TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

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Parents, Carers and Community members,

**BBQ Lunch**

This Friday, students from 3/6D and 3/6B will be cooking a BBQ lunch for the school. Sausage sandwiches are available for purchase (on the day) at both lunch and recess for a cost of **JUST $1!!!!!!**

**Safe 4 Kids**

On Saturday afternoon, I had the pleasure of being invited to a BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) meeting in Moorebank, where a special guest speaker delivered a 2 hour training package to the members of BACA on Child Protection Training. The speaker, Holly-ann Martin is the founder and Managing Director of Safe4Kids. Her experience spans twenty-five years with the Western Australian Department of Education and Training (DET), in a variety of school settings. Holly-ann’s unique approach to child protection education is underpinned by a whole community focus. This focus is centred around providing safer communities for children through engaging school staff, parents and carers, local police, health workers, Department of Child Protection staff and early years childcare and education workers. Holly-ann’s emphasis centres on developing a language and culture of safety for children and adults alike, improving communication and highlighting and broadening the networks available to children when they are feeling unsafe. The sustained delivery of these programmes is the key to creating a positive influence on both individual and community behaviour. I have spoken with Holly about coming to work with our school community in the future, but I have also included in this newsletter her “15 Tips for Parents that will help you child feel safe”. Please have a read!

**Family Services Illawarra**

Last Friday, Family Services Illawarra began a **free 6 week program for parents** called “Bringing Up Great Kids”. Nine of our parents attended the first session, and have all agreed it was well worth it! The program promotes positive, respectful parent and child relationships. There is free childminding available and you can still attend this Friday, even if you have missed the first session.

If you are interested in attending this program, please call Family Services Illawarra on 4255 5333, or leave your name with Mrs Mullin at the front office.

**NAPLAN Testing**

Tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday all of our Years 3 and 5 students will sit the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The tests cover spelling, reading, writing, grammar and language conventions as well as mathematics. There are 4 tests overall. Students in Years 4 and 6 will continue with their learning program, but may not have their normal class teacher during this time. It is important that parents and carers encourage their children to do their best, understanding that this is not a test taken under “normal” teaching conditions. This can cause anxiety for some students and we want to assure parents that Barrack Heights teachers will, at all times, support your child.
Lake Illawarra Command Police/Principal Forum
This Friday, I will be attending the annual Police/Principal Forum held at Lake Illawarra Local Command. During the Forum, I will be discussing the role of our local police and their relationship with our school. As you know, Senior Constable Kerryn Mura and Senior Constable Ben Scott have been working closely with our school during the past two years as our Police Youth Liaison Officers. These two officers will be running workshops with all classes K-6 in the coming weeks and months, delivering messages about cyber-safety, vandalism, bullying and resilience. On behalf of our entire school community, I look forward to continuing our strong and respectful relationship with our local police.

Parenting Ideas - Membership
Our School P&C have purchased a year’s subscription to the Parenting Ideas magazine. Parenting ideas is Australia’s leading provider of parenting education resources to schools. They offer an extensive range of learning resources to parents, articles and up-to-date content for school newsletters, as well as professional development for teachers and parents. If you would like to see more, please go to: www.parentingideas.com.au and follow the instructions in the parents section. You can download the Parenting Ideas Magazine here as well. Additional information will be included in our weekly newsletter – this week look for the article on “5 Mental Health Habits to Promote in Kids”.

Have a fantastic week!
Sarah Rudling
Principal

Opportunity Class Applications (Years 5 and 6 - 2015)
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014. Online applications opened on Monday 28th April and should be used by all parents with access to the internet, email address (not the student’s) and a printer. Paper application forms are held with Mrs Dimi Wheeler (5/6W) and can be distributed on request. All applications must be submitted by Friday 16th May, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after this date.
For further information please visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Green Aid
Could you please return all money and unsold Band-Aids to school by Thursday 15 May.
Thank you

YOU CAN DO IT ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2014   TERM 2 WEEK 2

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<td>Samantha W Ember M</td>
<td>Excellent classroom behaviour and persistence</td>
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<td>Mrs Wheeler</td>
<td>Ruby M Selena B</td>
<td>An enthusiastic &amp; cooperative class member</td>
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<td>Patrick H Joshua F</td>
<td>For being a confident reader and writer</td>
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<td>Mr Ellsmore</td>
<td>Catherine W Lachlan H</td>
<td>Persistence in her writing Using persistence to make connections within stories</td>
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<td>Miss Bunt</td>
<td>Lucas SB Lleyton C Gavin K</td>
<td>Working with persistence Improved confidence in all areas Improved confidence in all areas</td>
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What ‘key’ does your award relate to this week?
O = Organisation (Orange)
G = Getting Along (Green)
C = Confidence (Yellow)
P = Persistence (Purple)
R = Resilience (Red)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Macedonian Education & Cultural Association Mother’s Day Family and Friends Night

Come & join our “Family & Friends” night & watch out children perform Macedonian Cultural Dance

Where: Flinders Public School
Adam Murray Way, Flinders
When: Tuesday 13th May 2014
Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Admission: Adults $5, children FREE
Contact: Silvana on 0421 179 601 for further details or just come along

Feel free to drop in & trial our Macedonian Cultural and Education Classes on Tuesday nights between 6pm and 8pm. (Note: Classes do not run during school holidays).

Library News
Book Fair Colouring in Competition- Have fun and get ready for the book fair! Enter our competition to win some amazing books and prizes.

Canteen Supervisor Position Vacant

The Albion Park Rail Public School P&C have an opening for a Canteen Supervisor on 5 days a fortnight job share.

Requirements:
- Food Handling Certificate
- Working with Children Check
- Criminal Record Check
- Previous Canteen Supervisor Experience
- Excellent Communication Skills

Duties:
- Liaise with other supervisor and P&C executives
- Count/balance money
- Preparation of fresh food
- Serving customers
- Maintaining overall cleanliness of canteen
- Stocktaking, restocking
- Order food with minimal wastage
- Ability to work with a wide range of volunteers
- Knowledge and commitment to WH&S

The successful applicant must be willing to sign a duties contract and be available to attend monthly meetings. Please send resume including referees to:
Albion Park Rail Public School
Attention Debra Davies
PO BOX 1, Albion Park, 2527
OR
email: albionpkr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications close on Thursday 22nd May 2014