



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

BBQ/Trivia Night	6.30pm	Saturday	12 th March
School closed		Monday	14 th March
Term ends		Friday	8 th April
Term 2			
Staff return		Wednesday	27 th April
Students return		Thursday	28 th April
P&C Meeting		Wednesday	4 th May

Please note Tuesday the 26th April is a Public holiday as Anzac Day and Easter Monday fall on the same day.

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all parents who helped on the excursion to the Canberra Show. It was a most enjoyable day. The highlight of the trip was my fantastic exploits with my co-driver 'Little Jacob'. We certainly cleaned up a few slothful Wee Jasper drivers on the dodgem cars. Seriously though good luck in your attempts at driver training when they eventually reach the age of securing their L Plates.



It has been a busy start to the year! A warm welcome to our new students Maddy, Sophie and Daniel and families to our little school.

At the moment I am in the process of writing the 2010 Annual School Report. You will find 3 surveys attached to this newsletter. If possible I would greatly appreciate them returned back to school by this Friday. The survey focus is on the 'Learning' that takes place in the classroom. To assist in answering the questions please read the Best Practice Statements for each question area in the learning survey. The second short survey on the PE/PHD page seeks your views on areas the school performs well in and ideas for further improvements and the third survey seeks your opinion on the PE Health program of the school.

Alternate Work Agreement

Please note that the school is closed this coming Monday due to our 'Alternate Work Organisation' agreement.

Uniforms

Uniform orders will be ready to be collected by parents from the school on Tuesday/Wednesday next week. You will need to pay when you pick these up. If you are unsure of how much you owe please contact me.





Stationery

Next week all students will be issued with a full set of stationery, which will meet all their needs in the classroom. Students will be encouraged to develop good routines for looking after their tools of the trade! Should replacement equipment be needed after next week a note will be sent home detailing what needs to be replaced. Please encourage your child of the need to look after their belongings.

Sydney Trip

At the last P&C meeting discussion took place as to whether families would be interested in joining up with the students on Saturday 29th May, 11am, to watch the Walking with Dinosaurs spectacular to be held at Acer Arena in Sydney. This would allow a social time to be had by all families in the big smoke that weekend. The drawback is that cheaper student tickets cannot be bought by the school (mid week prices), however, I am led to believe that the extra costs would be worth it as the men of the valley are very keen to visit the NSW Art Gallery. The ladies are not giving much away about their plans but I did overhear something about room service and 5 star hotels.

Cost of tickets to Walking with Dinosaurs is \$69.90/child, \$89.90/Adult.

Please indicate on the return slip whether your family would be interested in attending the Walking with Dinosaurs show. Parents attending would take children back to Wee Jasper thereby reducing excursion transport costs.

The students and staff would travel to Sydney on the Wednesday by train and stay at the Youth hostel at Central railway. The focus of our excursion centres around our HSIE unit on the First Settlement.

Reading Tutors

Thanks again to Trish who is a regular reading tutor once again this year. Welcome to Sascha who is listening to children read in the morning and kindly volunteered to undertake jobs around the school which I never quite seem to get around to. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with the reading program or in other areas of the school please have a chat with me.



P&C News

Congratulations to the following people who graciously accepted positions on the P&C this year:

President Michael Carey
Secretary Kate Howarth
Treasurer Ana O'Brien

My thanks to the P&C for supporting the school through financing the following:

Tan Bark or school playground equipment
Sydney excursion
Seniors excursion to Broken Bay.

Don't forget the fundraising BBQ at the hall this Saturday night 6.30pm prior to the National Geographic Trivia Night.

Voluntary contributions

Voluntary contributions for the school for 2011 are \$100 per child for excursions and \$20 per child for text books. This can be paid to the school in instalments.

Regards
Mark