Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those parents who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. Communication between parents and teachers is vital to building a strong working relationship. When we work together, and have high expectations of our children, amazing results can be achieved. It was great for all teachers to have so many interviews. If you were unable to make interviews last week, please see your child’s class teacher to make a suitable time.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight in the school library from 7:00pm. Please come along and have a say in your children’s education.

No Bullying Day of Action/Harmony Day

Friday 21st March is National Day of Action Against Bullying. Our school will be supporting this initiative with activities in the classroom, focusing on strengthening the message that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. We will also be supporting Harmony Day with children completing activities and posters about Harmony Day - respecting everyone who calls Australia home, from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from the many counties around the world.

Arriving Late/Student Absences

Just a reminder: that our school day commences at 9:10am. The morning routine in all classrooms is very important. Could you please make every effort to have your child/ren at school before 9:10am to start the day with their class. Attendance at school is compulsory. If your child is late, please send a note or personally bring them to the office and sign them in. If your child has missed school, you need to write a note or phone the school with the following information:

- your child’s name and class
- the date/s and number of days absent
- a reason for the absence

Children who are absent 2 or more days sick will require a medical certificate from their doctor. If your child is going to be away for an extended period of time eg family holiday, then you must see Mr Allibon or Miss Fage in the office to apply for an exemption from school. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) regularly checks late arrivals and absences and will be contacting parents and caregivers if there is a pattern or any unexplained absences.

SRC Disco

A reminder that our first SRC Disco for the year will be held next Tuesday 25th March. “The 80’s” is the theme for the disco and children are encouraged to wear something from that era. The canteen will be open for snacks and entry is by gold coin donation. The K-3 disco will be from 5:00pm – 6:30pm and the Years 4 – 6 disco from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Parents are reminded that children are to be collected from the school hall at the end of the disco by an adult.

Mini Canteen - Recess

Just a reminder: that the SRC runs a mini canteen at recess time each day. Children can purchase healthy snacks (up to 2 packets) for $0.50 each.

Program and Resource Fee

Thank you to those families that have paid their child/ren's Resource and Program Fee or arranged to pay by instalments. Your support with this contribution is very much appreciated and is an investment in your child/ren’s education and our school. Don’t forget we have Eftpos facilities available.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 18th March
P&C Meeting – 7:00pm

Friday 21st March
“Bullying. No Way!” Day
Harmony Day

Tuesday 25th March
“The 80’s” SRC Disco

Thursday 3rd April
Athletics Carnival

Monday 7th April
Paul Kelly Cup

Friday 11th April
Cross Country
Last Day Term 1

SRC News

The SRC are busy preparing for our 80’s theme disco, “Bullying. No Way!” day and our Easter raffle. Our Life Skills students will be helping with the catering for the disco.

The SRC have purchased wrist bands for students for our “Bullying. No Way!” day on Friday 21st March, which is also Harmony Day.

Look out for your Easter raffle tickets home today with the newsletter. Donations for eggs can come in as soon as you like!

Good Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Bailey Hanrahan.

REMINDER

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.

P&C News

P&C will be operating a canteen at the Disco on the 25th March. Parents are asked to donate:
- cupcakes
- fairy bread
- muffins or slices

 Helpers will also be needed on the night. This is not a difficult task, but without your support there will be no canteen for the children. Please let Miss Fage in the school office know what you will be donating (goods or time). Your help will be appreciated by all the children. All food donations can be left at the school office on the day or dropped at the canteen when you bring your children.

Thank you to the ‘Senior Life Skills’ students, who are assisting with the catering - making the Pizza Bread and Pikelets.

Notes sent home recently

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.
Class K-1
We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day and Bullying – No Way on Friday. The first SRC Disco will be held on Tuesday 25th March. The theme is ‘The 80’s’, if you do not have a costume students can come dressed in casual clothes. Entry is a gold coin and food will be available to purchase for supper from the canteen. The junior’s (K to Year 3) time is 5:00pm – 6:30pm. The disco will be held in the school hall. Students should be dropped off and picked up from the first set of hall doors.

