Principals Report

Election of School Captain and Sports Captains
We are currently organising the election process for our 2016 School and Sports Captains. After review of the Nomination for School Captains Policy, it has been decided to continue to implement the nomination criteria and election of Sports Captains. We will follow the same processes from the 2014 policy of nomination and voting, ie Years 3 to 6 will nominate and the whole school will vote for 1 boy Captain, 1 girl Captain and 4 Sports Captains.

The timeline for nominations, speeches and voting is:

**Week 5**
- Students put themselves forward for Boy/Girl Captains and/or Sports Captains
- Years 3 to 6 nominate Captains and Sports Captains
- Nominations counted

**Week 6**
- Candidates standing for election are announced at assembly
- Candidates wear identifying badges

**Week 8**
- Candidates present a speech at K-6 assembly
- Students K-5 and staff vote following speeches
- Votes counted

**Week 9**
- Leadership team announced at Presentation Day

Public Speaking Finals
Due to unforeseen circumstances, our finals in the Public Speaking competition will now be held on Monday, 9th November. Information will be sent to you closer to the date.

CSU Practicum Teacher
The school welcomes Miss Emilie Miller who has joined us and will be working with 3/4W for the next 5 weeks. We hope her time with us is rewarding and a great learning opportunity.

Class Shield
As there are still a number of children who aren’t wearing hats, we will continue to focus on children wearing a hat while outside. If your child has lost their school hat, a new one can be purchased from the front office for $10.

PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION
I would like to thank Mrs Scanes for her organisation of the swim school which ran over 2 weeks and to Mr Grimley, Mrs Hemming and Miss Bower for their support at the pool.

Working together as partners in the education of your child.
Meryl Tremain
STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

We are proud of…

OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Thalia Ruming and Bryce Urquhart are our students of the week. Thalia is congratulated for improved confidence in mathematics and Bryce for the initiative he has shown in the library helping to take care of school property. Well done Thalia and Bryce.

OUR ASSEMBLY AND PLAYGROUND AWARD WINNERS

Evie Adams and Samantha Hanrahan are congratulated for wearing their school uniform throughout the week. They both received a prize to thank them.

OUR WINNERS OF THE CLASS SHIELD

Congratulations to 3/4W who are the winners of this week’s class shield. Students are congratulated for wearing their school uniform with pride. Katelyn Holman and Reece Urquhart accepted the shield on behalf of 3/4W.

LIBRARY NEWS

Last Wednesday several classes had the opportunity to meet author Jess Jennings and illustrator Marie Billington. Jess read the students his new book The Bronze Thong Wild Bush Horserace. The story follows the dreams of a little country horse and his ambitions to race. Students not only enjoyed the reading but also asked questions, held winning ribbons, touched a saddle and learnt a little about horse riding. The book is available at the office for $14. Jess is donating $5 from each sale to the library. Copies can be signed personally by both author and illustrator.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped cover and tape books in the library on Monday morning. The books look fantastic and are on the shelves ready for borrowing. Your support is valued and greatly appreciated.

Nichole Wade
Teacher Librarian

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following children will be presented with their Striving Higher Awards at the assembly this Friday, 30th October at 12pm.

5 Awards
Angelina Nand, Alyssa Stephens

10 Awards

P&C NEWS

Canteen Roster:
30/10 Carmel Browne, Bernice Schwartz
2/11 Diane Hanrahan, Vilma Lewis
6/11 Katrina Tobin, Mel Corby
9/11 Jo Curran, Gill Priest

WHOOPING COUGH

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

•Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
•If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
•Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055