New Resources in the School

It is very exciting that we have been able to begin to invest in more quality resources for students to use at our school.

We have purchased over $1,500 worth of books for both our library and readers to be used at school and home. To encourage our infants students to read at home we have bought sets of readers which can be taken home for a week. We ask that these are returned as soon as your child has finished with them.

With the sales of most of the laptops we have been able to purchase 2 desktop computers and 3 notebook computers (laptops). We will have two laptops available for sale at the school at a cost of $350. All computers have been shuffled around to ensure they are all of working order and some have been upgraded or decommissioned. Both the new computers and books will assist our students further their learning.

Transition to School

Next Wednesday 19th August our Kinder transition to school will begin. We have some exciting activities planned for all children who plan to enrol in our school next year. Students will be attending school like it is a normal day so please send them with recess and lunch. We look forward to meeting our 2016 Kinder students.

Excursion to Altina Wildlife Park

The permission note and payments for all who are planning on coming into the Wildlife Park (students, younger children and adults) will need to be made to the office by Thursday 27th August as we need to prepare the final payment.

Please note: If by then we do not have at least 15 students that have paid we will have to cancel and all money will be refunded to those who have paid.

NRL - Sporting Schools

We were successful in receiving a grant through the Australian Government for Sporting School this term and have employed an NRL Development Officer to run a sporting program on some Thursdays and an occasional Tuesday. Please see the calendar for dates. Students will participate in lessons from a qualified coach for 45 minutes. We will also use some of this grant towards new equipment for our school. Please ensure your son/daughter wears appropriate footwear (joggers) for these activities.

Harry Luck - Stewart House

Harry had the opportunity to go to Stewart House for the last two weeks which is a school next to Curl Curl Beach in Sydney. Many country kids get the opportunity to go to Stewart
House which provide many free health check, activities that might no be available out west and runs like a normal school. Harry would like to share some of his experiences.

My most favourite part about going to Stewart House was going to the zoo. It had all kinds of animals like tigers, lions and I even saw a Kimono Dragon. There were meerkats, seals and we saw two different types of owls. While I was playing in a park I saw lemurs jumping around and they jumped so high! I watched the special seal show which was ran by the zoo keepers. The seal would wet us in the audience as it splashed while swimming around. We also went to a bird show and they made the birds flew right over our heads. It was just one of the great activities we participated in.

Harry Luck

**Free Dental Check-up**

We had to reschedule the free dental check-up from this Thursday until the 10th September as we didn't have enough permission notes for the children. Please send these notes into the school as soon as possible as we don't want to loose this service because of lack of interest.

**Kids Club - Postponed**

Kids club will be postponed this week and will begin again on Tuesday 1st September. Mrs Brett apologies for this interruption.

**Reminders...**

**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

**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 explain 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.
**Capybaras**

Capybaras are the biggest rodent in the world and they can live in groups of up to 100.

They also have four webbed feet because they do a lot of swimming and they are herbivores too. Capybaras live in South America and they have a little stumpy tail. Their teeth never stop growing and they live near water. They have a lot of predators like foxes and crocodiles and can grow up to 130cm tall. Capybaras can run as fast as a horse and they can sleep in the water with only their nose on top of the water. They live up to 8-10 years old.

By Mitchell Turner

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**Black Swans**

The Black Swan is the only all over black-coloured swan in the world. It’s a plant eater and they eat grass and aquatic plants. They grow up to 120cm to 142cm tall and live for 30 to 40 years. They are Australian animals and live near swamps, rivers and lakes. Black Swans predominantly occur in the southeast and southwest of Australia.

Their neck is long and "S" shaped and while swimming or standing they either hold their neck arched. In flight a group of swans will either fly in a line or in a "V" shape. Male Black Swans are slightly larger than females and they have a longer, straighter bill. Black Swans pair up for life and they build their nests in the wetter months from February to September.

By Madalyn Worsnop
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