Dear Plumpton PS Community,

Gnomes and Gardens Performance

Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

It certainly was a wonderful success! Congratulations to the cast and crew for a brilliant performance. Bouquets to Miss James, Mrs Chaplin and to all staff involved in the production.

Kindergarten 2016

Kindergarten transition is well underway – we are very excited to have our Kinder 2016 students attending our transition sessions and getting ready to start their schooling at Plumpton. Special welcome to any new families joining our school community.

New Class 2016

Plumpton PS will be establishing a brand new support class for next year. The class is a special education class which will meet the needs of seven little Kindergarten students. A teacher with experience in special ed will be appointed.

We are very much committed to providing the very best opportunities, academically and socially, for these students as well as for every student at PPS.

CLASSES FOR 2016

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 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 (Ms. Larkin) with your requests or concerns – it will be treated confidentially.

Coming up to the school 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.

Yours in partnership,
Maureen Larkin
Principal

SHIRLEY BALL AWARD

The Shirley Ball Award 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 below. Please return the completed form by Friday 20 November 2015.

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**SHIRLEY BALL AWARD – 2015**
(to be returned to school by Friday 20 November 2015.)

I wish to nominate ________________________________ for the Shirley Ball Award.

My reasons are:____________________________________

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Nominated by ___________________________ Date ___________________________
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 DO NOT PUT ANY PSSA money in the chute as this goes direct to the teachers handling the PSSA.
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.

Students 4 Sustainability
P-2 of Food Saving Tips

Pasta
Cooked too much pasta? Rinse it in cold water and freeze in meal-sized portions. This can be re-heated in a microwave when needed. Leftover cooked pasta can be kept in a fridge for up to 2 days. It makes great pasta salad!

Raw meat
All raw meat, poultry and fish should be stored at the bottom of the fridge in a clean, sealed container to stop it touching or dripping onto other things. Freeze it before it reaches its Use By date if you

Sandwiches
Use leftover food as a sandwich filler. Even leftover curry makes a tasty sandwich filling! Did you know you can make sandwiches from frozen bread? They will even defrost by lunchtime, keeping the filling cool.

Vegetables
Put old carrots or soft celery into a glass of water in the fridge to revive them. Add squishy tomatoes to a chilli or pasta sauce.
Vegetables that are past their best will make a great soup. Frozen vegetables from the supermarket are as healthy as fresh.

Yoghurt
Yogurts and fromage frais can be frozen. Mix yogurts with over-ripe fruit, add a stick, pour into lolly moulds and freeze. Add yogurts getting close to the Use By date to smoothies.

Use By date labels
Food with a Use By date goes off quite quickly. It can be dangerous to eat it after this date, even if it looks and smells OK. Plan how you will use up all the food you’ve bought, before it goes out of date.

Zucchini
Grate into spag bol, chilli etc to increase the amount of veg in your families diet. Store in the fridge and in their original packaging if not bought loose.
**ATTENDANCE FOR 2016**

My child/children will *NOT* be returning to Plumpton Public School in 2016

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Signed Parent/ Caregiver ___________________________  Date _____________