Students of the Week

Georgia – Responsible - keep yourself and others safe

Jacob – Responsible- You are your own master

Quote of the week
Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn.

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Opal's Excursion
6th-8th August

Opals will be travelling to Coffs Harbour for our major excursion in term 3. We will be teaming up again with The Channon Public School. Cost is $250 and the P&C have agreed to subsidise $100 for each student so cost will be $150 per student. Payment plan is as follows: 22nd May $50 (per child), 12th June $50 (per child) and 17th July $50 (per child).

Naplan
13th, 14th, 15th May

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our year 3 and 5 students will be sitting for their Naplan tests.

Bookclub

Bookclub orders due on or before Wednesday 21st May.
Lantern Making
16th May- Money due

Next Friday our Gems will be making lanterns ready for the lantern parade on 21st June. Cost of lanterns is $12. Please place payment in attached envelope.

Biggest Morning Tea
Tuesday 20th May- Baked treats required

Tuesday of week 4 we will be having our Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for our school charity, The Australian Cancer Council. Stage 3 students will be serving cake and tea or coffee to our visiting adults while the year 4 students will selling cakes to the rest of our school. All families are asked to donate a cake, slice or biscuits on this day. All proceeds will go towards cancer research.

Zone Cross Country
23rd May

Congratulations to Eloise, Atticus and Jacob who have made it through to the zone cross country to be held at Corndale on Friday 23rd May. I will be assisting on this day and Mrs Close will be teaching the rest of the Opals at Jiggi.

Jiggi Sports Carnival
27th May

Our Jiggi sports carnival will be held across the road from the school on Tuesday week 5. The P&C will be cooking a sausage sizzle and selling cakes for recess and lunch. All parents and friends are invited to attend and please let the P&C know how you can help.

Opal’s room
Homework is due this Friday, contract 11. During literacy groups on Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Close takes a group for writing, these last few weeks focusing on editing and looking at punctuation, I take a group for reading comprehension and another independent group works on their spelling. I have seen some great improvements in our Opals’ literacy skills. Gymnastics is on a Wednesday and library is on Friday for the Opals. Michelle Stroud-Watts

The Diamonds

The Diamonds had a lovely day on Friday all by themselves at school. It is a pleasure to see them spreading out across the whole school at playtime. We were also glad to be protected from the weather and thought of the rest of our Gems running in the rain several times.

In Science we have started a unit of work on sound. This week we listened to the sounds around our school and began to construct a word wall of 'sound' words. We discussed what it would be like to live in a world without sound and how we can communicate using means other than words. Students came up with a huge variety of ways to say 'I love you' to Mum on Mother's Day. Hopefully they will share some of them this Sunday.
Kind Regards
Barb Dobner

Tuckshop
Rostered for duty on Wednesday 14th May
Dish of the Day: Toni
Cake roster: Kirsty

P&C News

The playground committee had its first meeting yesterday, Thanks to those enthusiastic parents that turned up. The playground committee discussed the type of playground equipment that would be suitable for the school with overwhelming support for a range of play stations rather than one piece of fixed equipment. The playground committee will be putting together a report regarding the type of equipment it proposes (and is allowed based on regulations) and the grants they will be seeking. This will be presented to the P & C in the very near future.

The P & C met last night as well, with a very busy agenda. A summary of key outcomes follows:

- This term’s major fundraiser will be a stall at the car boot markets (1st June or 15th to be confirmed) if you have suitable items you can donate please drop them off at the
school. We will also be putting together a roster to man the stall so if you can please let us know. Roster hours will be either 6am-9am; 9am-12pm- or 12pm-2pm.

- 27th of May is the Jiggi Athletics carnival - P & C will have a BBQ, and cake stall.
- Working bee to tie in with the PBL rule Responsibility (looking after your environment) rule currently being delivered. Involving cleaning up the front garden, Anzac garden and worm farm - date to be decided.
- Biggest morning tea (student fundraiser) to be held May 20, all families required to donate a cake etc.
- Beki has kindly donated a Tattoo or piercing to the value of $150, we will be selling raffle tickets over the next few months.
- A calendar of events will be published soon
- The following By laws have been adopted (please see attached)
- Thank you to the people that commented on the revised tuckshop prices. The following tuckshop prices have been adopted (see attached). Please remember that many tuckshop prices haven’t been increased for seven years.

P & C funds are used to subsidise a number of events at the school including excursions and special events. In addition, this year the P & C also have significant funds to raise to provide play equipment for our children. As the saying goes many hands make light work and the P & C would love to see more people involved on a regular basis in P & C activities.

We have great families that contribute when they can and many families that contribute beyond the call. However this year is going to be a very big year if we are going to raise the funds we need. Many P & C’s and Preschool communities charge their families a fee if they cannot contribute to regular operations.

Let us know how you feel about the possibility of a $25 charge a term for families that can’t contribute to regular P & C operations (i.e. attend P & C meetings, cook Dish of the Day, serve in the tuckshop or make a cake for tuckshop).

A VERY BIG thanks to Belinda for cleaning the tuckshop over the holidays – it looks and smells great!

After School Care

Some of you may have heard that I’ve been looking into the possibility of operating After School Care two days a week, probably Tuesday & Wednesday. At this stage Family Day Care is still reluctant to continue with it due to low numbers of children attending. We need a minimum of 6 children, preferably 7 per day to make it viable. This has been and can continue to be a valuable service to the school community and I intend to continue on from Linda and Liza in providing fun, high quality care for your children.

If you are interested in utilising this service or would be able to shuffle your days so as your child/children could attend on either a Tuesday or Wednesday to achieve those attendance numbers please let me know so as I can put together a list and hopefully make this happen. Feel free to contact me to discuss this further on 66888235.

Thankyou
Ellissa Keating-Lowe
For Sale

Lounge - 3 seater with fold out bed, plus 2 x one seaters, fair condition - $100
Please see Mrs Dobner if interested.

Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?
Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores.
Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply “fuel” to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors.
So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter.
http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx