Students of the week

Asha – for courage, bravery and for achieving her goal of being the best person she can be.

Henry – being a responsible and sensible worker.

Jiggi Cross Country
We will have our Jiggi Cross Country on Thursday 14th May starting at 2pm. All welcome.

Calendar

**Week 3**

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Cross Country
Congratulations to our great little runners. It was a beautiful day and our students behaved responsibly and ran their best. Well done to Eloise who impressively won the 11 years girls. I’m looking forward to watching her at Corndale on 22nd May. Jacob came in 6th and Atticus ran 8th with Henry 11th, Taylah 16th, Riley 17th and Ivor 20th in the 11 year boys. Millie came 10th in the 11 year girls. Nova came 26th in the junior girls. Austin came 17th, Johan came 22nd, Connor 33rd & Ozzy 42nd in the junior boys. A surprise black horse was Digby L who came 12 in the junior boys. Watch that one! Well done everyone, I was very proud of you all. I was particularly proud of those that didn’t get through to the next round but still managed to conduct themselves in a dignified manner. What a great example of sportsmanship. Well done.

School Plan
Thanks to everyone’s input in developing our school plan. I have now uploaded it to our school web site and hung a laminated copy in the office. This is a living document where we want to continuously check where
we are up to and refine where need be. We will look over it at our next P&C meeting. The next P&C meeting will be 14th May 5pm.

PBL
Our Positive behaviour for Learning focus this week has been how we speak to each other. Being a ‘Respectful, Responsible, Caring Achiever’ means that we speak to our peers with respect and we speak kindly because we are caring. This includes students that we may not play with every day. Students have been mindful of this all week and every morning teachers have been discussing how we can speak to each other with respect. Students have been able to give examples of other students being kind to them in the playground and have spoken about what they can do. We are aware that we are only in control of our own behaviour and our very clever Coco was able to tell us that if someone else does not speak kindly to us then we need to ‘teach’ them how to be kind. We spoke about how we can do this and we decided that we can teach others to be kind by being kind ourselves. We know we need to be ‘kinder than necessary’, ‘more respectful than necessary’, and responsible for our own behaviour. Our aim and our vision at our school is to have a culture where students are happy, where everyone gets along, where we speak nicely, where we are all considerate of others. Please speak to your child about what they can do to be ‘kinder than necessary’.

Everyday Wisdom
Next Thursday our stage three students are attending a forum on leadership. Parents are arranging transport. Please ensure your child has returned their permission notes. Linda will meet you at the Workers Club and Mrs Fahy from Wyrallah Public School will supervise students.

Naplan
12th-14th May
Our year 3 and 5 students will be sitting for their Naplan tests in week 4. Good luck.

Visible learning
On Sunday 17th and Monday 18th our staff will be participating in a ‘Visible learning’ workshop where we will learn about how to make learning more engaging, meaningful and explicit for our students. Thank you to our dedicated staff who are doing one of these days on their weekend. This is another example of how much our fabulous teachers care about the education of our Gems. Thank you teachers and I’m sure you will get plenty of fantastic ideas from this course. I will be travelling to Sydney on that Sunday to participate in the second part of a leadership workshop. The first part was during the Christmas holidays. This workshop will help me assist teachers in developing the very best programs for our students.

District Cross Country
22nd May
Eloise will be running on this day at Corndale. We wish her the best of luck.

Nimbin Careers Day
26th May
Our stage 3 students have been invited to attend and participate in the Nimbin Careers Day held at the school. This will help our students to start considering what career options are open to them, what they may be interested in and what skills they may need to develop at school to help achieve this.

Special Interest Day
29th May
All our students will be travelling to a different school on this day. Stage 1 will be going to Coffee Camp for the day and Stage 2 will be going to Caniaba. Stage 3 will be going to Blakebrook for a Science/Maths day. This will be a great opportunity for our Gems to mix with other students who they may end up going to high school with. I love days like this because it means we can offer a small school education for our students where our younger students mix with the older ones and our older ones are given more responsibility and leadership opportunities but with days like this we can get used to a large crowd and learn special things from different teachers.

Opals
Opals homework contract 10 and 6 times tables due tomorrow.
Biggest Morning Tea
5th June

Our Biggest Morning tea will be held on Friday 5th May at 11am. All parents, friends, acquaintances, relatives, neighbours and visitors are welcome to attend to raise money for our charity, the Australian Cancer Council. What a great cause.

From the Department
Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more:

Financial literacy

Does your child need help with business and economics? Here's info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Find out more:

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more:

Diamonds News

With colder weather approaching it is timely that we practice the “Cough and Cover” method - see attached.

Tremendous to see the array of fruit children are bring in to school! Will definitely keep colds at bay! (Sorry about your apple Georgia!)

Very proud of all Diamonds who ran in last weeks cross country race. What an achievement Digby L. Sorry – bit late in getting readers home this week – just trying to do a reading level check on all Diamonds.

Kinder letter for the week is ‘C’. Maybe the children could find all the things beginning with ‘c’ in the kitchen?

Each day Year 1 and 2 use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check spelling method to introduce and record theme spelling words for the week. During the following days we complete crosswords, mazes, sentence usage tasks, quizzes and puzzles to reinforce their retention of these words. On Friday we either have a partner, whole class or individual spelling test. Importantly, together we foster a classroom where children feel they can experiment with language comfortably and confidently.

Anytime you would like to discuss your child’s progress in spelling or any matter – please come and talk.

Ms Noble

Tuckshop

Rostered for Monday 4th May 2015
Baking – Colleen
Serving: Scott & Junee

If parents have any fruit they can donate to tuckshop it would be much appreciated.