Students of the week

Georgia – for being a respectful, responsible, caring achiever.

Atticus – caring for others.

Calendar

**Week 6**

- Thursday 5th March 2015  P & C AGM 5pm
- Friday 6th March 2015  Drumming – whole school

**Week 7**

- Thursday 12th March 2015  Cancer Council Parent workshop – 3.30pm

**Week 8**

- Thursday 19th March 2015  Harmony Day
- Friday 20th March 2015  Soccer Trials

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome back. Thanks also to Mrs Noble who did a fantastic job whilst in the principal chair.

Welcome to the O’Brien family. Connor has joined the Opals and Darby and Jaxon in the Diamonds class.

**School sores**

We have had several confirmed cases of impetigo (school sores). This is a highly contagious skin infection caused by the Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. It is more common during the warmer months. The condition is characterised by collections of small, crusting blisters that usually form on the face or limbs. Children should be encouraged to wash their hands with soap frequently and dry completely. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until
appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof occlusive dressing.

**GA Temporary Position**
Tom will be away for several weeks next term. We are looking for someone to replace him in weeks 2, 3 and 4 next term. If you are interested in this position or know of someone who might be please contact me.

**Jiggi Cross Country**
We will be having our Jiggi Cross Country on the last Wednesday of this term. We will start first thing in the morning and parents are welcome to attend. This is a great practice for the Terania District Cross Country that will be held on Friday 8th May at Caniaba Public School.

**Bookclub**
Book club has been sent out this week. Orders are due 18th March.

**Drumming**
There are still many drumming accounts unpaid. Please find an attached invoice to this newsletter if you are one of those families and please pay promptly.

**Harmony Day**
We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 19th March. The Gems will be cooking some international foods to share at a lunchtime feast and creating some Harmony Day art. We are asking for two parent helpers on this day. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in helping.

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**
If you would like your child to participate in an ICAS assessment please contact the school. This is only available to students in the Opal’s class. Cost is Science $8.80, Writing $18.70, Spelling $12.10, English $8.80, mathematics $8.80.

**Banking**
Our students have the opportunity to set up a bank account with the commonwealth bank. Students are to bring their money in on a Wednesday. If you are interested in establishing an account for your child please contact the office.

**Soccer**
Stage 3 students are invited to participate in the soccer trials on Friday 20th March in the afternoon. If your child would like to try out please complete the attached permission note. Parents will need to provide transport to Blakebrook Public School.

**Good number sense**
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


**Reading with your child at home**
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


**Removing head lice and nits**
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


Mrs Stroud-Watts
Principal
Opals
This week the Opals have continued to work on behaviour expectations in the classroom. We have also discussed the noise level we work best at.
In Science we used thermometers to test the thermal properties of mugs made from different materials.

Mrs Langdon

Diamonds
Welcome to Jaxon and Darby into our classroom. Great to have you join us. We look forward to getting to know you. Thank you for the Tadpoles you brought in. They are fascinating we will watch them turn into frogs.
The sparkling Diamonds class have over the last few weeks learning or revisiting letter names and the sounds they make.
For the letter ‘Aa’, we bobbed for apples and danced like astronauts. For ‘t’ we dressed Tiny Teddies (biscuits) with clothing made from 4 different icing sugars.
We cooked spaghetti with sauce for the letter ‘S’ and munched on musk sticks, marshmallows, melon and made an enormous mess eating mangoes! We’re having fun learning our letters and sounds!
Next week we will learn about the letter ‘Ii’ You can help us at home by asking us about the sound we are learning for the week.
Ms Noble

Tuckshop
Rostered for Monday 9th March –
Baking: Colleen
Serving: Kirsty