Good afternoon Parents,  

22 April 2015

Welcome back to the start of yet another term. This term is bound to present its share of challenges and exciting opportunities. This week we are all being challenged by the weather and constant inside play. This has not been the best way to start our new term. On a brighter note, we have welcomed back Mrs Crye after her maternity leave, as well as Mrs Wilkinson after an illness at the end of last term.

Students in Years 3 and Year 5 will be challenged by NAPLAN testing in Week 4. Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be receiving more information about NAPLAN soon.

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held soon, but not just yet. Unfortunately the weather has caused us to postpone this week's proposed carnival. I would suggest that the new date will be in either Week 2 or Week 3, depending upon conditions of the playing fields.

Students will very soon have the exciting opportunity to trial for our Winter PSSA sports teams. This year the choice will be Netball with Mrs Katon, Soccer with Mr Robinson or 9 a side Rugby League with Mr Tasker. Having a new sport on the agenda is very exciting and already a number of students have told me that they are looking towards try outs.

In Week 3 of this term the school dentist will be visiting the school. The opportunity this year will be for Years 2,4,6 and Kindergarten. Notes will be coming home very soon.

Next week will be a special fundraising event organised by our school captain, Emma Wilson. All money donated will be going to under privileged children. The activity will be in the form of a trivia competition that will be run from Kindergarten to year 6. Children will sit in groups and attempt to answer questions (set at their level) There will be 4 different sets of questions – a set for each stage. Entry to the competition will be by a gold coin donation. Please support this cause.

Our new P & C committee are racing against the clock to organise a Mothers Day stall for the students. It will happen in Week 3 (7.5.2015) There is a P & C “extra” meeting this FRIDAY morning at 9.15am to finalise organisation. If you can help at all why not drop into the staffroom and talk with the committee or join the meeting. You are all part of the P & C and it is all for the students.

Terry Dauw
Relieving Principal
SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE

Our School Anzac Service will be held this Friday 24 April at 10.00a.m. Unfortunately with the wet weather that we are experiencing, we will not have room in our school hall for the parents to attend.

RECESS & LUNCH

Could you please make sure your child has recess and lunch each day. There has been an increase in the number of students coming to school without food lately. We do provide a sandwich to any student who has left their lunch at home, however, we can’t provide lunch each and every day to any one student.

A child continually coming to school without food becomes a mandatory report made to child welfare agencies.

If there is genuine hardship, we may be able to help out, but parents must contact me to make me aware.

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.

P&C NEWS

There is a P & C “EXTRA” meeting this Friday morning at 9.15a.m. If you can spare any time to help at all (getting Mother’s Day items ready, please drop in to the staffroom and talk with the committee or join the meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP.

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

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Also a reminder that school coloured hair accessories can be viewed and ordered at the Uniform Shop.

If you see anything suspicious on school grounds after hours please phone:

The School Security Hotline:
1300 880 021
Do you have a child starting school in 2016?

Have you heard about the HIPPY program?

HIPPY - Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngster

HIPPY is a FUN and FREE program you can do with your 4 year old to help them get ready for school.

HIPPY gives parents/carers ideas and materials for games and activities that help children's learning.

HIPPY helps children by preparing them for school and by helping them to enjoy spending time with their parents while learning and having fun.

"HIPPY has really helped me know how to talk with my daughter and help her with her learning"

"I read more with my child now"

"My child is really happy when she does HIPPY and that makes me happy too"

For more information you can contact the Hippy Coordinator, Joanne, on 0457 716 209 by text or phone. Or visit www.hippyaustralia.org.au. Or pick up a brochure from the school office.

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Burnside is funded by Department of Social Services through the Brotherhood of St. Laurence to run Hippy Bidwill in Plumpton, Rooty Hill, Hassall Grove, Oakhurst, Bidwill and Mt Druitt.