



21st November 2014
Week 7 Term 4

Principal's News

What great result from the festival.

We had a couple of thousand people through the gate last Saturday night. It was a huge effort by all involved, especially our fantastic P & C. I would like to thank all the families for helping in many ways, either on the day or in the lead up to it. The International Food Festival has been going for over 40 years and none of it would happen without the support of our wonderful families. We raised over \$14000 on the night. I would like to make special mention of Trudy and Jason Tyson. They spent so many hours organising and cleaning up after the event. Thank you.

We have many events coming up in the next few weeks. Presentation night will be happening at the Midway Centre Buronga on Tuesday 16th December, starting at 6pm. Everyone is invited to come along, as all classes will be putting on a performance.

Reward day will be happening on Monday 15th December. All students who have not received 3 behaviour slips or been suspended during the term will get to go. At the moment, the whole school is able to attend...let's keep it that way. I would like to make lots of good phone calls home over the next couple of weeks, so keep up the good behaviour everyone!

Magic tickets arrived back today. If you ordered some they will be sent home in an envelope. We still have a couple of tickets left, so get your parents to head into the office and ask for some if you missed out ordering these free tickets before. We only have a few left so once they are gone we will have no more. The magic show is on 4th December at 6:30pm, therefore it is not a school event, it is up to families to take their own children. I hope you enjoy the night:)

Please have a chat to your children about the use of social media and messenger apps. With the school holidays coming up please have a look at what your child is accessing on line at home. School holidays is usually the time students try to link up with friends on line and it can lead to all sorts of problems. Make sure you remind them of the THINK poster below. Apps like Kik and Facebook are not appropriate for primary age children as people can access all kinds of information about your child. Have a look at the webpage link in this weeks newsletter for more information.

Kindergarten orientation is happening again. It runs from 2—3pm every Friday from weeks 2—7 (24th October to 28th November). All parents and carers bring their child and stay at school during this time. During weeks 3—6, parents get to hear from professionals who work in our school and even get a chance for their children to try on uniforms.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 10

Thursday 11th December

Year 6 Farewell Night

Friday 12th December

2015 Captain speeches (9am Assembly)

Week 11

Monday 15th December

Reward Day (Deakin Cinema)

Tuesday 16th December

6pm Presentation Night (everyone Welcome)

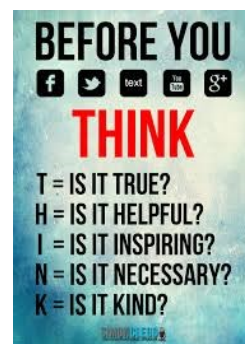
Week 1 2015

Wednesday 4th February

Year 1—6 students start school

Monday 9th February

New Kindergarten students start school



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App of the Fortnight

AUSSIE KIDS COUNT COINS

COST= \$2.49

Help your child learn the basics of maths with money!

Features six game modes to present the different ways in which money can be used: Buying things, Giving change, counting pocket money, comparing amounts, and more!

Stars are earned as the game is played, and each star helps fill the night scene, giving a goal to strive towards.

Bright, colourful, and cute characters pop up frequently, providing an entertaining and engaging app for children to enjoy.



LIBRARY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

In Outdoor Education/Science this week we have continued working on the "Making It Move Challenge". Congratulations to the group of Alyssa, Heather and Lauren whose car moved over the three metres using magnetic power, utilising the repelling force of the magnetic poles. Well done! Well done also to CJ, Elise and Amity for their efforts in producing a number of prototypes that we have also tested. We can identify how the design of these vehicles can be improved. Pat's design also rates a mention but he skinned his knee blowing it across the line. It could benefit from a few minor design modifications! There are still a couple to test but well done everyone for giving it a go!

The Grade 3/4 "Crack Me Up Challenge" is on this afternoon. We look forward to seeing what the outcome of the egg dropping and survival rate is! Tune in next newsletter for the results! The infants have been looking at the needs of plants and how we use different plants for food.

Get out in the garden and enjoy this lovely Spring weather!!!

Ms Niemann

LIBRARY

In the Library Mrs Harriss has been very busy doing the stock take now I will be spending the rest of the term trying to track down missing books, Please, if your child has books at home, encourage them to return them and borrow again a couple of times before school finishes.

