Shane’s Simplicities……

Welcome

Commencing this week Mrs Naomi Simpson will take up the role of Teacher-Librarian in our school each Thursday. This position is a replacement for Mrs Mac who finished up with us at the end of 2012. Naomi brings a fresh level of enthusiasm to our school and, with her son Hayden commencing Kindergarten this year, she has Thursday’s available to be part of our school.

Titan’s visit

Students will get the chance to speak with some players and staff from the Gold Coast Titans NRL team tomorrow. I am sure that students will enjoy this opportunity, especially those interested in the Titans, or rugby league in general.

P&C Meeting

Next Monday evening is the first meeting of the Parents & Citizen's Association for this year. The meetings commence at 6:30pm in the school staff room. All parents are invited to attend and use this channel of communication to be involved with our school. I look forward to seeing both new and existing faces at next Monday’s meeting.

Supervision times

As we commence another school year it is timely to remind all families that supervision of students each morning commences at 8:55am. Students should not be at school before this time unless they arrive on the early bus, and in this case they are to proceed straight to the covered area outside the school office.

Playground supervision will commence from 8:55am and weather permitting will see children heading to the playground until

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classes commence at 9:25.

The school day concludes at 3:25pm. Students being picked up need to be met by parents at the school gateway and escorted through the car park by parents. We have had near misses in the past when assumptions have been made that children can navigate the car park safely on their own. Small children are very difficult to see behind reversing cars so it is a clear expectation that parents will come to the gate to gather their child/children.

Students who are catching a bus home are supervised in the playground and bus shelter until the last bus leaves (generally just before 4pm). Children are permitted to play on the grassed area near the bus shelter until the first bus arrives, from then they are expected to sit in their designated bus line.

We ask that variations to student travel arrangements (different mode of travel, different destination or even different person to collect) please be advised to the school, preferably in writing. This information can then be shared with supervising staff to make sure that children head home safely to the correct destination.

**Student Behaviour/Suspension**

All students in NSW DEC schools are expected to abide by Core Rule. These rules include:

- Attend every day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn;
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy;
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school;
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities;
- Treat one another with dignity and respect; and
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or antisocial behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated. Breaches of the above expectations may necessitate for further consequences to be explored. Where the behaviour is extreme or ongoing the situation may arise where it will be in the best interest of the school community and the student/s involved that the student be suspended from school for a period of time or even permanently excluded.

The school has copies of the Department’s Guidelines for Suspension and Exclusion and these are available by contacting the school office.

Parents and students are advised that suspension is immediate where a student:

- Is in possession of a suspected illegal drug
- Is violent or threatens serious physical violence
- Is in possession of a prohibited weapon.

In other circumstances suspension will usually occur after there has been school based intervention of some kind. Parents are also advised that there are staff who are available to assist students in management of their behaviour. Such assistance will hopefully prevent behaviour problems from progressing and resulting in suspensions or exclusion.

Your child’s classroom teacher, our school counsellor and I are available to support students and parents upon request, with your child’s teacher often being the best person to communicate with.

Whilst these procedures impact upon a minor number of students within the school setting, parents and students need to know they are in place and will be instigated as necessary.

**Preschool playground upgrade**

Works have recently commenced to upgrade the playground area outside the preschool. This area forms part of the area leased and used by the preschool each week and should prove to make these facilities even more appealing and beneficial to students enrolled. Students are asked to stay clear of areas where tradespeople are working during this upgrade.

**Book Packs & Voluntary Contributions**

Book packs will remain at $40 per child in 2013. Voluntary contributions are still $20 per student or $40 a family. Paying these as soon as possible will be a fabulous help! As an added incentive we will have a prize draw of 4 tickets (2 adult, 2 children) to either
Sea World or Movie World for the Book Packs and 4 tickets (2 adult, 2 children) to Sea World for Voluntary Contributions. The draw for Book Packs will take place in Week 6, and Voluntary Contributions in Week 10. All families that have paid will be put in the draw. Good luck!

Until next week......