Class 1-2
Well done to Fletcher Wright for reaching 25 marbles last week. A fine effort so early in the Term. Next week Class 1-2 will be cooking ‘a healthy pizza lunch’ as part of their Science Unit. Students will be able to select from a variety of healthy toppings to fit the brief of a healthy lunch. Please let your child indicate if they have any allergies or sensitivities to certain foods. Pita bread will be used as the bases of our pizzas. If anyone is free Thursday morning to assist, your help would be greatly appreciated. News topic for this week is ‘What is your favourite movie?’

Class 3-4
Thank you to all our visitors who came for our Assembly item last Thursday. We really enjoyed performing and getting dressed up in character. Last week was another busy week at school. We spent some time investigating a new online Comprehension program Reading Eggs, which we will continue to use. We have also been learning to formulate deeper questions in our mind as we read or view text about why something may be happening in the story. This is an important Comprehension strategy when reading. It was beneficial to meet with most parents last week to discuss how your child is settling in and progressing in the classroom, and to answer any questions that you may have had. Thank you for coming in and meeting with me.

Class 4-5
Thank you to all the parents that came in and saw me last week for parent teacher interviews. It was good to see so many and to get some constructive feedback about your child’s learning. This week we will be holding Athletics trials so students will get a chance to qualify for events for our annual Athletics Carnival. Well done to Imogen for competing at the Riverina Swimming Carnival last week, it was a great achievement. Have a great week everyone!

Class 6
The students were both nervous and excited about their first transition session last week at Billabong High. Lots of apprehensions previously held have now disappeared since having their tour and finding out a bit about high school. We’re two thirds of the way through our novel study “Rowan of Rin”. Students didn’t want to stop reading last week in anticipation of what was going to happen to Rowan next on his journey. The students started making their Energy Efficient Houses last week. If anyone has any resources (mainly items you’d put in your recycling bin), please drop them off at the Year 6 room.
On the Ball and On The Go

SRPSSA Swimming Carnival

Well done to the students who represented our school at the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival last Monday. Even though we were unsuccessful making it onto Riverina, all students should be proud of their fine achievements. Well done.

SRPSSA Tennis Trials

Sophie Schulz missed out by a mere game at the Tennis Trials last Friday in Griffith, only just missing out on making it to the next round of Selections. Great effort Sophie!

Friday Sport/Athletics Carnival

Students aged 8 years and over will begin their Athletics trials this Friday during Sport. Students will trial in the field events, including high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. The top six students from each age group will then take part in these events at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 3rd April 2014.

ERPSSA AFL Trials

Good luck to Rory Jenkins, who heads off on Friday 21st March to compete in the Eastern Riverina AFL Trials in Coolamon.

Culcairn Public School Says No to Bullying and Violence

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Culcairn Public School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years. Download these free apps now in the Student’s section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

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Week 8

Monday 17th March
Tuesday 18th March P&C Meeting – 7:00pm
Wednesday 19th March Book Club Due Back
Thursday 20th March
Friday 21st March “Bullying. No Way!” Day
Harmony Day

Week 9

Monday 24th March
Tuesday 25th March SRC Disco “The 80s”
Wednesday 26th March
Thursday 27th March
Friday 28th March
In my picture the compu-loompa gave Mr. Wonka a chocolate bar and Augustus Gloop went up the pipe. Mrs. Gloop was scared. The clouds are made of strawberry fairy floss. The roof is made of blueberry gum the ground is made of candy. There is a chocolate river.

By Heather Linskin

My picture will be about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

I drew the chocolate river where Augustus Gloop fell while he was eating chocolate. An hour later Mr. Wonka’s luxury viking boat came down the chocolate river. Everyone was excited and amazed.

By Jamie Brady