Students of the week

Callam – for being organised, regularly reading at home and for achieving very pleasing spelling results.

Taylah – for being a responsible student – willing to help in any way.

Happy Birthday
Happy birthday to Jahmin who is celebrating his birthday today.

Calendar

Week 3

| Friday 13th February 2015          | Drumming – whole school |

Welcome
So pleasing to see the three Harrison children, Jake, Seth and Asha happy and fully involved in our school activities.

Welcome to the Morgan family. Deegan has joined the Opals and Crystal the Diamonds class. Wonderful to see Jiggi Gems welcoming and enhancing our new students.

Please note that some minor changes to both Opals & Diamonds timetable will occur during Mrs Stroud-Watts absence over the next two weeks. Diamonds Art and Environmental Science lessons have changed from Wednesday to a Thursday.

Diamonds Library time remains on a Tuesday. Please encourage your child to return library books and bag so that regular borrowing can occur to foster a love of books and reading. We are extremely lucky to have so many wonderful books to select from.
Buddy Reading
Diamond children look forward to ‘Buddy Reading’ time on a Monday afternoon. Diamonds selected a ‘buddy’ who sits quietly with them under a tree or shady spot simply to enjoy reading and to model what a good reader looks and sounds like. For some children this is their favourite time of the week!

Teacher Interviews
If you would like to speak to your child’s teacher to set goals for the term or to talk generally about your child’s progress please phone and organise a time over the next couple of weeks.

Drumming Sessions with Peter
Drumming starts for all children on Friday between 2 and 3. The P&C will hopefully be covering the cost of these lessons.

P.B.L.
Jiggi Gems revisited the importance of using good manners and politeness when interacting with others. We brainstormed what good manners were, when and how to use them and why eye contact and using peoples’ names is important. We have noticed a remarkable improvement amongst our children this week as they practise using these skills.

Library
Would all library books be returned this week as we are conducting a stocktake of our books. Many, many books have not been returned. Could you please have a good search at home for any library books that may be tucked under a bed or couch somewhere? Our books are valuable and precious to our readers.

Reading Help
Some parents during recent parent/teacher interviews have requested some assistance with reading at home with their child. Mem Fox’s 10 Read-Aloud commandments are some of the best I’ve come across. (See attached)

Ms Noble
Relieving Principal

Environmental Science
On Tuesday we saw some holes dug in preparation for planting some fruit trees, thanks Tom. The children will be planting them this week and then caring for them, watching them grow and hopefully being able to appreciate the fruits of their labour.
The Opals will be constructing Solar Ovens and testing them over the next few weeks with Mrs Langdon. Thankyou to Steve from Jiggi Pizza for donating the pizza box. The vegetable garden is also being worked on. The Diamond children planted some basil and cucumber seedlings which are looking good after the showers we’ve been having. There are pineapples, chilli and beans ready to be planted too.

Recycle News
This term the students are learning about the three ‘R’s’ – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. They have identified items of rubbish that are waste or recyclable. We have now provided a bin for waste and another for recycle items and the children are encouraged to consider the type of rubbish they have and use the correct bins.

No hat, no play in the sun
If your child doesn’t have a hat one may be purchased from school for $8.00. The school policy is that they must have a hat on to play out in the playground.

Mrs Close
Classroom Teacher
Swimming Carnival
At the swimming carnival I went in the 50 metre over arm race. There were 4 others in the race and I came 3rd. The next race I went in was the relay, our team was Johan, Nova, Erin and me. It was a tiring day.
By Digby J

On Friday we went swimming at the swimming carnival in Lismore. Johan, Maddy, Nova, Dylan, Ivor, Eloise and Erin were there. Mrs Close was there helping us and cheering us on. Me and Nova and Johan and Digby J went in races, so did Ivor and Dylan. We had a lot of fun. Most people went to the canteen before their races. We had to wait awhile before our races. Both of use and Johan went in the 30 metres and Ivor, Dylan and Maddy went in the 50 metres. We had a junior and senior relay. The junior relay team was Nova, Erin Digby J and Johan. In the senior relay there was Dylan, Maddy, Ivor and Jiah. Last thing of all was the Lilo race. Nova was on the lilo and Jiah, Ivor, Dylan and Maddie pushed. They handed out the rewards at the end.
By Erin and Nova

After School Care
I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and are settling well into the new year!
It’s been so good to be back spending the afternoons with the children and I am now able to provide after school care on Mondays also. At this point I have 5 permanent bookings, leaving 2 spaces available for either permanent or casual care. Tuesdays also have 2 spaces available and Wednesdays are full. Please contact me if you would like to enrol your child in after school care for either of the days available.

Just a reminder to parents to please contact the school and me if there are any changes to your child’s afternoon routine i.e. attending after school care, catching buses etc. and to notify me if someone other than you are collecting your child from after school care, even if that person is down on your child’s enrolment as an authorised person. This is important to avoid confusion and also ensures the wellbeing and safety of your kids.

Over the holidays I purchased a whole heap of new resources and the children and I have been enjoying making clay sculptures, experimenting with magnets, creating beautiful collage and artworks and engaging in imaginative play and role play games. Coco and Livinia made gorgeous bird wings out of cardboard, colourful feathers and pop sticks. They then spent the afternoon outside flying around and around like birds. It was a real joy to watch them admiring their wings as they played.

Please feel free to check out our daily program and afternoon book and read through any of our experiences and observations. The afternoon book is also available for families to contribute to, for example, photos from the holidays and family experiences. This supports the children’s sense of wellbeing and belonging and provides a link between after school care and home. Families are also welcome to have input into the daily program, so if you have any ideas or would like me to focus on any particular area with your child/children please let me know.

Thank you and I look forward to a fun filled and exciting year ahead!
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