



19th February 2015
Week 4 Term 1

Principal's News

What a busy start to the year.

It has been great to see all the Kindergarten students settle into routine so quickly. I would like to welcome all the new families to the school. I am sure you will love our little school as much as I do. Please remember if you have any concerns either make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher or make an appointment to come in and talk to me.

Next Monday (23rd Feb) we have "Meet the Teacher" night. We will have all classrooms open at 6pm for you to come in and have a look around. Pizza will be provided by the school at 6:30pm and then there will be the P & C AGM at 7pm. I hope to see all families at the open night. It is a good chance to hear your child's teacher talk about expectations and events that will be happening throughout the year.

Last Friday we held the school swimming carnival. Thank you to all the parents that came along and thank you to those who did timekeeping and helped out with the P & C BBQ on the day. All students were well behaved and it was great to see everyone get in the water and have a go. Due to the big numbers of infants coming through now, we will be holding a fun swim day next year (2016), at the Waves, later in Term 1, instead of infants participating in the big swimming carnival. We think this will be a better option for all those students who are not turning 8.

Congratulations to the Captains for their outstanding behaviour when representing the school at the local service for the commemoration of the bombing of Darwin. Mr Stewart said he was very proud, as you all did a fantastic job.

This week we have been lucky to have a specialist dance teacher from "Stomp" Melbourne, teaching all week. Sarah will be back later in the term to run a disco for us too.

Please don't park in the bus zone out the front of the school in the afternoon. I was talking with the local police last week and they said that if you are caught parking in the zone between 2:45pm and 3:15pm you will be fined \$311 and lose 3 points. The police will be blitzing this area over the coming weeks.

Flashing, "Go 40" signs, will be installed during the next few weeks. These are being installed throughout NSW schools. It is hoped that it will help remind people to slow down.

Crunch and Sip has changed at Buronga PS this year. Instead of fruit plates being provided to all classes, we are encouraging students to bring their own container of fruit in each day. Fruit should be cut up or easy to eat eg. Grapes, apple slices, carrot and celery sticks are good examples. These are not too messy and are easy for your child to munch on during class. ALL STUDENTS should have their own drink bottle with WATER, not cordial. Water is better at quenching your child's thirst rather than sugary drinks. Softdrinks and sports/energy drinks are NOT ALLOWED at school at anytime.

Homework has also changed this term. During Term 1, we are going to focus on HOME READING ONLY. We are not sending any other homework home this term. We will see how this goes but I encourage ALL students to make sure they read every night. Please also remember that the books they get home will be a little easier than what they are reading in class. Class reading is always a couple of levels above what they take home to read.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

I look forward to seeing you all at "Meet The Teacher" night.
Kind Regards

Belinda Mirana

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 4

All week

Stomp dance company

Week 5

Wednesday 25th Feb

Barrier Trials PSSA

Week 6

Friday 6th March

Murray Darling Swimming Carnival



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App of the Fortnight

KIDS PUZZLES PUZZINGO

COST= FREE

Kids love Puzzingo! Its puzzles are full of interactivity, animations, and sounds for many repeat plays. In addition, there is a daily preview of new puzzles that your child can look forward to everyday. Besides being entertained, your kid will build vocabulary, memory, and cognitive skills while playing. This tactile game also appeals to young kids and children with special needs. It helps kids develop spatial recognition, matching, tactile, and fine-motor skills. As for you parents, this game is designed to be playable by you and your child together, so you can participate and bond with your child.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2015

6PM OPEN CLASSES

6:30PM PIZZA

7PM P & C AGM

PLEASE NOTE: Year 6

students will be able to try on their Year 6 tops to get sizes on the night.

Greg Stewart will be going through how to download free software for home.



Library

Library sessions have begun on **Tuesday K/1, Wednesday 1/2, Thursday 5/6 and Friday 3/4**. A library bag to put books in is essential for all students, other than 5/6.

Please make sure your child has a library bag, there are bags available at the uniform shop in the office.

Looking forward to lots of books being borrowed and returned on a regular basis. Kinders will not be taking books home from the Library until next term, after they have become familiar with borrowing procedures.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the BBQ at the swimming carnival last week. It was a very successful day.

P & C AGM

23rd February 2015

7pm

All positions are declared open.

\$1 required if you wish to vote.

I hope to see you there.

Kind Regards

Trudy Tyson

P & C President

2015 Classes

K/1 - Mrs Olofsson

1/2 - Mrs Hogarth

3/4 - Ms Niemann and Mr Mirana

5/6 - Ms Niemann and Mr Stewart

Mrs Cock - Learning and Support Teacher, Reading Recovery and Library

Ms Niemann - Outdoor Education and Science

Mr Robinson - Music (all classes/Monday)

Mrs Mirana—Principal



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Book of the Fortnight

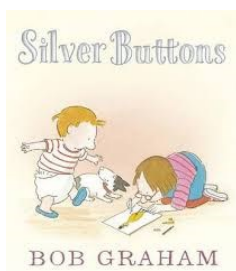
Silver Buttons

by

Bob Graham

At 9:59 on a Thursday morning,
Jodie draws a duck. As her pen
hovers in the air, ready to add a
silver button to the duck's boot,
her little brother Jonathan push-
es to his feet, sways, and takes
his first step. At the exact same
moment, their mom plays a
pennywhistle in the kitchen, a
man buys fresh bread at the
bakery, a baby is born, a soldier
says good-bye to his mom, a
granddad and granddaughter
play with leaves in the park, a
blackbird finds a worm. . . .

