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NEWSLETTER –Monday 7th October 2014 - Term 4, Week 1

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you all had a lovely holiday together!

REMINDERS
Tuesday 7th Oct  Students return term 4/ Urgent P&C meeting 3.15pm
Tues 7th Oct AASCP- Lawn Bowls 2 - 3pm (2 sessions)
Fri 10th Oct Ship of Fools water saving play K-6 - Free!
Sat 11th Oct BUNNINGS BBQ- Parent Helpers needed!
Tues 14th Oct Responsible Pet Ownership session K-2
Wed 15th Oct Killarney Heights Band visit 9.30am- Morning tea required for visitors. Parents welcome
Thurs 16th Oct School Photo morning/ Hunter Water filming session.
Fri 17th Oct Boating Safety session K- 6 12.30pm
Tues 21st Oct Planttrade excursion for Yr. 3-6  2:15pm-3pm. Transport needed
Tues 21st Oct Grandparents afternoon beach walk 3.30 - 4.30pm (Y3-6 pick up from Planttrade)
Fri 24th Oct AASCP Surfing for Yrs. 3 - 6 and beach cricket for K-2 (x 3)
Mon 10th-Fri 21st Nov Special Swimming Scheme at Tomaree Aquatic Centre 11:15 - 12pm
Thurs 6th Nov AASCP- OZTAG at school 3 - 4pm, Kindergarten Orientation 9.30 – 11.00 am.
Thurs 13th, 20th & 27th Nov -Kinder Orientation, 1.30 – 3.00 pm.
Tues 18th Nov Radio 100.9  9.30am
Tues 2nd Dec Scripture Christmas puppet show
Mon 15th Dec Presentation evening/BBQ/ Reports/ play 5-7pm
Tues 16th Dec Beach picnic
Wed 17th Dec Last day students/ clean-up day.
Thurs 18th Dec Staff development day

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS - Welcome to Mrs Anne-Marie Reid who will be completing 4 weeks of practical experience on Mrs Elliott’s class starting today and then Mrs Rechelle Parker who will complete 4 weeks from Mon 27th Oct on Mrs Elliott’s class. Please make them feel welcome as you always do.

Ms Linda Merrilees - is on leave for first two Thursdays at our school. Mrs Linda Vile will be taking her place for art/ library lessons.

Active After School Sport – Tuesdays; this term will see lawn bowls catch up sessions (2) from 2 -3 pm, followed by beach walks at Wanda beach Salamander Bay (Grandparents day invite with afternoon tea) and Boat Harbour. (more info later).Fri surfing to start in Wk. 3 at One Mile beach 3.30 - 4.30pm. K-2 have been invited to participate in beach cricket, beach volley ball and beach relay races etc, which Laura and Megan will take.
After surfing/ HSC finishes OZTAG will commence with Jess and Sam at school from 3 - 4 pm.

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME - Mon 10th Nov - Fri 21st Nov from 11.15am to 12pm each day for two weeks. We received bus quotes which are very expensive for the 10 days and many parents are unavailable to assist with transport. We will try and arrange the sessions differently this year. We envisage taking K-2 only
and any other weaker swimmers in the older group. The rest will stay back at school with Mrs Elliott. We will contact the PCYC to see if they can provide a mini bus for the students who attend at a minimal cost. We could then have a swimming fun session on the last Fri 21st and BBQ for K - 6 if we can organise parents to assist with transport on that day only. The cost of pool entry is $2.80 per day. This will be discussed at today’s P&C meeting.

**Primary unit of work for term 4** - If a Tree Falls in a Rainforest - Will you hear it? Primary will be visiting our local Nursery (Planttrade) to view rainforest plants and learn how to make their own terrarium on Tuesday 21st Oct at 2pm. More details later.

