Students of the Week

Jiah – Caring – Caring for others and having confidence in your abilities

Darcy – Achiever – for persevering when things get tough and achieving good results in recent assessment tasks.

Calendar

Week 8

Wednesday 26th November  Presentation Night

Week 9

Monday 1st – 5th December  Swimming 1-2pm

Week 11

Monday 15th December  Surfing – Years 4-6
                                Wednesday 17th December  Last day of Term 4 for Students

This morning I was sitting down watching the Gems during my playground duty and I had one of those warm feelings of appreciation for our beautiful school. Big Gems were piggybacking little Gems for running races. They were playing together so nicely. It reminded me of why we send our children to small schools where they can just be kids and interact with other children of all ages. It follows on from our sport with Mrs Langdon yesterday. Mrs Langdon split the Gems into mixed age groups. They rotated around activities that developed strength and fitness but also got them to read instructions and work as a team. All teachers were so impressed with the way the older ones encouraged and helped the younger ones. Stand out students were Eloise, Jiah and Millie. Mrs Langdon was also impressed with how Erin stayed back and helped her pack equipment away. Thanks Jiggi Gems. It is such a delight to come to work and take care of and teach such wonderful children.
Presentation Night
Wednesday 26th November
Our presentation night is next Wednesday starting at 6pm. Students will need to be here no later than 5.45pm dressed in their uniforms. Santa will be arriving after the presentation to give book presents to all children. Please bring a wrapped book into the office for your child so they don’t miss out.
We will be having supper after the final award announcements. Please bring at least one plate of finger food to share.
We give out book awards every year for most key learning areas. If you would like to donate a book award please contact the office.
The P&C are doing a Christmas raffle. Angela is organising the prize. Attached to your newsletter are raffle tickets you can sell or purchase for - $1 each or 3 for $2. Please return to school as soon as possible. Raffle tickets can also be bought on the night.

Swimming
Students will need to come to school in their uniforms with their swimmers in their bags. During lunch they will have time to get changed. They will be travelling on the bus with their towel and goggles and come home in their togs with their towel around them.
They will need a plastic bag with their name on it to put their underwear and swimmers. We will have recess and lunch before we go but children are always hungry when we return so please pack extra food for them during that week.
The P&C have agreed to subsidise each student for their swimming. This brings the whole cost of the week to $30 for the first child of the family, $20 for the second and $10 for the third. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school along with payment by next Thursday. If you are experiencing extreme financial difficulties please contact me at the school regarding payment.
On the last day of swimming, Friday 5th December we will have a mini carnival. Parents are welcome to attend.

SRC
We will be voting for our SRC members for 2015. If your child has expressed an interest, please assist them with their speech which they will deliver to the school on Monday.

Food
Many children are complaining of not having enough for lunch and recess. Please ensure your child has ample healthy, delicious food to keep them active and focused throughout the day. A cold bottle of water comes in handy too.

Surveys
Thanks to everyone who returned surveys. Our three year plan will be published at the end of Term 1 next year. I’m very confident that the new structure of this planning tool will help us create the best school we possibly can. I’m wanting input from everyone so our school can service our community as best we can.
At the start of next year I will be asking for interested people to be a part of a focus group who will sort through survey results and devise three strategic directions for the next three years. Together we will come up with strategies and milestones that will be measured. Our budget and professional learning plans will be directly linked to this plan. If you are interested in this exciting way of organising our school please do not hesitate to contact me. I’m very keen to have you on board. If you did not complete a survey, don’t fret, you will have other opportunities to contribute your ideas.
PBL
This term we are learning about what being an achiever looks like. ‘Have confidence in your abilities’ is a part of being an achiever. Isn’t this just what we want for our children, to come away from school with great, yet realistic, confidence in their skills and within themselves?

Assessments
This week teachers sat down with me and together we plotted our students on the NSW Literacy Continuum. We look at where your child is as far as their literacy skills go and plan strategies on how we can move them to the next level as smoothly as possible. Every child’s progress is discussed regularly. Parents will receive their child’s report card in week 10, students in-need will have a personalised learning plan developed at the start of next year, in consultation with parents, and parents are invited to interview in the middle of term 1. If at any time you would like to discuss your child’s progress please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a meeting. Your child’s academic development is the bread and butter of what we do. Seeing their progress is thrilling for us and gives us great job satisfaction.

Opals class
Today we are working on making a piñata to celebrate Mexican Christmas and sharing nachos. The children have been enjoying exploring different cultures and their celebrations – especially the food aspect.
Mrs Close
Classroom Teacher

Diamonds Class
Our wonderful Diamonds class have endured the recent hot spell capably and maturely ensuring hats are worn regularly and drink breaks are frequent during class time. Quieter games and other cooler activities are being advised.
As the year draws to a close many children have finished their Homework Contract books. Some children have requested other home tasks or readers which I am more than happy to provide. Please let me know if you would like extra homework.
We had another full dress rehearsal on Wednesday. Our items are being polished and costumes are complete. The children are so proud of themselves and anxious to perform for you on Concert Night.
What a lovely surprise visit we had during the week. We welcomed Georgia’s grandparents in our classroom. I could tell they were very proud of her. Diamonds had the opportunity to share a story with their Opals reading buddy recently. Great to see children simply enjoying reading with a friend.
Many Thanks
Ms Jenny Noble

Tuckshop
Rostered for duty on Wednesday 26th November is:
Beki
Cake Roster: Tina