Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to welcome all our families back for Term 3 and extend a special welcome to the new families joining Plumpton Public School. Once again, it will be a very busy term.

EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN DAY, Wednesday, 29th July
The theme for Education Week in 2015 is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. At Plumpton Public School, the students will be looking at the concept of a hero and applying this idea to their own experiences.

Parents and friends are invited to visit the school on Wednesday, 29th July. This day promises to be a busy one, starting with a whole school assembly, open classrooms, a picnic lunch and a wonderful walkathon after recess to raise funds for school iPads. Education Week is a time to celebrate learning and we look forward to seeing you and hearing about your own ‘local heroes’.

ONESIE / WINTER PYJAMA DAY, Wednesday, 5th August
The weather has been very cold lately. Wouldn’t it be lovely to stay in our pyjamas all day!

We are holding a Onesie / Winter Pyjama Day to raise some money to help send Ayisha Asad to compete at the national level in Football (Soccer) at the Pacific School Games being held in South Australia.

We would like to encourage all of our students to come to school in their winter pyjamas or onesie and bring a gold coin donation. The P&C will match dollar for dollar the amount donated by students.

When: Wednesday 5th August

What: Stay in your PJ’s all day! Wear your Onesie or Winter Pyjama’s (along with sensible shoes) and bring a gold coin donation.

KINDERGARTEN 2016
Do you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July 2016?

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016! Please come and get an enrolment form from the front office and return it (completed with the required documentation) as soon as possible.

We look forward to meeting your child at the Kindergarten 2016 Orientation sessions, more information to follow.
STAFFING CHANGES
This term we have a number of staff taking leave, so you will see a number of new or familiar faces across the school. Any classes affected have been or will be notified of any changes.

Yours in partnership,

Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal

WALKATHON
The walkathon will be held next Wednesday as part of the school’s OPEN DAY. The walkathon will begin after recess and finish at lunchtime. Parents are very welcome to attend and walk the walkathon course with their children.

WALKATHON SPONSORSHIP – YOU COULD WIN AN IPAD MINI

I know that many children have been busy collecting sponsors. Thanks to all of our families and community members for your efforts to help us to achieve our goal in raising $10,000 to purchase iPads. Ten thousand dollars seems so far away! We only have this weekend left for students to gain more sponsorship.

For every $5 a student raises they will receive a ticket in the raffle. THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE RAFFLE WILL BE AN IPAD MINI! If students raise $20 they’ll get 4 raffle tickets plus a bonus ticket. That’s 5 tickets for every $20 raised!

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 19th August. In addition, Microsoft have donated 8 pieces of software, I have footballs, skipping ropes, stationary, and many other prizes to give away.

Teachers will be looking for parents who will be able to help out with stamping children’s walkathon cards. That way the teachers can have the opportunity to walk a lap or two with their class. I will be looking for parent helpers to cut up and hand out oranges during the walkathon.

And lastly, very importantly, the class that raises the most money will win a pizza lunch. As all classes have different numbers of students, it will be calculated on average funds raised per class.

Let’s hope we reach the $10,000 target!

Mr Dauw
Walkathon Organiser.

ANTI-RACISM CONTACT OFFICER

I would like to introduce myself as the Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) at Plumpton Public School. My name is Ms Janmaat and I currently work with issues relating to racism, and to resolve conflicts as they arise. If your child is a victim or racism or encountering on-going issues of bullying or harassment due to their race, culture or ethnicity, they are encouraged to contact me. I would endeavour to resolve these issues with the assistance of class teachers and the Principal where necessary at Plumpton as the English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) teacher. My role is to educate students, staff and the community about issues relating to racism.
LEG0

Unwanted Lego lying around the house?

Consider donating it to your school!

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring it in and give it to Mrs Buck so that she can set up a tub for students to play with. Thank you in advance!!!

PEC CITIZENSHIP CONTINUUM

On Monday 27th July, Mrs Bailey and Ms Katon will be catching up with the Stage 3 students who are completing portfolios for the Citizenship Certificate (Year 5) and Medal (Year 6). This will allow us to see how each student is going and to give any extra help that may be required. It would assist us greatly if those students could bring their portfolio folder on that day with any evidence that they hope to use.

All PEC Citizenship Continuum students are still able to come to the Library at lunchtime on Friday to use the computers to type up their blurbs for their portfolio. During this time the students have the support of Mrs Bailey, Ms Katon and Ms Janmaat, in helping them complete their portfolio. The completed Portfolios are due at the end of Week 1 in Term 4.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mrs Bailey in the Library.
Mrs Bailey & Ms Katon
PEC Citizenship Continuum Co-ordinators

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK - BOOK’S LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

This term is a very busy but exciting time in the Library. Book Week begins in Week 7 and this year to help celebrate Book Week we will also be holding our Book Fair. Our Book Fair will begin on Friday 21/8 with Grandparents Day and our Book Character Parade. The Parade will start at 10am, as many Grandparents found it difficult to get to the school at our normal school starting time. The Parade will finish at recess, so you can enjoy morning tea together and come into the Library to see and hopefully buy some of the amazing books and gifts on sale. This year we are also trying something different, with many of our buddy classes getting together and choosing a book theme to dress up to. It should be a fantastic way to start our Book Fair.