PDHPE News

2013 Swimming for Term 1
Swimming will commence for all classes in week 4 with the following timetable.
Mondays (commencing 18 Feb 13) Mrs Tebbutt
Wednesdays (commencing 20 Feb 13) Mrs Johnston/ Miss Johnston
Fridays (commencing 22 Feb 13) Mrs Duncan

Once again we will be looking for parent helpers to assist with small groups on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. If you are able to assist please send in the note at the end of the newsletter or ring the school to let us know.

Cost of admission to the pool is $2.00. Some reminders:

- Footwear needs to be worn to and from the pool. A suggestion is to pack some thongs with the swimmers and a towel (thongs are not to be worn to school).
- Swimming is part of our school curriculum and therefore it is expected that all students will swim.
- Long hair will be required to be tied up (boys & girls)

If there is a valid reason why a student is not swimming a note of explanation is required from home. Regular classroom consequences will apply for students who choose not to participate.

Crunch and Sip

The Crunch and Sip program will continue in our school in 2013. Please ensure that your child brings a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable each day and their school water bottle filled with water. Water bottles are available from the office for $2.20. This break is no longer than 10 minutes so please ensure that your child’s portions are appropriate. Teachers do not have knives in the classroom so please ensure that fruits and vegetables needing to be cut up are done so at home. Thanks

Swimming Carnivals

The Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 8 February at the Woodburn pool. All students eligible have taken home a permission

Canteen Roster

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A reminder that there is NO HOT FOOD at recess!!!

NEW SNACKS - Fruit in Jelly Cups 70c, Frozen Yoghurt Drops 5c ea, Choc Mousse Cups 80c

REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME!

Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to the next P & C Meeting!
note and this needs to be returned ASAP. If you have misplaced your note please contact Mrs Johnston for a replacement. The Ballina District swimming carnival will be held on Friday 15 February 2013. Any enquiries please contact Mrs Johnston.

Susan Johnston
PDHPE Coordinator

SRC News
As we have just had our first SRC meeting of 2013, the School Captains along with some helpers will be selling icy tubes during RECESS times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Terms One and Four. The cost will remain at 40c. Proceeds from Term Four 2012 will be used to purchase child sized garden tools to be used once works have been completed in the playground.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

Student Banking
Remember to bring in your banking each Friday. If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank please come to the office for a application form.

Lyn Blake
SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR

Scholastic Book Club
Welcome to another year of Book Club. Our students have brought home Issue 1 this week, with the due date back to school by 14 February.

For our new families to Book Club, it is a catalogue of books that students can order through school. In return for ordering books our school receives free books and credits to purchase other books as resources for our library and classes.

How to order - Write your name and class on the order on the back page of the catalogue, how many copies with a total, payment can be cash (please ensure it is correct, as change is not given), cheque or by the credit card slip as instructed on the order. Please send this all in an envelope, with your child to their teacher or the office by the due date.

Happy browsing
Toni McConnell
Book Club Co-Ordinator

Community Stuff

Playgroup at Woodburn Public School
Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It’s very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It’s open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

Evans Head & Woodburn Pre Schools
Now Taking Enrolments for 2013
Enrol now to avoid disappointment.
EH: 66825235 (Mon-Fri)
WB: 66822993 (M,T,W)

JUST DANCE!
Richmond Valley will resume classes for 2013 on Monday the 4 February. We offer Jazz, Modern, Hip-Hop & Cheerleading across our Woodburn & Coraki Studios.

Classes start from just $4!
Please contact Tammy on (02) 66822449/0409822565 for an info pack.

Pam Bellingham School of Dance
Woodburn
Ages 3 to adult
Classical, contemporary, tap
Ladies Fun and Fitness class
Classes resume week of 4 February
Phone 0414 953 879

Woodburn SES - Recruiting Now - We Want You!!
Receive nationally recognised training.
Learn new skills
Meet new people
Make your community safer.
Woodburn SES Unit - 66 822 492. Pacific Highway. Drop in and see us at training - 7:30 pm. Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

CSG - Coal Seam Gas Mining
Want to know more about what it is and how it could affect you? Come to a public meeting at Broadwater Community Centre Saturday 23 February 2013 at 4pm. Contact Kia on 0415181335 for more information.

