Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Day for Daniel – Keeping Kids Safe

Wear Red and Educate

Last Friday’s “Day for Daniel” was extremely well supported with students and staff wearing red and being reminded of important messages related to ‘keeping kids safe’ including stranger danger, being safety smart and key messages such as “Recognise, React and Report”.

Our school was also decorated with red balloons by Mrs Jackie Fraser before the start of the school day so that everywhere we looked we saw red to remind us of this key message. You may wish to visit the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website at http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au for more information about this worthy course and make a donation to ensure that this message continues to be delivered to children everywhere.

Stage 3 Excursion

On Wednesday Stage 3 head off on their three day camp at the Outdoor Education Centre at Morisset. They will be provided with the chance to do lots of wonderful activities including archery, rock climbing, giant swing, and canoeing, just to name a few. Evening activities will also be lots of fun and hopefully include some sleep as well. Mr Hamshaw, Mr Bayliss and Ms Cains will be accompanying the children along with parent volunteers.

Excursions of this magnitude, that we have been able to offer would not have been possible without the staff and parent helpers giving up their time to attend. The teachers and parents do this out of the kindness of their hearts and often at the expense of family time. I would like to thank them for providing these opportunities for our students.

Little Learners – Kindergarten 2015

Our transition program for Kindergarten 2015 has now concluded. It has been wonderful to meet families and children as well as provide them with time to become familiar with our school setting, meet staff and gain an understanding of what our wonderful school has to offer.

Special Swim School – 10 – 21 November

Miss Powell has been organising the program for our annual swim scheme which occurs in Weeks 6 and 7. The program is offered to Year 2 students initially and then to Years 3 – 6 based on the number of places remaining after the first offer is made.

P & C Meeting Reminder

The next P & C meeting will be held on next Tuesday 11 November at 6.30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Classes for 2015

We are beginning the process for developing classes for 2015. The teachers have a comprehensive knowledge of the children and use this when creating class groups for next year. In some cases parents may have a knowledge about specific needs of their child that they would like to provide to the school. If you have a suggestion regarding the peer group of your child please write a note, email or make an appointment to discuss with me. Whilst we can’t guarantee the request can be accommodated we certainly can take it into account when developing the classes.

Narelle Mann
Principal
Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015. Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015.
You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 4981 1007.

Canteen Helpers
Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 4981 1007.

Twilight Band Performance
Save the date: Thursday evening, 4 December, the Twilight Band performance will be held at Anna Bay Public School. Dinner & Performance tickets will be available soon. This is for band members and their families only.

Garden Club
The garden club will be selling potted strawberries, rosemary, flowers and some vegetables from 50c to $3 on Wednesday morning outside the canteen. All money raised will go towards buying seeds and mulch for the garden, so please come along and show your support.

Library News
Thankyou to the teachers and parents who supported our bookfair last week! It was such a beautiful display of quality literature that I nearly had to sleep here on Wednesday night to take it all in. It was wonderful to see that books are still such an important part of people’s lives in this technological world that we live in. Max and Amanda from Macleans books were super impressed with the positive response and the happy atmosphere of our school. If you missed the bookfair or want to see what else they have you can pop down to Newcastle and visit their shop in Beaumont Street, Hamilton. Thanks again everyone! Happy Reading!
Mrs Swartz Teacher Librarian

Bobs Farm Public School need our Help
Bobs Farm have entered the Hunter Water Acting Water Wise short film competition and need our votes. The video will be on the website: www.watercatchers.com.au from today. Voting closes 21 November. They could win $10,000 for their school, so please help out a local, small school and vote away!

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2016
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. Notes were sent home with Year 5 students last week.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at www.schoools.nsw.edu.au/ oportunites. The application website is open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted. Copies of the printed application information booklet are also available from the office.

Parents are able to email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries.

Merit Awards

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Around the School

**Wetlands & Oakvale Farm Excursion**

Red Day for Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Wetlands “I spy with my little eye”