

Term 3 – Week 3

Monday 29 July, 2013

Coming Events

Education Week – *see attached flyer*

Tues 30

Village Fair meeting Staffroom 6.30pm
Dragons visit K-6. Sports uniforms can be worn

Wed 31

ICAS English Assessments for participating students

Open Day Activities- *see attached flyer*

Thurs 1 Aug

District Athletics Carnival
Jeans for Genes day - *see attached flyer*
Bunnings painting - day 2

Fri 2 Aug

District Athletics Carnival
Canteen Recess special – Milk Shake & Muffin
Dance2BFit K-6

Next Week

Tues 6

OOSH meeting 6.15pm in the staffroom

Wed 7

P&C meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

Fri 9

Dance2BFit K-6

Payment Reminders

Dance2BFit \$27 – whole school activity. Due 19/8/13

District Athletics Carnival – participating students \$9 per day. Due 30/7/13

Pass The Poetry \$4 Due 19/8/13 K-6

Southern Stars tickets + bus money \$25. For students who have previously ordered tickets

VILLAGE FAIR

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon, Wed & Fri – open for recess and lunch

Tues & Thurs – open for lunchtime snacks only

Tuesday	Diana Mitrecski Allison McKenzie
Wednesday	Stuart Wilkson Tracy Ellem
Thursday	Denise De Martin Brooke Kiley
Friday	Anne McKay Amanda Taylor Cathy Badans Kerry Hatchman Rebecca Anderson
Monday	Carmen Lemmen Catherine Hailstone



Happy Birthday to Emily Penniall, Emmaline Pirie, Yolanda Chichkan, Brylee Ellem and Macey Synott **who are celebrating their birthdays this week.**

P&C Social Night. Pencil it into your diaries and remember to buy your tickets.

Wine & Wig Night
Saturday 24th August, 7pm
Figtree Heights Public School Hall
BYO Wine and Nibbles.....
and we will supply the entertainment, games, music and prizes.
Tickets \$10 per person from the school office

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week the school celebrates 'Education Week' with lots of planned activities to showcase the many programs operating at school. Please be encouraged to come along and share with your child their learning successes during Open Day activities this Wednesday. Please refer to the Education Week overview note previously distributed and the flyer that accompanies this weeks' newsletter.

Good luck to our Southern Stars performers with their rehearsal today, and to our senior Netball team for their State Knockout game tomorrow against Mt Terry Public School.

This Thursday and Friday a number of our athletes will be competing at the District Athletics carnival at Beaton Park, with successful competitors moving on to the Regional carnival in Canberra on 23 August.

A reminder that tomorrow, students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform for participation in the 'Dragons' Activity day being held at the school.

In addition there are a number of students involved in the University of NSW English test this week. We wish them well!

We look forward to seeing many of our school families throughout the week as we celebrate 'Education Week 2013'

Finally a number of Bunnings staff will be supporting our school on Wednesday and Thursday, painting some brightly coloured squares, and assisting with planting. We appreciate their support of our school.

What a busy week!

Regards
Wayne Thomas



Now you know

Why are many money boxes shapes like pigs?

Because long ago, dishes and

cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks'. When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Tickets are now available for the Southern Illawarra Music Festival Performance Night at Shellharbour Club on Tuesday 13 August

Tickets are \$15 per person (no child concessions) and are available from the school. Send payment in an envelope, by Friday 9 August, clearly marked with your child's name, class and how many tickets you require. Otherwise you can purchase your ticket at the door on the performance night.

Village Fair Update

Side Show Alley – Volunteers needed. A volunteer note accompanies this newsletter calling for volunteers for side show alley. Write your name and contact details on the form and return it to school via the classroom or drop it into the office.

Village Fair raffle information went out with last week's newsletter. Each class have a 'themed basket' which will be raffled off at the Village Fair. Students are asked to donate an article to their baskets. The themes are:

Baby – K1W & KP

Mum – 1HF & 2P (basket located in 2P)

BBQ/Cooking – 2/3T & 3N

Sport – 4SP & 4T

Party Pack – 6O

The committee thanks all families for supporting the Fair and look forward to a great day of fun.

Library Information

Congratulations to **Emily Rutledge** (3N)

Charlotte Neill (2/3T) and **Chloe Rutledge** (K/1W) for completing their Reading Challenge. Great job! Only five weeks to go before this year's Premier's Reading Challenge finishes so keep reading if you haven't as yet finished your Reading Challenge.

BOOK WEEK

Our Book Week celebrations will be held on Tuesday, 20th August with a dress-up parade and a performance presentation by *Pass the Poetry, Please!*

The dress-up parade theme is simplicity itself: *My favourite character, person or thing*. Children, and parents, too, if you wish, can dress-up as anything or anyone they like and have the opportunity to show everyone who or what is their favourite. There will be a participation book prize for a lucky person in each class who dresses up and parades. Importantly, the parade is not a competition, just an opportunity to dress-up and experience the characters of the world. The *Pass the Poetry, Please!* performance presents poetry in a theatre-like environment and includes characters from both Australian and traditional poetry as well as paper folding and a magician. The emphasis of the performance is to actively engage the audience in having fun with words in a poetry environment. The performance lasts for 50 minutes and costs \$4.40 (includes GST) per student. A permission note has been sent home today with the school newsletter. If you would like more information regarding *Pass the Poetry, Please!* you can visit their website at: <http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/spt/shows/2014/PassThePoetryPlease.php>

The Library roster for next week is:

Tuesday	Ethan C & Nathan G
Wednesday	Bailey C & Ebony F
Thursday	Oshini H & Isaac M
Friday	Isaac M & Ethan C, Liam W, Lauren R

Thank you.
Warren Rich
Teacher-Librarian

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and

personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 4228 6555.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Southern Stars EXTRA!

Parents/Carers have you purchased your tickets yet?

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Southern Stars, and with only a month to go until the performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 30 and Saturday August 31, now is the best time to purchase your tickets. Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances of this year's show – make sure you are one of them!

EXTRA! is the title of this year's show, and the theme explores the changing face of media and news and information gathering.

The show incorporates all of the usual elements you would expect in a musical arena spectacular show but there will be a few interesting surprises too, including a circus troupe, swing band, and an unorthodox marching band to name just a few.

You don't have to have a child in the show to purchase a ticket - if you are a fan of great family entertainment then Southern Stars is the show for you.

Tickets are on sale now through Ticketek and are priced as follows: Adult \$45, Pensioner and student over 12 \$35, Student/Child under 12 \$25 and Family pass \$130. www.ticketek.com.au



Figtree Heights OOSH

After School Care 3pm – 6pm

Vacation Care 8am – 6pm

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