From an ordinary scene of an
apartment strewn with child's
artwork and toys to a bird's-eye
view of a city morning pulsing
with life, Bob Graham cele-
brates a whole world-vision in a
single moment, encouraging
readers to stop, observe, and
savour the world around them



Stuffed Capsicums in Tomato Sauce

1 capsicum per person

250 g Hamburger mince

250g sausage mince

1 onion

3 tble sp of rice

basil leaves

1 bottle of Passatta sauce

Cut top of capsicum of CAREFULLY.

Remove the seeds and flesh

Dice the onion finely.

Roughly chop the basil leaves.

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl, using your hands to
make sure it is thoroughly mixed together. Add a tble sp of the
passatta sauce to the mix.

Carefully push spoonfuls of mixture into the capsicum.

Place upright in an electric frying pan on medium heat.

Pour passatta around the capsicums, and a little passatta on top of
each cook gently for an hour (approximately). Watch that it
doesn't boil too dry. (you may need to add extra water.

Place a thick slice of cheese on top, then re-cover and cook for a
further 10 minutes.



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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

Wow! What a start to the year we have had. Broken air conditioner, swimming carnival, not to mention ALL the hard work that has been done. Well done to all the Year 1 students who have stepped up to become reliable leaders and role models and congratulations to all students in Kindergarten for their positive attitudes and willingness to learn. Best Start testing has been completed and reports will be available next week. L3 has started with both year groups plus a unit of work looking at some traditional and more obscure nursery rhymes. In maths we have been looking at colours and patterns and consolidating our number knowledge. Hoping to see you all at the Open evening this Monday.

Thanks, Louise

3/4

We have had Mr Denning on the class for the last couple of weeks, due to Ms Niemann taking long service leave and Mr Mirana being away because his house was flooded in the holidays.

Both Ms Niemann and Mr Mirana will be back on board next week ready to get stuck into the term.

We would like to thank Mr Denning for all his hard work over the past couple of weeks, We will see him later in the term when Mr Stewart is on long service leave.

Mrs Mirana :)

1/2 News

Welcome back to the start of a great year. We certainly have had a very busy couple of weeks with lots of children. It was wonderful to see all of them keen and eager to come to school.

Home reading has started with wonderful support from parents. This term home reading is the children's only source of homework. This is happening throughout the whole school. Please make sure you enjoy the reading time with your child. Take home readers are a time to enjoy listening and sharing a book together. Please come and see me if you have any concerns regarding readers.

Library day for 1/2 is every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Cock. Your child will need a library bag so they may borrow. Outdoor Education with Ms Nieman is on Thursday afternoon each week.

The children have also started music sessions on Mondays with Mr Robinson.

The Swimming Carnival was another great success. All the children have written and shared some recounts about the day.

Our COGS unit for this term is Me/Our families.

The children have been talking about their personal characteristics, uniqueness and differences.

Looking forward to meeting to a wonderful year!
Have a great week.
Mrs Bernadette Hogarth

"Views from Attic"

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 5/6 for 2015. I'm looking forward to catching up with all of you before the end of the term for a short parent teacher interview. There will be a note about times for interviews sent home soon.

This year I will again be teaching 4 days per week, Tuesday to Friday. I will also be taking some leave in weeks 8, 9 and 10 this term. If you need to contact me my email address is

greg.stewart@det.nsw.edu.au and I am usually available most afternoons after school.

This year in class we will be using the NSWDEC's implementation of Google Apps for Education and Microsoft's OneDrive 365. This includes free downloads of Microsoft and Adobe software for all students. Here is a link here that will take you to a youtube video explaining how to access the free software. <http://goo.gl/RPvkEc>

Students will need to know their school username and password to access this software. If you have any questions about Google Apps, OneDrive or what we are doing in the classroom with technology please catch up with me at school.

Thanks

Greg 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 Blitzing the
area over the next couple of
weeks. \$311 fine and 3 demerit
points.



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*
TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* 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

Please check with your children if they like the sandwiches and food you are sending with them to school. We are seeing a lot of food going to waste every day, ending up in the chook bucket.

We will be putting out lots of ideas in the coming weeks for healthy lunch ideas and food tips.



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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P & C

Annual General Meeting



Monday 23rd February at 7pm

All welcome.

All positions will be declared vacant.

\$1 membership to be paid at the door if you wish to
vote on the night.

We hope to see you all there.



