Diary Dates
Mon 10 Nov – Stage 2 incursion
Thurs 13 Nov – Stage 2 incursion
Thurs 13 Nov – KT & KJ Assembly
(Note change of date)
Thurs 13 Nov – Kindy 2015 Assembly visit
Thurs 20 Nov – Kindy 2015 Expo
Thurs 20 Nov – 3/4T Assembly
(Note change of date)
Thurs 27 Nov – 3P Assembly
Mon 1 Dec – Fri 12 Dec – Swim Scheme
Tues 2 Dec – Parent/ Helpers Thank you morning tea
Thurs 4 Dec – KM & KS Assembly
Wed 10 Dec – Presentation Day
Thurs 11 Dec – 6K & 6P Assembly
Mon 15 Dec - Year 6 Graduation and Farewell
Tues 16 Dec – Party Day
Yrs K-2 Go Bananas
Yrs 3-5 Movie Day
Yr 6 Bowling and Laser Zone
Wed 17 Dec – Last day term 4
Thurs 29.01.15 Yrs 1 – 6 start

Dear Plumpton Public School Community,

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING
Each three years, schools are required to develop and publish a new school plan identifying three key strategic directions and associated improvement measures. We are currently in the process of developing our plan for 2015-2017.

You are invited to attend one of our Community Consultation meetings where you will have an opportunity to receive information, engage in discussion and share your thoughts and ideas about future planning for our students.

This plan will be closely linked to The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians agreed to by all Australian Education Ministers and the NSW Department of Education’s Strategic Plan.

The Melbourne Declaration states:

“Schools play a vital role in promoting the intellectual, physical, social, emotional, moral, spiritual and aesthetic development and wellbeing of young Australians...”

The declaration articulates two overarching goals for schooling in Australia:

Goal 1 Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2 All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Our students need to have qualities and skills:
• in literacy and numeracy
• to be creative and productive users of technology
• to think deeply and logically
• to obtain and evaluate evidence in a disciplined way
• to be creative, innovative and resourceful
• to plan activities independently, collaborate, work in teams and communicate ideas
• to make sense of their world.

Morning meeting:
Wednesday 19th November 9.15 am concluding at 10:15am.

Afternoon meetings:
Monday 17th November 2 pm concluding at 2.55 pm.
Thursday 20th November 4.30 pm concluding at 5.30 pm.

Both meetings will be held in the Library.
CHILDREN ARRIVING EARLY
An increasing number of children are arriving at school before 8:30am AND many are waiting to be picked up well after the bell at 2:55pm.

This is becoming quite a concern. There is no supervision provided for students before 8.25am or after 2.55pm (other than supervision of bus lines). I will be asking senior officers of the Department of Education to assist with this situation.

As specified in regulations, determinations, handbooks and in legislation: “The duty of care must be exercised from the time the school formally accepts the presence of students half an hour before normal classes begin until they safely depart the school after normal classes finish”

Where there is a safety, welfare or wellbeing concern for children schools can contact The Department of Education’s Child Wellbeing Unit for advice and support.

Our school is very fortunate to have Plumpton Outside School Hours (POSH) providing care and supervision before and after school as well as vacation care from within our school hall.

The service operates within a caring and stimulating environment; providing holistic care for children before and after school. The program is based on the children’s needs and interests. The center is regulated and operates under the National Quality Framework for school aged children.

Before School Care operates from as early as 7am – and offers breakfast for students.

After School Care operates between 3pm up until 6:30pm – and offers a nutritious afternoon snack.

Vacation Care operates 7am – 6:30pm during school holidays.

The centre welcomes permanent and casual bookings, with subsidies available through Centrelink.

For more Information please contact Louise from POSH on 0406 220 055

CLASSES FOR 2015
One of the most talked about topics on Day 1 of any school year is "Whose class are you in?" or, "Who is your teacher?". This is important to children, families and staff, and so, during Term 4 the teachers spend quite a great deal of time carefully planning the class structures for the following school year.

One of the first tasks we do is divide up the anticipated numbers of students into classes. To do this accurately, we need to know about anyone intending to enrol their child into Kindergarten, or anyone leaving our school, moving overseas or having an extended holiday. Please contact the school office by phone 9832 2466 or 9832 2477, complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter, or come to the office to let us know of any of these situations.

Many factors are considered when grouping children into classes for the following school year and it’s never an easy task to get it just right for every child, although we certainly do our very best.

To name just a few:
- Special needs considerations (students requiring some additional assistance or extension in learning)
- ESL phase (how many years a student has been learning English)
- Relationships that should be split or continued
- Students receiving some funding support
- Numbers of boys and girls in classes

In circumstances where parents have particular concerns about the placement of their child for next year that involve any of the factors above or any other reason, now is the time to let us know. Please send a note in a sealed envelope addressed to me with your requests or concerns – it will be treated confidentially. Coming to discuss these issues and a child’s placement in the first week of next year is
just too late. We will always undertake to do the very best we can by every student and we require your support to be able to do this.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Plumpton P.S. has a school uniform policy which has been developed in partnership with the school community. This policy requires all students to wear the full school uniform.

A reminder to families that the uniform policy requires all students to wear black school shoes, in lace up, buckle or velcro. Please consider this when shopping for shoes for next year as it is an expectation of the school and community that this policy will be followed. Sports shoes are only worn on designated days. Please contact the class teacher if you are unsure of which days are ‘sport shoes’ days.

A Plumpton P.S. hat is also required for students to play in the unshaded areas. It would be lovely to see every one of our students wearing the official Plumpton Public School hat.

I am very much looking forward to attending the PEC Citizenship Continuum Presentation next Wednesday evening at Plumpton High School.