I know it has been a bit tricky with Library days being a shifting tide, but the program should run as normal between now and the end of the year. Thanks

Merren

COOKING

Last Friday the Cooking Interest group made Cheesey Tuna Quasadillas. They are very easy and tasty. We used small tortillas but you could use larger ones, add another layer and use basically anything you fancy in them. Bacon, onion, left-over spaghetti sauce, spinach, let your imagination (or the children's) run wild!

Merren

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Website of the Fortnight

Cybersmart

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

There is so much here in this website to help parents understand social media and conversations you can have with your kids.

There is a whole section on Parent Controls. Parental controls help monitor and limit what your children do online. Find out which tools you should use to block out the bad stuff. has added 'plugins' to ensure that **bullying is out, and fun is in!**

There is even a Cybersmart blog...

Seeking expert cybersafety opinion or have a point of view? Share information and explore cybersafety issues.



P & C NEWS

Well what an awesome International Food Festival this year, thank you all so very much. A special thanks to Michelle Dowdy and Lauren Harris, I couldn't have done it without you and all the other parents.

We raised around \$14,000 for the night, so well done. We haven't had a meeting to decide what we are buying yet but Mrs Mirana is putting a list of ideas together. The TV on the night raffle was won by Georgina, the volunteer from the church, their TV died last week, so it went to a well deserving family.

1st Bob Jamkowski sold by Watson family
2nd Troy Berkel sold by McLean family
3rd Katherine John sold by Watson family
4th Selma Mayne
5th Belinda Mirana sold by Mirana family
6th Corinne McPhee sold by Geoff Spence
7th Sarah Harris sold on the night
8th Patricia Johnson sold by Johnson family
9th Di Brown sold on the night
10th Mick Brown sold by the Downing family
11th
12th John Nudge sold on the night
13th Lauren Harris's sold by Lauren
14th Sam Humphreys sold on the night
15th
16th Troy Neville sold by the Neville family
17th Ian Geruasoni sold by Collins family
18th
19th Andrew Lush sold by McLean family
20th Abby Harris sold on the night
21st
22nd Riley Hannah sold by Nello
23rd Donna Campbell sold on the night
24th Chris Antonie sold by the McLean family
25th Barry Cock sold by the Olofsson family
26th Felicity Rogers sold on the night
27th Thrill Riley Hanna sold by Nello
28th Roger Smith sold by the McLean family
29th Tyson Harris's sold by the Harris's family
30th Dave and Jamie Collins sold by them

Well done everyone

Next meeting next Fri (29th November) at 2.15pm please call in or send in your Food Festival Evaluation forms if you can't make this meeting.

I will be taking Polaroid photos at Presentation Night for \$2 if you would like to have photos with your friends bring your \$2 along:)

Trudy is going to run a Woolies card swap morning on a Tues (25th Nov) next week if you bring in your spares to trade and a list written by parents.

Thanks to Li Kuik for all your help with P & C lunches, you and Joyce will be missed next year, all the best in Japan.

Have a great fortnight

Trudy Tyson

P & C President

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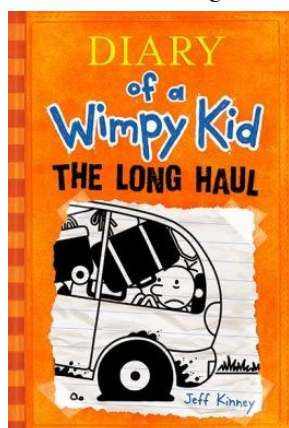
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Book of the Fortnight

*The Long Haul (Diary of
a Wimpy Kid Series #9)*

by
[Jeff Kinney](#)

A family road trip is supposed to be a lot of fun . . . unless, of course, you're the Heffleys. The journey starts off full of promise, then quickly takes several wrong turns. Gas station bathrooms, crazed seagulls, a fender bender, and a runaway pig—not exactly Greg Heffley's idea of a good time. But even the worst road trip can turn into an adventure—and this is one the Heffleys won't soon forget.



Cheesy Tuna Quesadillas

Serves 2

425g can tuna in spring water, drained,

2 tble sp Mayonnaise

1 spring onion, finely sliced

½ tsp Smoked Paprika

4 flour tortillas

½ red capsicum, finely sliced

½ cup grated cheese

1 tsp olive oil

Sour Cream to serve

- Combine the tuna, mayonnaise, spring onion and paprika
- Mix well
- Spread the tuna mix over 2 tortillas.
- Top with capsicum, grated cheese and the remaining tortillas.
- Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Gently slide the quesadilla into the pan.
- Cook for 1 minute on each side or until golden brown.
- Cut into wedges and serve with sour cream.