The Book Fair opening times are as follows:
Friday 21/8 - Recess - 4pm
Monday 24/8 - Lunch and the 2:30 pm - 4pm
Tuesday 25/8 - Lunch and the 2:30 pm - 4pm
Wednesday 26/8 - Lunch and the 2:30 pm - 4pm

Don’t forget this is a great opportunity to start buying your Christmas gifts and stocking fillers.

In addition to our Book Fair, K - Yr 2, on Thursday 20/8, will have the opportunity to attend a Book Week musical performance called "Shine a Light", an imaginative story and exciting story with songs, dance and audience participation. On Wednesday 19/8, Year 3 -6 will be visited by the award winning poet and author Steven Herrick, whose new book "Bleakboy and Hunter" is nominated for a Book Week Award this year.
Permission notes and information about these 2 incursions will be sent home next week.
Bronwyn Bailey
Teacher Librarian
STAGE 1’S EXCURSION TO AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE

At the end of last term on Wednesday 24th June, Stage 1 students and teachers went on an exciting bus trip to step back in time for the day at Australiana Pioneer Village at Wilberforce. We wanted to find out what life was like in Australia well over 100 years ago! This will help us this term as we are learning about ‘Families Past and Present’ in H.S.I.E. The village had some houses to visit with their tiny rooms and old furnishings (even the oldest house in Australia from 1811, Rose Cottage) a general store, a bank, a police station, a barber shop, a blacksmith’s workshop, a woolshed, a farm and more.

John the blacksmith’s demonstration was popular as Brylle from K/1P “liked the blacksmith showing us the metal things”. Jack Smith from 2/3HL “liked learning how the blacksmith worked with metal and coals” and he “especially liked that my name is Smith and John told me my ancestors could have been blacksmiths, goldsmiths or silversmiths”.

The train ride was another favourite, especially how Ranvir in 1/2P and Aaliyah in 2R liked the train “going through the dark tunnel”. Nivisha in 2MV liked “seeing all the sheep from the train” and Zac from 2MV liked “seeing the farm and lots of things from the train”.

In the woolshed, we got to see how the clipped sheep’s wool was spun into balls of wool ready for knitting. There was even a sheep that we got to pat. Kyran in K/1P really “liked the sheep” and Jaelyn in 2R “liked touching the sheep because it’s fur was hard, not soft”.

There were hands-on things to do too, like hand washing clothes with soap on a wash board, churning milk into butter by hand and pumping water. Levi in 1G “really liked making the butter”. We even got to taste it on some bread! We learnt that if people in the town wanted water, they had to go out to the village water pump. It was hard work, but Harry in 1G and Jordon in 1/2P “really liked pumping the water”. Some students even got to see what happened to you if you broke the law and were in trouble!

We also visited an old school building from 1889. The students got to see how things have changed over time and gain a sense of appreciation for our modern classrooms. They noticed how the classroom looked quite plain and didn’t feel as fun as school does now. From hard wooden floors, heavy desks and bench seats with ink wells and pens, fancy looking handwriting on the blackboard, and even how children used to write on slate boards and had to wipe them clean with their spit! As William in 1R said, “eww!”

It was a fantastic day out and couldn’t have happened without Mrs Martin’s fantastic organisation and the wonderful volunteers at the village. Some students were so exhausted they even fell asleep on the way back to school!

By Mrs Racchi and Stage 1 teachers and students
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.

SPECIAL SWIMMING SCHEME
This scheme originally offered to Year 2 will now be offered to students in Years 3 and 4. The notes have gone home to these students. There are 20 places available now.

Plumpton will be attending the Special Swim Scheme from 24 August - 4 September 2015 (10 days) at a cost of $80, with options for an instalment plan. If you are in Year 2 and still interested please see the office for a new permission form.

$20 OPERA AUSTRALIA TICKETS

Last term, Plumpton Public School had the pleasure of viewing Opera Australia’s production of Rossini’s Cinderella. It was evident that the students thoroughly enjoyed the whole performance and we can’t wait to have Opera Australia back next year for a brand new production!

You and your family now have the opportunity to attend a performance at the Sydney Opera House at a greatly reduced ticket price.

Opera Australia ticket prices normally start from $79.00 each and can be as expensive as $330.00 per ticket. This fantastic offer will give you the opportunity to view a live performance at the Sydney Opera House for only $20.00 per ticket!

