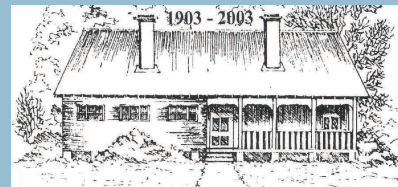




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DATES FOR THE DIARY

10 April

Girls Netball at
Nulkaba School

12 April

Last Day of Term

1st May

Students Return for
Term 2

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 8 April

Pam Webb
Tenelle Allaway
Belinda O'Brien

Wed 10 April

Judy Mayer
Kelly James
Monique James

Fri 12 April

Judy Mayer
Elena Peters
Cheryl Farley

TERM 1 WEEK 10

5 APRIL 2013

Principal's Report

As we move towards the end of Term 1, it is nice to be reminded of the wonderful support our community provides for this school and the beautiful children who make this school what it is.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade was so well supported that I was overwhelmed with the amazing hats and posters that were created and the family support that turned up on the day. We truly do have a wonderful school community. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

One of our school targets for 2013 is to have a daily attendance rate of between 91% and 94%. That means that, for children to achieve this, they can only be absent from school for up to 12 days a year. Even though that seems like a lot of days to be away, the average should be about 8 days a year, on average, two days per term. Our attendance rate last week was only 88% meaning that some

children are already exceeding the yearly average in one week. Once again, we have a lovely school community, with a lot of innovative learning opportunities available, and children are missing these if they are absent without a good reason. Currently, the Kindergarten to Year 2 classes are doing a great job with attendance. In Week 8 of this term, Year 2 had no full day absences in their class, and Kindergarten are averaging only 3 absences per week for the whole class. Great job!

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all our Zone Cross Country representatives who participated at Bellbird last Wednesday. A special congratulations goes to Makayla Patterson, who has made it through to the Regional Cross Country to be held on Friday, 10th May. Boden Hallett, Amber Black and Zane Stone have made the reserve list for the Regional trials. Well done boys and girls!

Annual Report

Our School's Annual Report for 2012 is available for perusal on the school's website. You will find the file available to read or download on the *Our School* link and then in the *Annual School Report* link. If you would like a copy of the Annual School Report, please request one from the front office.

Life Education Visit

Early next term, Monday 6th May to Wednesday 8th May, all students will be attending an excursion to the Life Education Centre at Edgeworth.

A note was sent home earlier this week, explaining the excursion. Please return the permission note and money (if applicable), in a labelled envelope to the office by Thursday 11th April.

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have already paid their school contribution of \$43 per family. This money can be paid at the office and assists with the educational needs of our students.

General Information

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club will be holding a free BBQ sausage sizzle on the morning of Tuesday, 9th April as a thank you for the support the children and families have given to this service. Yum!

Assembly

This week's assembly was run by 5/6M and they gave a fantastic performance. Our last assembly performance was from 5/6L and they were amazing on the drums. Well done 5/6L and 5/6M!

Exemplary Student Day

On Thursday, 11th April we will be holding our Exemplary Student day. All of our exemplary students for Term 1 will choose from, and participate in, a range of activities during the middle session of the day. One child from each class will be drawn out to have a special lunch with the Principal on this day. To be eligible for Exemplary Student status, you will have had no more than one visit to the Planning Room, no pink notes and no suspensions. This is always an exciting day for the children as it is a reward for their hard work and achievement in the school community.

Term 2

Students will return to school on Wednesday, 1st May as there are two Staff Development Days at the beginning of next Term.

Monday, 29th April is scheduled for staff to look at the new English Syllabus that will be introduced in 2014 and Tuesday, 30th April will be an all-day training session for staff to further develop their teaching skills in the Focus on Reading initiative.

Big Lunch ideas

Sandwich fillings can sometimes make or break the excitement of lunchtime and it is important to communicate with your child about what they really want in their sandwich because sometimes they will throw away a full sandwich and not tell you, and then the same thing will be packed the next day. Consider filling sandwiches with salad or vegetables, lean meat or canned fish, cheese, baked beans or the occasional spread of vegemite. Mix it up each day for variety.

2013 possABLE IDEAS EXPO

Newcastle will host the largest disability information and experience event in Australia in 2013. 120 exhibitors of the best local and global choices for people with disabilities, all under one roof. Free entry, free parking and free childcare. See and talk with experts in equipment, mobility, services, technology, education aides and health and support services as well as - Workshop Program Meet Clown Doctors Sporting demonstrations Dance See Mrs Ross for tickets.

Eco-Explorers Week 8

Tahrlee Walker 3/4G
Soul Paredes 4/5
Bridie Rose 3W
Kiarni Hallett 2H

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at this weeks assembly: Makayla P, Sarah, Liam S, Jack O, Jett, Taya, William, Kyra, Kaleb, Reagan, Anastazia, Jayden S, Jannali, Jade, Makayla R, Soul, Marty, Jeorgia, Tony, Tiffany and Brandon P.

Congratulations also to Ella Ballin-Wilson and Shakira Mason who received a Certificate of Merit.

Shaun Graham
Principal



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