Survey on Reading

To assist with managing our School Plan and our strategic direction of 21st Century Learners I have attached a parent survey to be completed and returned to the school. The students have completed a similar survey this week.

This is to evaluate reading at home and in the school. This will help us support you at home with reading with your students at home and for us to support your students at school. It will form part of the evaluation of our Reader’s Club program. Your data is held confidentially. The student data will be in next weeks newsletter (it won’t identify your child though) to form a picture of their reading habits and what they see as support for them.

I hope you choose to participate in the survey for the school.

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 child/ren 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.

Transition to School

We have been hosting our Kinder orientation to school the last two weeks. It has been exciting to see how excited Kayla Casey has been at school and is already fitting well into school. Check out some of the photos from her two days at school.

Excursion to Altina Wildlife Park

Thank you for all those who have paid their money for Altina Wildlife Park. We are continuing to organise the excursion as we were able to meet the minimum requirements. You will
receive a note on Monday regarding medical concerns for the excursion and this will need to be returned promptly.

School Photos
You should’ve received your envelopes for school photos. You need to fill it in and make payment on the day if you do not purchase any photos you MUST still return the envelope. We are having our school photos on Wednesday 9th September in the afternoon.

Students need to wear full winter uniform which includes:
- Navy jumper
- Navy shirt (available for sale from the school)
- Black trousers
- Black shoes.

If you do not have the new navy shirts your child can wear the light blue with a navy jumper over the top. If you would like a family portraits envelope please see the office.

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 lose this service because of lack of interest.

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

Reminders...
Rugby League - Sporting Schools
Please ensure your son/daughter is wearing correct footwear (joggers) for our Rugby League clinics. Please check the calendar for the dates.

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 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.

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
Community Messages

Colin Maher Tennis Coaching
Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September
9am to 3:30 pm
Cost $120 per child
Lake Cargelligo Tennis Courts
Names to Kerry Johnson (6898 1213)
Dejannah & Harry with their Pen Licences. Jake, Emily, Harry & Joseph with Bronze certificates for Athletics. Congratulations everyone!

EWPS Students participating in Rugby League clinic with Tim DeGuzzo from the NRL Development Team from Griffith/Leeton.
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