As there will be great demand for this offer, tickets will be allocated using a ballot system. You can enter the ballot for tickets at the following website:


Students 4 Sustainability

Save money and the environment this Winter!

- Seal it up – seal doors, windows and exhaust fans and keep in the heat. Save up to 25% on your heating bills.
- Turn it off – When you are not at home or when you are out of the room turn appliances off at the power switch.
- Turn it down – by turning down the temperature by 1°C you can save up to 10% on your heating bills. Set the temperature to a maximum of 20°C in winter.
- Wrap up warmly – with an extra layer of clothing, especially on your feet!
TAKE 3 VISITS PLUMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Tuesday 21st July, Tim Silverwood, the founder of the Take 3 organisation visited Plumpton Public School to speak to our students about sustainable practices. Tim spoke to the whole school and presented some disturbing facts about waste and its impact on the environment. Here is what our students had to say:

Tim from Take 3 convinced us to help him save animals and our environment from rubbish. He said that it will help our oceans and animals. He told us that every time we walk by rubbish, we should pick it up.
Written by Mark and Braith 5/6B

Tim from Take 3 taught us today about plastic pollution and waste. He taught us how to be sustainable and told us to pick up rubbish wherever we are. He showed us little micro-beads in face wash and said that we shouldn’t be using it. Some sand is made out of plastic. Pick up rubbish, put it in the bin and Take 3 (Save the turtles!)
Written by Lorna and Grace 5/6B

Tim from Take 3 explained to us that we should not litter. We should pick up rubbish because plastic has a lot of impact on animals and the wildlife environment. Every 15 seconds, there is 3 tonnes of rubbish dumped in our water systems.
Written by Nargis, Kelly and Angel 5/6B

Today, Tim from Take 3 came to visit our school to teach us how to keep our environment clean. He showed us pictures of rivers filled with plastic bottles and other pieces of rubbish. He explained that when we leave rubbish lying around, animals will pick it up and eat it which is bad. He told us that every 15 seconds there is approximately 3 tonnes of waste that goes into the ocean.
Written by Mythra and Danielle 5/6B

After the presentation Tim lead a workshop of 20 students to come up with innovative ideas to tackle waste at Plumpton Public School.

At Plumpston Public School we are working hard to become a sustainable school; where students, teachers and parents support the environment. Watch this space for some exciting environmental projects coming soon!!

FAMILY REFERRAL SERVICE

The Family Referral Service (FRS) brings together families, support services, and community resources so that our children and young people are safe and well.

They work with all services to find out what best supports young people, families and their children.

The FRS will listen to your needs and refer you to the right service, which could help you with:

- Domestic violence experiences
- Housing or accommodation access
- Financial assistance
- Counselling and mediation
- Parenting struggles
- Mental health concerns
Finding culturally appropriate support

For more information phone: 1300 403 373

P&C NEWS

We **NEED** your help to keep running, parent helpers are needed at the following events:
Open Day BBQ 29th July, cooking, cutting and preparing rolls, serving.
Athletics Carnival 4th August, cooking, rolls, serving, canteen.
Father’s Day Stall 1st September, selling gifts at the stall.
Soccer Club BBQ 25th October, cooking and serving.

Any and all help would be appreciated if you can help with any of the above, please contact the P&C on the following email address
plumptonPS_PandC@hotmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP.

**MONDAY & THURSDAY ONLY 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 and at the front office.

Written by Hope Beetson

On the 20th of June this year I represented our school in the NSW Interschool Championships in vaulting at the Sydney Equestrian Centre where the Olympics were held in 2000. I competed against 20 other competitors in my level which were from many different schools and I received 4th place. For those of you that don’t know, Vaulting is a form of acrobat gymnastics on horseback. I have been doing vaulting for 6 months and at my level we only have to do acrobat poses whilst the horse is walking but I have already started practising doing some tricks on a cantering horse which is quite scary but very exciting and fun. Some of the basic moves I must do in the competitions is sitting, kneeling, standing and lying across the horses back. Vaulting is fun and a great way to get some exercise because you have to concentrate too much to realise how hard it is. Vaulting is reasonably new to Australia and there are not many vaulting schools around. I train at the Hawkesbury vaulting club in Ebenezer and the people there are really friendly and we all have great fun.
The simplest way
...to add veggies, every day!

Eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent. Yet most adults don’t eat enough of either, particularly veg — and what adults eat affects the whole family.

Did you know legumes like baked beans are a type of vegetable?

Add legumes across your day to get some extra veg in:

- Baked beans on toast for brekkky, or an easy dinner, or pack a small container for lunch
- Add drained chickpeas to your salads
- Red Kidney beans make a tasty addition to bolognese sauce, add towards the end

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