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NEWSLETTER –Monday 4th May 2015- Term 2 Week 3

REMEMBERS

Mon 4th May  NRL Backyard league clinic 12pm
Thurs 7th May  Paul Harragon Cup. Yr. 5/6 boys involved
12/13/14th May  NAPLAN testing Yr. 3, Yr. 5
Tues 12th May  Salamander Ten Pin Bowling 3.30pm
Mon 18th May  Grip Leadership day- Newcastle Panthers 9.30am 2pm
Wed 27th May  Backyard League session
Wed 3 June  Backyard League session 2pm
Thurs 4th June  Old World luncheon/ dance/games
Mon 8th June  Queen’s Birthday long weekend
Wed 10th June  Final Backyard league session 2pm
Wed 17th June  Local History Hunt excursion
Wed 24th June  NAIDOC week celebration

NAPLAN TESTS - Yr. 3 and Yr. 5 will be sitting these national tests on Tues/ Wed and Thurs 12th, 13th, 14th May in our school library. Additional staff will be employed to teach the remainder of the class.

Radio 100.9 - Thank you to Sarah and David for preparing their talk to present on radio last week. You were both very competent!

Sporting Schools program - We have been fortunate to begin a term 2 program with a successful registration and grant application. Therefore FREE Ten Pin Bowling at Salamander has been organised for K-6 students on Tuesday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm starting May 12th and ending on June 16th. Parent transport will be required or please make arrangements with other parents or friends. Please complete the permission form and return to school ASAP. We will also be organising sport presenters to take tennis lessons and touch sessions during school term.

Paul Harragon Cup – A new note has been issued for Baylie, Scott, Chris and Connor. Please meet Salt Ash PS at the venue canteen. Good luck and have a great day!

Backyard League Clinics- K-6 will participate in this two ½ hour sessions starting next week. In 2015 the National Rugby League Game Development in conjunction with the Newcastle Knights offered a FREE in-school program for schools in the Newcastle area called ‘Backyard League’ which we have procured for BFPS. The ‘Backyard League’ concept is a 3-4 week program consisting of 3-4 x 30 minute sessions with each class. The first two weeks of the program will be delivered by our development staff and the 3rd week and 4th week are student and teacher directed (Mr Williams - materials will be left with the school to enable this). Week 5 is an intra-school ‘Gala Day’ whereby students play their own version of non – contact Rugby League against each other with the assistance of development staff and their teacher. This program can be adapted to be a 3 or 4 week program also depending on the specific schools requirements.
The Backyard League concept revolves around sustainability of the game in that students are left with the knowledge of how to create their own form of Rugby League regardless of player numbers, ability, field size etc. using our rule ‘matrix’.

In the last week of the program every student in Years 3 – 6 that participates will receive a Brand New Rugby League Ball from Coles and children in K – 2 will receive a free Rugby League Book. The school will also receive a Rugby League Kit of 10 Rugby League Balls and 20 markers.

[Please note that all of our programs are suited to both boys and girls and there is absolutely no experience with Rugby League required and there will be no player to player tackling unless it is requested by your school]

The Backyard League program is suited for Primary and Infants students. We are glad to present it to the students of Bobs Farm PS.

Anna Bay Rugby Team – Congratulations to Connor and Baylie for trying out for the Anna Bay School Rugby League team. The team will be announced next week. Good luck to you both!

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY- Please see separate note for our Yr. 6 students. Our school has kindly paid the $35 cost for each ticket for this student centred conference. Please meet Mrs Nye at school by 8.20am with lunch, water bottle and note paper and pen ready for a great day of Leadership activities with other school students across the region. We will need another car to help with transport as Mrs Nye cannot fit all the children in her car!

Applications for Opportunity Class, Year 5, 2016 – Applications are now open for online registrations. Applications close on 15th May. You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.au/ocplacement If you have any questions please speak to Megan or Caroline at school.

Primary unit of work - Primary are covering a History theme; Community and Remembrance in term 2. This topic provides a study of identity and diversity in both local and the broader context. Moving from heritage in the local area, students will explore the historical features and diversity of their community. They will examine local, state and national symbols and emblems of significance and celebrations and commemorations both locally and around the world. We will be learning some colonial dancing and organising an afternoon of colonial dress ups/ dances and games! Our Stephanie Alexander kitchen/garden program will run again. We will invite some local elders to speak to our students. Staff also plan to organise a K-6 local history hunt. We envisage visiting Anna Bay cemetery, Gun embattlements at Tomaree heads, The Recycling Centre and the Inner Light House. At the end of term we will have a NAIDOC celebration by inviting Hunter River High Indigenous dance students and special guests in to our school. Lots to organise and lots of fun learning!

Note from Mr Williams – Hi carers and parents: The Primary class are doing a science unit of work on colour (white light). We are going to make colour tie-dyed T-shirts. Could each student please bring in a plain white T-shirt? They are available from Target, Kmart etc. for a few dollars.

Kind regards Michael Williams.

FUN & GAMES - As the wintry weather is fast approaching we may need to spend some of our lunch or recess time indoors during term 2 and 3. In anticipation of this and to tie in with our theme of Then and Now – toys and games, we would like students to bring in a board game from home that they may like to play with their friends in the library starting this week on Wednesday and Friday. Ideally these would be able to be played by 2 or more players and completed in one lunch session. Examples may be: Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders, Chess, Uno, Snap, Connect 4, Boggle, Mastermind, or Pictionary. Playing board games improves student’s literacy and numeracy skills as well as problem solving and social skills. And they are FUN!
Girls Leadership Initiative - Produce sales!

Dear Parents and carers:
Please be aware that the school fundraiser will be opening on Thursday 7th of May.
We would like to sell school produce to provide chicken food dispensers and raise money for the school canteen. Everything will cost under $3. Produce includes:
Mandarins $1 for 3
Oranges 50c each
Rosemary 50c for 2 sticks
Eggs half a dozen for 42.50
Basil mix $1 a bag
Lettuce $1 each
Thank you Dior Toppazzini and Sarah O’Donnell

P & C NEWS

Canteen will resume this Friday 8th May. Thank you.

Next P&C meeting: Tuesday 12th May at Ten Pin Bowling as students will be occupied playing in their teams.

Entertainment Books: These books will again be available from our school. Remember $12 from each sale will go to our school. Please speak to Caroline or Kirstie for information. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM 6 week program
Salamander SuperStrike – Tues 3.30-4.30pm
I hereby give permission for my child/ren………………………………………………………………..to participate in the Free SuperStrike Ten Pin Bowling session for 6 weeks at Salamander.
Sorry my child …………………….is unable to attend due to other commitments……
I am able to assist in taking students…….Number……
I am unable to assist with transport…………but will pick my child/ren up by 4.30pm
I will make arrangements with other parent to return my child home afterwards. Name of helper…………
I am able to stay most afternoons at Superstrike to assist if necessary…………
My child will have extra afternoon tea packed on Tuesdays………
Signed…………………………………….Date…………………………………

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY- Monday 18th May at Newcastle Panthers
I hereby give permission for my son/daughter ………………………………………………..to attend the Grip Leadership day at Newcastle Panthers Club, travelling with Mrs Nye or another parent in a private vehicle.
I am able to assist with extra transport………
Signed…………………………………………….Date…………………………….
HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July ’15 and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, or call your local coordinator, Dianne on 0429406126 to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!