**Message from Mrs Allen** -
Welcome back to school everyone. Wow! What a busy term we have ahead of us. This term K/1/2 will be learning about “Rainforests” as well as continuing to develop, and master, a range of Literacy and Numeracy skills through integrated learning experiences. In Literacy there will be a continued focus on reading, as well as enhancing independent writing skills. There will be some changes for Numeracy this term with Count Me In Too groups no longer running, however students will continue to focus on one specific numeracy concept per week, whilst reinforcing prior knowledge. In creative arts, K/1/2 will be learning their class play for the end-of-year presentation night. Costumes will be required for this play, so please be aware of notices that will be coming home regarding this over the coming weeks. We will endeavour to keep costs to a minimum and utilise clothing and props already at our disposal. In PDHPE, students will be participating in the school swimming scheme for two weeks, through which they will learn water safety and survival skills, as well as several swimming styles/strokes. Other PE lessons will focus on the mastery of Fundamental Movement Skills, using the correct (and safest) technique for physical activity skills. Personal Development lessons will be centred around safe living and healthy lifestyles. It will be a very busy, but fun filled term. We will also be preparing to welcome our new Kinders for next year, and also preparing year 2 for their move to the primary class next year.

**K/1/2 specific reminders** -
- Portfolios- Last term I sent home notices to some parents requesting portfolio folders to be sent to school. Thank you to those who were able to supply these. There are still a couple of students who do not yet have folders, and so I ask that these are sent to school ASAP if you have not done so already. Thank you.
- Sunblock- We will be beginning to apply sunblock at lunch time again as the weather is quickly warming up. If your child requires a specific sunblock due to skin allergies, please supply the school with a bottle/tube with your child’s name on it.
- Water- As above, the weather is warming up and children tend to dehydrate rather quickly when playing at lunch and recess. Please supply your child with a water bottle (with their name on it) so that they can fill it up throughout the day with water from our coolers. Some also like to pop a frozen bottle of water into lunchboxes.
- Hats- Our school policy is “No hat- No play”. If your child does not have a broad brim hat, They will not be allowed to play/participate in PE lessons in the sun. It is important that even if your child wants to play undercover, that they have a hat for daily PE lessons.

**Kindergarten Orientation/transition days**
This term we will be welcoming back our new Kindergarten students for next year. They will be joining us for 4 additional visits where they will be partnered with their buddies, become more familiar with the school, and develop friendships. The first of these sessions will be held on Thursday 6th November 2014 from 9:30-11:00 and will give teachers the chance to get to know students and their families. The other 3 visits will be on Thursday 13th, 20th and 27th of November from 1:30-3:00. During these sessions, the new Kindergarten students will be joining the current K/1/2 class for fun activities and games.

**Count Me In Too**
Due to a shortage of available helpers we will be unable to effectively run Count Me In Too groups this term. Thank you to those who have dedicated your time and effort to this program this year. The students have enjoyed exploring maths concepts this way and have benefitted from greater 1:1 support. It is yet to be determined if CMIT will run next year.
CULTURAL PROJECT - View www.BobsFarmHistoryTour.weebly.com if anyone is interested in looking and assisting with ideas and information. We have had 175 hits which is GREAT!

General Permission to Publish – Attached to Wk. 10 newsletter were permission notes for publishing for your child/children. Please read, sign and return form to the office ASAP.

Book Sales – Books and Gifts Direct are selling books through the front office. Just stop by the office and have a look at all the great items on sale at very reasonable prices.

P & C News –

Presentation Night is just around the corner and we require donations for our Christmas hampers. These will be raffled on the presentation night. Please send in non-perishable items to the school office so we can start to organise our hampers. Thank you for your donations.

Bunning's BBQ Saturday 11th October

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Thank you to everyone who has volunteered there time for this day. We have to be there at 8am to set up, so for those on the 8-10.30 time slot I will see you all there bright and early :) If there is a problem on the day and you can not make it could you please call me on 0409017071 to let me know. Thanks for your support.
Kirstie
STOCKTON BEACH CLEAN UP DAY
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2014 - 9AM TO 1PM
Come along & enjoy a fun day out, while helping to keep one of Australia’s most popular Beach.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NPWS ON 02 4984 8200.
You must register beaches beautiful!
Registration is from 9am at the Worimi Conservation Lands 4WD beach access at Lavis Lane or Birubi on the day, which will entitle you to a free Beach Vehicle Permit for the day, a sausage sizzle and the chance to win some great prizes!
BYO sunscreen, hats & gloves.