Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Term 4, and I’m looking forward to a busy final term this year. As you are aware, Mrs Theresa (Tess) Hopson has announced her resignation from the position of Principal at Euabalong West Public School. I wish to acknowledge her dedication to the school over the years and thank her for her guidance she provided me when stepping into the role of relieving principal. I wish her and Linden all the best in their future adventures together.

As the position is vacant it now must follow a specific procedure to be filled. This is all I can discuss at this time and will inform you of any changes to this situation.

You may’ve noticed TOWN training on the calendar and I just wanted to explain it. Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) is an intervention program for Year 3-6 students who are having trouble with number concepts. I was trained as a Lead Trainer in 2014 to train other teachers in the Griffith area. As we no longer have math consultants in District Office a lot of the new programs are being taught to other teachers by teachers. Principals in Griffith have asked if I was available this term and I’ll be hosting one training day at Beelbangera PS on this Friday and the second at Naradhan PS on Friday 13th November. There is no cost to our school as those participating will be charged the cost of replacement. It is a great opportunity to share ideas and build my capacity to develop professionally. I have already begun implementing TOWN aspects in the 3-6 classroom and seen great improvements in students understanding of numbers and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication & division. I hope to share some of these insights with you in an afternoon meeting in the future.

Mr Allan Johnston
Relieving Principal

Students of the Week

Week 1
Dejannah Harvey - Year 5
For an excellent recount of her holidays. Well done!

Week 2
Joshua Osmond - Kinder
For great progress in learning his sight words

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Angus Luck 4/10
Happy Birthday turning 7 years old!!!!
Swimming Scheme
Swimming Scheme will be held during Week 8 and 9. The school will be funding all costs associated with this scheme using our Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding. Please look out for more details soon.

NAIDOC Day
It was a fantastic day last term and all the students came away from the day with something. I congratulate all students on their great behaviour and manners- they certainly made our school proud!

Staffing Changes for Term 4
Funding has allowed us to make some adjustments to the staff for the remainder of the year. Mrs Helen Gleeson will now work every Wednesday instead of every second Wednesday. This is in preparation of end of financial year (for schools). Miss Sally Breen will be employed Wednesdays to further assist individual students in their learning in the classroom. Miss Sue Lesker will be coming in on some Fridays for various different programs.

Reminders...

Transition to School
Kinder transition will continue until Week 6. Please check the calendar.

Kids Club - Postponed
Kids club will be postponed until further notice. Mrs Brett apologises for any inconvenience.

Head Lice
There has been reports of head lice in the school. Please ensure you are regularly checking your children’s hair for evidence of head lice and treat it immediately. If you need information on treating head lice please don’t hesitate to contact the school and we can assist.

Student Absences
It is a requirement of the School Attendance Policy that parents/caregivers must supply an explanation of absences within 7 days of the first absent day. It is also a requirement that the school has procedures to monitor absences. Verbal explanation is fine but if you could please provide written explanation as well, that would be appreciated. After the 7 day timeframe, absences will be marked as unexplained. A simple hand written note with a reason provided will suffice to explain the absence.

New Procedures for Late Arrivals/Early Leavers
It is a legal requirement that we keep up-to-date records of student absences including partial absences. I understand issues can come up which could cause your child to be late to school or it could be you need to pick up your child if they are sick.

We have created a booklet which will be kept in the primary classroom and parents/caregivers will need to sign in/out their children with a reason. If this isn’t done the normal procedures will apply where a hand-written note will need to be produced within 7 days of the absence otherwise it will be classed as unexplained.

Calling the School
If you need to ring the school on Mondays and Fridays please try to ring during breaks as we will have an answering service on during teaching time. This is to maximise teaching time.

Appointments to see the Principal
Please remember to make an appointment if you need to talk with the Principal.

Lunch Orders and Purchasing
Students can only order lunch on a Thursday. There will be NO CREDIT given this year so if they do not have the money we will make them a sandwich. There is no purchasing before and after school. The pricing list has stayed the same as there have been some small increases which we won’t pass on at this stage.
School Contribution Fees
Due to a drastic change in school funding, school contribution fees will no longer cover all excursions and travel. Parents and carers will be requested to fund student excursions and activities throughout the year. All funds paid via school contribution will be set aside to help pay for these excursions and activities. Once these funds are exhausted then parents and carers will be responsible for the costs associated. School Contributions are:

Single Student: $40.00
Two Students: $70.00
Three or More Students $80.00

Parliament Bulletin
Please congratulate the 3rd Government of Euabalong West Public School on their Election. Headed by the 3rd Prime Minister, Chloe Casey, she has a wonderful team including Minister of Science Harrison Luck, Minister of Social Services Emily Worsnop and Minister of Sport Jake Turner.

We now have a permanent display in our Office of the School Government as recognition of their election to their prestigious position. It also has reminders of their jobs which I’m sure the opposition will make sure they are completing in a timely manner! It is great to see all students questioning ministers about their jobs. A special mention to the Member of Alexis who asked the Minister of Social Services if he had forgotten to put the pencils out in the Infants classroom.
### Term 4, 2015 Calendar

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**Picture:**
Mitchell with a prize pack for excellent behaviour at NAIDOC Day celebrations. Chloe nominated by EWPS for consistent improvement in all key learning areas.