Thursday Notice

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Term 1 - Week 7

Students of the week

Monte - for treating others the way he wants to be treated with care and respect.

Digby J – caring and respectful to other students.

Happy Birthday
Happy birthday to Jake & Seddah who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Calendar

Week 7

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

Week 8

| Thursday  19th March 2015 | Harmony Day |
| Friday 20th March 2015 | Soccer Trials |
| Friday 20th March 2015 | Drumming – whole school |

Week 9

| Friday 27th March 2015 | Drumming – whole school |

Opals room
Contract 6 for homework is due tomorrow. Every student in the Opals does an individual spelling test every Friday. Please encourage your child to learn their words during the week and complete their homework contracts. Doing homework at the same time each night for 10 minutes gets students into a great habit.

School Plan
Yesterday I met with Mrs Noble, Mrs Langdon, Sunny and Belinda to discuss our school plan. Together we have come up with three priorities for the school which we believe encompass all of what we believe to be important for our Gems.

Yesterday we worked on the first one. The ‘SPs’ are:

**Purpose:** To create and nurture a supportive social and physical environment where children and staff are happy, safe and empowered to make positive choices and learn to be confident, resilient and assertive.

**People:** Students:
- Are happy and well-adjusted in the school environment.
- Are safe, feel nurtured and are empowered to make positive choices within the school environment.
- Develop leadership capabilities.
- Are supported with smooth transitions to kindergarten and year 7.

**Staff:**
- Empower students to make positive choices through the implementation of the JPS Discipline Policy.
- Ensure that the school environment is a happy and positive place by embedding a positive tone into daily practice, school structures, planning, organisation and management.
- Support and empower each other through mentoring, collaboration, honesty and by adhering to the DEC Code of Conduct as well as the Dignity and Respect in the Workplace Charter.
- Create a welcoming environment for parent communication.

**Parents:**
- Support staff in implementing the above policies as well as other DEC policy such as the Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedures.
- Demonstrate positive behaviours by adhering to school procedures.
- Have a responsibility to communicate concerns with the school no matter how trivial.

**Processes**
- School values are clearly defined.
- Behaviour expectations are taught.
- There is an ongoing reward system for expected behaviours.
- There is a system for responding to behaviour issues using Restorative Justice questioning based on behaviour choices.
- Circle time to discuss issues.
- PBL lessons.
- Maintaining high expectations of behaviour.
- One physical/visual improvement in the playground every year.
- More lunch time activity choices.
- Whole school reward system.

**Evaluation**
- Internal- closely monitor student behaviour and feelings of well-being by collecting data and surveys.
- External- parents to review the quality and effectiveness of the school.
- Office staff to do random parent feedback phone calls once a week.

**Products and Practices**
- A nurturing, safe and supportive physical environment.
- Expected behaviours and exemplary achievement is recognised through the school award programs.
- Weekly assemblies conducted by student leaders.
- Positive behaviour is recognised, awarded and encouraged in the classroom, on the playground, at assemblies and during award ceremonies and special events.
- The school values are embedded in all areas of school life, practices and procedures.
• Student and staff reflect on their health and wellbeing.
• Termly PBL meetings.

This is a draft so far and we agreed that this would be a living document where we discuss where we are up to and continuously review and change where need be. If you have anything to add or questions about this please contact me or someone who was at the meeting. We will be meeting next Friday at 3.15pm to go through the other two strategic directions. Everyone is more than welcome.

Harmony Day
Next Thursday we will be celebrating Harmony Day which is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Next Thursday our Gems will be cooking foods from different countries and celebrating with a shared lunch. Your child will not need a packed lunch on this day but they will need recess. Thanks to Belinda and Melissa who have volunteered to help. If you would like to come along and help with cooking you are more than welcome.

GA Temporary position
Thanks to Scott Boyd who has put his hand up to fill in for Tom while he is away next term for three weeks.

Staffing
I have accepted the position of Instructional Leader at Ballina Public School for two days a week for the rest of the year. This position will involve working with teachers, building their strength in identifying the specific needs of their students and assisting the teachers to find solutions and strategies to move them along the learning continuum. For Jiggi Public School it will mean that Mrs Noble will be the principal on Tuesday and Wednesdays. I will teach the Opals on Monday and Friday and Mrs Close will be their teacher on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Langdon will take classes for teacher release and assist with literacy and numeracy groups on Tuesday and Wednesday. I’m wanting as little disruption for our school as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Boys Soccer Trials
The Terania District Boys Soccer team will be selected on Monday 23rd March. This team is made up of year 5/6 students from the district.

Time: 1pm to 3pm.
Where: Blakebrook Public School
Transport: Student to arrange own
What to bring: Boots, shin guards, gloves (for goalkeeper), shorts, water bottle and positive attitude.

Any good players in year 4 may also try out. Students must be prepared to attend after school training one day per week. Report to Mr Everingham on the day. Competition games to be held in Term 2.

NAPLAN
Our year 3 and 5 students will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests on 12th, 13th and 14th May next term. If you are planning on being away on these days or if you do not wish for your child to sit these tests please contact me.

Science Day
Jiggi PS will be hosting a science day for our Big Scrub Learning Community. Students in Stage 3 from our learning community will be selected to attend. Mrs Langdon will be organising and facilitating the day.

Bookclub
Bookclub orders are due next Wednesday 18th March.

Mrs Stroud-Watts
Principal
Diamonds
As we get ready for Harmony Day next Thursday the amazing Diamonds are making banners, mobiles, ‘clickety clacks’, badges. We will also make some fried rice for our international feast to share with the Opals. The children and I are surprised by the many cultural backgrounds we discovered throughout the school when we conducted a survey recently. Our ‘Harmony Day Tree’ looks great too.
Ms Noble

Opals – Mona Lisa project

Tuckshop
Rostered for Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} March –
Baking: Louise Collins
Serving: Scott & Junee Boyd