Dear Plumpton PS Community,

15.05.14

Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner!
These are the PPS expectations. It’s so pleasing to hear the students using these words throughout the day and demonstrating these positive values. Keep up the good work Plumpton Public School!

STAFF NEWS
A morning tea was held this week for Miss Alexander, who is leaving us this Friday to go back to teaching the ‘big kids’ again in High School. Miss Alexander is looking forward to her new challenge; however, she tells me she will always hold a special place in her heart for the children of Plumpton Public School.

On behalf of the school community, I sincerely thank Miss Alexander for her wonderful contribution to student learning at Plumpton Public School and wish her all the best at her new school. Make sure you keep in touch, Miss Alexander!

NAPLAN
This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students are completing their NAPLAN assessments. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our teachers in their delivery of the curriculum. Our students are saying they feel fairly confident and well prepared for the tasks.

Additionally, it is important to keep in mind that NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool for understanding the strengths and areas of need within the group of students that we have. NAPLAN also provides important data for setting targets for whole school improvement, as well as identifying our current strengths and future directions.

CHANGES TO THE COLLECTION OF MONEY
Students will no longer hand money in to Classroom Teachers for school expenses such as book packs, excursions or special events etc. This money will now be brought directly to the front office by students and/or parents and placed in the slot at the counter. This also includes Student Banking.

The only exception to this rule is for payment of PSSA fees. The PSSA Coaches will continue to collect fees directly from students each week.

STAFF CAR PARK - AGAIN
This is for the safety of all; the staff car park is not to be used by parents and students.

The driveway leading into the school must not be used as a walkway, or the car park used by unauthorized vehicles. Please consider the safety of all
STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It is important that our students attend school each day – it is also important for them to ‘Be on Time at 5 to 9’

We understand that students can be late once in a while, sometimes that can’t be helped. But simple things like having bags packed and uniforms and shoes ready the night before can often make all the difference. We find that classes are much more settled if students are all here and ready to go.

‘Be on Time at 5 to 9’ means that students are able to line up with the rest of the school, listen to the morning messages, walk into their classrooms and take part in the morning routines. This sets the whole school day. Teachers can provide students with an outline of the day, give out any special instructions, explain what they’ll be doing, and then it’s straight into learning. The morning session really is prime time for learning – and we don’t want anyone to miss out.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS:

Before you carry passengers you must have held a motorcycle rider licence for at least 12 months (not including a learner rider licence). Learner and Provisional P1 riders cannot carry passengers.

ANY PASSENGER CARRIED ON A MOTORCYCLE MUST:

- Sit astride the motorcycle pillion seat facing forward.
- Keep both feet on the footrests designed for use by the pillion passenger.
- Wear a correctly fitted and securely fastened approved motorcycle helmet.
- Be eight years of age or older.
- Not interfere with the rider’s control of the motorcycle.

PASSENGERS CARRIED IN A SIDE CAR MUST:

- Wear a correctly fitted and securely fastened approved motorcycle helmet.
- Remain safely seated.
- The motorcycle rider must not ride with more passengers than the sidecar is designed to carry.
- Children under eight are allowed to travel in a sidecar.


Laws change often so make sure you have the most recent information available from the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours in partnership,
Maureen Johnson
Principal

REMEMBER – ‘Be on Time at 5 to 9’

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

If you see any suspicious activity at Plumpton P.S. after school hours, please phone:

The School Security Hotline:
1300 880 021

[Contact information and icons]
ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?
Please make sure you inform the front office if any of your details including any emergency contact details have changed.

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.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES & REMINDERS
PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc. must be paid by the advised closing date. All money is to be put in the slot at the counter of the office. 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. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

This includes Student Banking.

P&C NEWS
What a great result we had from our Mother’s Day stall. We made over $1500 well done everyone! Thanks to all the parents-grandparents who donated and helped out on the day it is much appreciated, without volunteers it wouldn’t happen.

Thanks also to everyone who bought tickets for our raffle.

The winners were-

Danielle - 1P  
Nivisha - 1/2L  
Amilya - 3/4C  
John - 2B  
Malika - 2R  
Ryan - 1H  
Courtney - 2PM  
Shree - 3/4C

Olivia - 6K  
Jaron - 2B

Our next meeting is next Monday 19th May at 5pm in the staff room, everyone is welcome

Uniform shop.
Monday AND Thursday 8.30-9am and 2.30-2.55pm.
CASH ONLY

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17th May
11am - 4pm

SOLACE OF THE LORD

Our inaugural open day is right around the corner, and we’d love to have you there with us!

- Music: Dominica, Avenue Castles, and so much more
- Great food, including classic sausages salads and cultural foods
- Bounce to send your kids with free fruit snacks, coconuts and coffee for you!
- Face painting
- Arts supplies three of our kind
- Charity stalls, from opshop and non-profit affiliations, as well as other
- Kids
- Aboriginal cultural dances and info

MEANING OF STEPS BY DOMINICA BUT WE ARE EXPECTING SOME A SURPRISE
Arhangel Michael & St Bishops Copper Orthodox Church
69 Methylagen Street Mt Druitt

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The simplest way

...to make Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea healthy!

Ingredients
- Olive or canola oil spray
- 2 medium apples, skin on, core removed, grated
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 2 cups dates, seeded
- 2 cups natural museli
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Method
- Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced) Lightly spray a slice tin (approx. 25x20cm) with oil
- Add apple, water, margarine and dates to a small saucepan and bring to the boil
- Reduce heat, cover and simmer for a further 5 minutes until the apple is soft
- Cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes and stir occasionally until mixture thickens to a paste-like consistency
- Meanwhile, place museli in a large fry pan. Stir over low heat until lightly browned
- Sift flour into a large bowl
- Return husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl
- Add cinnamon and museli to the flour and mix to combine
- Stir into the date mixture then spoon into prepared tin
- Bake for 20 minutes until firm
- Cool in tin before cutting

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us on facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District and NITI Walk It School Program.
2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:
- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $157.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 36
EMAIL famenergyrebate.trade.nsw.gov.au

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment, and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FREE ENTRY
Family friendly Winter Market at the Gallery...
Live music by Blue Mountains Ukulele Group - The Blue Mugs

FORAGE & FEAST MARKET
Sunday 1 June 10 - 3pm
Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewars Bequest