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Card games to play at home for maths:

K/1/2

Top it

Players take turns to flip one card from the deck and place it face up in front of them. Once all players have flipped a card the group decides who has the card with the largest or highest value. The winner of the round collects the other players cards.

3/4

Top It Addition and Subtraction

Players take turns to flip two cards from the deck and place it face up in front of them and add or subtract to find the total. The winner of the round is the person with the highest value.

NB Students must arrange so the larger card is first and in front of the smaller card.

5/6

Top It Multiplication

Players take turns to flip two cards from the deck and place it face up in front of them and multiply to find the total. The winner of the round is the person with the highest value card.



CLASS NEWS

K/1 News

It was with regret K/1 said goodbye to Mrs Nicholls last Friday. Mrs Nicholls had a fabulous time working in the class and was very impressed with the work level achieved. This week we have done some amazing writing and art work concerning the International Festival. It was a great night and every-one who attended obviously enjoyed themselves. Come into the classroom and read the students recounts. I am currently very busy trying to finalise assessments which are due to Broken Hill next week and then reports, plus we are practicing hard for Presentation night. Keep returning reader folders and get plenty of rest at home - we don't get much at school!!!

Thanks, Louise

3/4

It is going to be a busy few weeks leading up to the end of the term. We have lots of practice to do for our end of year performance and reports will be going home during the last week of school too.

In Maths we have been looking at perimeter, area and time.

In Literacy we have been doing descriptive writing about famous paintings.

We have been looking at many different countries celebrations in our HSIE unit.

Please keep doing your home reading and homework.

Have a great fortnight.

Mr and Mrs Mirana

1/2 News

Wow! Week 7 already, this term is really flying. I am having a lovely time on 1/2 during Mrs Hogarth's leave. I am really lucky to be given the opportunity to spend time with these fabulous kids.

We have been working really hard and producing some great work. In mathematics we have been concentrating on multiplication and division strategies. Our focus has been on making, saying and writing groups of, rows of, making equal shares, repeated addition, skip counting and more.

Mrs Hogarth's literacy group have been working on Koala Lou and the concept of belonging. We have been writing narratives based on this lovely story by well-known Australian author, Mem Fox. There are children in this group who are coming along in leaps and bounds in reading.

On Monday we were lucky enough to do some cooking with Mrs Gebert and we made some mini quiches. We will follow this up in class and recipes to come home soon!

In our cogs unit this term the 1-2 class has been learning about festivals and celebrations. Our focus for this week and last has been on India. The children really seem to enjoy learning about the similarities and differences between our cultures. We have even sampled a small variety of Indian food.

Our practice for our concert item has begun and Mrs Hogarth will communicate to 1-2 parents about what assistance we may need from you soon.

I am so proud of this wonderful little class, well done 1-2!!

Regards

Mrs Slade

News from Buronga Towers

It's almost December!!!!!! We have a few things still to happen before the end of the year.

Year 5 speeches will be on Friday 12 December during assembly. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen. The school will be voting straight after the speeches and school captains will be announced at presentation night.

Year 6 farewell will be held on Thursday December 11th. At this stage we are still investigating options but it will include a meal.

In class we have been watching #gameon, a TV show that was broadcast on ABC3 earlier this year. It was developed by the ACMA and is about online safety for children. This is becoming more and more important for children in this digital era. This week we discussed "What wouldn't you want a stranger to know about you?". We have had a look at how to set privacy settings on Facebook and what sort of information should stay private.

If you would like to know more about this have a look at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids/Watch%20Videos/GameOn.aspx> or come and see me.

Mr Stewart

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Please be careful not to park in
the Bus Zone out the front of
the school.

The Police will be Blitting the
area over the next couple of
weeks.



Could parents
and carers
please let the
office know if
your details or
phone numbers
or home
address has
changed in any
way, so that we
have an up to
date record on
your child. It is
very important.



2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015



\$150*
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ENERGY
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2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

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* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

WEB www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate



Don't forget this weekend is head
lice check weekend:)



1800 55 1800

Kids Helpline is a service of BoysTown.

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

My child was absent from school: Date/s _____

Reason: _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____

Cut here _____

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It's Bedtime!

How Many **ZZZs**
Does Your Child Need?



