.

Bournda Environmental Science Day: Last Friday I went to Bournda for an environmental science day. It was really fun. We took our bikes and got to ride on a really long, sandy track. We learned all about bird feathers and types of birds. We then swapped groups and went type bird watching. We learned how to use binoculars properly, it was quite fun. I saw a blue wren, they are my favourite birds.

By Jake Hansen

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