WOODBURN WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB
Soccer sign on will be held on Sat Feb 9 from 9am-12pm & Sat Feb 16 from 1pm-4pm. And Wed
20 & 27 Feb from 4pm-6pm at Woodburn Soccer Fields. All new players need to supply a copy of Birth Certificate. Get in early to secure your child's place on a team. Any enquiries to Donna President 0408080319 Lisa Racz Vice President Ph-0428663166

**iSelect Gold Coast Titans**

WHERE: Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head.
WHEN: THURSDAY, 7 February 2013,
Time: 345pm-5.00pm

Includes: skills clinic run by qualified instructors, A fun games based skills session that gives each participant a basic knowledge of various skills needed to play rugby league. Great for kids currently playing and for those interested in finding out more about our game.

**2013 EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHEDULE**

All Programs held at Scout Hall Evans Head
MONDAYS-0-2 YEAR OLD PLAYGROUP
10am-12pm

TUESDAYS
0-5 YEAR OLD PLAYGROUP WITH MUSIC
10am-12pm

THURSDAYS- MUMS FITNESS WITH CHILDCARE FROM
10:30-11:30
PRENATAL YOGA and SUPPORT
11:30-12:30

Program starting TERM 1
4 February, 2013:
Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre
50 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah
Monday and Wednesday
4pm - 6pm

Places in the program are limited, so call the Lismore & District Women's Health Centre today on 66219 800 or free call 1800 780 900 or email your interest to go4fun@lismorewomen.org.au.

**Triple P Parenting**

Sometimes parenting can be hard…..
There is no instruction manual for parenting
Triple P Individual Parenting Sessions Held in Your Home
Session Includes-
Creating Engaging Activities and Play to fit Your Child
Setting Boundaries and Limits
Taking Care of Yourself—Me Time
Managing Challenging Behaviours and Keeping Your Cool

Limit of 5 Participants. If you are interested please ring or text Tressa, Family Support Coordinator for the Mid-Richmond Neighbourhood Centre on 0434674232.

**Go4Fun**

Go4Fun® has an emphasis on practical, fun learning. This FREE program by NSW Health is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families’ diet, fitness levels and overall health. The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years and their parents or carers.

Go4Fun® runs for 10 weeks alongside the school term and is delivered twice a week for two hours - the first hour consisting of interactive discussions and activities about nutrition and behavior change. The second hour focuses on interactive fun games and exercise for children.

Go4Fun® encourages a family approach and as such a parent or a carer must attend all sessions with the child.
Free Parenting Programs!
Family Support Network shall be offering the following parenting programs in term 1, 2013. All programs are free! Bookings essential for all parenting programs. Please phone 6621 2489 to book a place.

123 Magic parenting program
When: Mondays on Feb 25, March 4 & March 11 from 10am to 12:30pm.
Who: For parents of children 2-12 yrs old.
Where: 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore.
What: 123 Magic uses a universal one size fits all strategy for parents to teach children to manage their strong emotions.

3 Triple P parenting seminars with Kim
Who: For parents of children 2-12 yrs old.
Where: All 3 are at 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore.
1. When: Thurs March 7, 6:30pm to 8pm.
   Topic: The Power of Positive Parenting
2. When: Thurs March 14, 6:30pm to 8pm.
   Topic: Raising Confident, Competent Children.
3. When: Thurs March 21, 6:30pm to 8pm.
   Topic: Raising Resilient Children.

Engaging Adolescents parenting program
with Gudrun & Jude
When: Tuesdays on March 12, 19 & 26 & April 2 from 10am to 12:30pm.
Who: For parents of adolescent children.
Where: 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school.
www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

Swimming Helper
I will be able to assist with swimming on Monday and/or Wednesdays (please circle) afternoons commencing 18 February 2013

Name: _______________________________
Contact Number: ________________________

Canteen Helper
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!!! We need helpers to keep our canteen open 2 days a week. Please show your support - just two days a term makes all the difference!

Yes! I would love to help in the canteen! I can help on:
Monday   Friday
Name ______________________________
Contact Number ______________________

ABSENCE NOTE
My child _____________________________ was absent on ___________________
because of  _________________________________________________________________
Signed _______________________________ Date _________________________
(Parent/Guardian)