Yours in partnership,
Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal
Be safe – Be respectful - Be a learner

SHIRLEY BALL AWARD
The Shirley Ball nominations are now required. When you come to visit our front foyer a large photo of Shirley standing in our agapanthus garden, is in pride of place. “A mother and friend to all” Shirley was a much loved friend of our school who epitomised the true community spirit of Plumpton Public School. At our Presentation Day, Plumpton Public School presents “The Shirley Ball Award”. This award is for the person who has shown outstanding commitment and contribution to our school. The nomination box will be in the front office. The form is included in this newsletter. Please return the completed form by Friday 21 November, 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Pot of Gold Awards.
Felicity De Leon – 1/2L
Nadira Ali – 1/2L
Faye Kishor – 1/2L
Harry Davis – KT
Isayah Maybury-Picatoste – 4/5D
Taylor Brookes – 4/5D
Nafeesa Rishad- 5/6B
Bianca Tyler-Thompson – KT
Christopher Chea – KT
Alyssa Pham – 4/5D
Carissa Tagra - KT
Mikaela Santos – KS
Amanda Santos – KS
Ali Mirzaei – KS
Lochlan Falzon – 1/2L
Cameron Grover – 2R
Rumman Rauf – 5/6B
Cooper Childs – 2R
Charlie Thompson – 5/6B

PARTY DAY
As the end of the year approaches I have been busy preparing the party day for all children in the school on Tuesday 16th of December. Notes will be sent home very soon. Here is some advance notice of venues and costing for that special day.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a special time at Go Bananas (St Mary’s Leagues Club) The costing for the day includes bus travel to and from the venue as well as entry. The cost for the children will be $10.
Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be having a day at the movies. As in the past 2 years I have been able to organise a pre-release movie for the children. The movie will begin showing to the general public on Boxing Day. The movie is called Big Hero Six. Previews can be seen on this Youtube clip.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVCuVN1WBWA
The cost of Bus travel and entry into the movies will be $15.

Year 6 will have a very special day for their last day out together. They will be attending Rooty Hill RSL Bowling and Laser Skirmish Centre. They will have 2 bowling games and 1 of laser skirmish. On the way home their bus will drop them at Plumpton Park where the P & C will be preparing a special lunch for them (sausage sizzle). The cost of their excursion including entry fee, bus cost and lunch will be $25.

Terry Dauw
Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS
I have been handing out overdue notices for books that are still outstanding from before last term. If your child brings one of these notices home please have a good look for the book. For some of the older classes it may be a book that they have borrowed for class reading. If the book is lost please put the amount shown on the overdue slip in an envelope with the overdue notice. If the book is found the money will be returned to you. Thank you for your assistance.

Bronwyn Bailey
Teacher Librarian

YOUTH ECO SUMMIT EXCURSION
On Wednesday 22nd of October Miss Wozniak and Miss James took 16 students to the Youth Eco Summit at Sydney Olympic Park. We participated in three workshops where we learnt about renewable energies, the importance of bugs in the eco system and how to make a healthy lunch with home grown produce. A highlight of the day was making a smoothie powered by a push bike! Thank you to those 16 students for being 'Eco Warriors' and representing Plumpton Public School beautifully.
PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and put into the chute in the office counter. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Please use separate envelopes for each activity. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

STUDENT BANKING
If you have been saving this year with School Banking and have tokens to redeem, please do so soon to ensure you receive your reward before the end of the year. If you do not know what you can get, please come to the office for a Redemption card. Put the completed card in with your banking then as soon as the item is received from the bank your child will receive a coupon to come to the office to collect the item. Only tokens received this year are valid. The computer brings up a list of who is eligible to redeem and this cannot be altered.
Thank you.
Annette Winter – Coordinator.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name. Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.

P&C NEWS
What a great night everyone had at the disco!
Thanks to everyone that came along and extra thanks to all our helpers. We couldn’t have done it without you. We made a profit of over $1500!

Also a huge thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their Sunday to help at the BBQ for the Plumpton/Oakhurst Soccer Club Presentation Day. This makes the P&C a nice profit as well. Most of the helpers on that day don’t have children at the school but still gave up their time. THANK YOU!

UNIFORM SHOP.
MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8.30-9AM AND 2.30-2.55PM.
CASH ONLY

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I wish to nominate ________________________________________ for the Shirley Ball Award.

My reasons are:
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Nominated by ___________________________ Date ___________________________
ATTENDANCE FOR 2015
My child/children will NOT be returning to Plumpton Public School in 2015

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Signed Parent/ Caregiver  Date

Kindergarten enrolments are presently being taken for 2015. Any child turning 5 years of age on or before July 31, 2015 is eligible to enrol for Kindergarten.

Please collect an enrolment form now.
St Francis of Assisi Glendenning

ANNUAL FETE

Saturday 15th November
10am - 4pm

Come join us for a fun family day at our Annual School Fete

* Over 60 different stalls
* Rides
* Food and Drink
* Entertainment
* Face Painting

Let's all join together to help support our local school and community!

Free Entry

Unlimited ride passes available through the school for $25 prepurchase or $30 on the day

1 Stone St, Glendenning

For more information please call
9632 3062

Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/stfrancisfete

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY HOTLINE 1300 880 021
Australia
By KJ & KT

Australia is the land I love

Under the Southern Cross

Sunny, scorching, hot days

The kangaroos bouncing around

Reefs, beautiful underwater gardens

Awesome animals all around

Lovely landscapes everywhere

In the desert, under the sea

Australia means the world to me!
Australia
By KS & KM

Australia is the land I love

Under our seas are beautiful fish

Sitting in a tree is the laughing kookaburra

Tall trees look blue on our mountains

Red waratahs grow

Australian flags fly proudly

Lovely beaches and cities are found

Interesting insects crawling

Amazing animals all around!