Term 2 Week 8  Week ending  20th June 2014

Principal’s Message

This will be our last newsletter for the term. Congratulations go to the students for their effort and achievement that they have displayed this term. We have enjoyed many activities this term and look forward to our up-coming athletics carnival and Coffs Harbour excursion in early Term 3.

Semester One reports will be sent home with your child next week. These reports reflect your child’s effort and achievement throughout the semester in all areas of the curriculum. Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss your child’s report with their class teacher.

On Wednesday 18th June the school was presented with a popcorn machine from the Good for Kids Program. The school received this in recognition for their effort in making the school canteen menu compliant with the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen. Josh Cohen from the Good for Kids Program made the presentation to two of our School Leaders. A special thankyou to Lynda Dawson for taking the time to seek healthier options for our canteen.

I’d like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another exciting and busy term ahead.

Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal

School Photo Day is TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2014

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
Infants News

In Literacy we are still reading and enjoying a variety of poems. This week we have been looking at the works of Shel Silverstein who likes to use spoonerisms in his poems. The students had fun trying to decode his book entitled "Runny Babbit, A Billy Sook".

In Drama we have been working with puppets. The students used puppets to act out a short skit and enjoyed changing their voices to create different characters. We have begun making our own jungle animal finger puppets.

In Computers we have been learning how to use Microsoft Paint. The children have had fun using shapes, adding text boxes and creating their own pictures.

Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and homework is due in on FRIDAYS.

Our Library day is FRIDAY so children will need to return their book in order to borrow a new one.

Primary News

Over the last 2 weeks we have focussed on measurement using length and mass. Students have enjoyed using specific equipment to measure and record items around our school.

In Art we have made flying kites in the sky where students designed and coloured their kites and glued them onto their cloudy sky backgrounds adding glitter strings. These have been hung in our classroom and look fantastic.

On Wednesday students finished their felt books they had made in Scripture. The students were very proud of their books and are appreciative of the massive effort Mrs Lockyer puts into her lessons.

Due to next week being our last week before the holidays students will be revising their spelling words and maths concepts they have focussed on during this term.

REMINDER: Library books are due in on Wednesday. There will be no borrowing this week due to holidays.

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Disco

Tuesday 24th June 2014 4.30pm—6.00pm
Girl Guides Hall, East Avenue

Just bring your dancing shoes! Drinks, snacks and glow sticks will be provided. Disco will be fully supervised. Children need to be collected by a parent or guardian.
AWARDS

Week 6

Class Awards
Emily Cruickshank—For moving up levels in Guided Reading.
Lilly Cruickshank—Great work all day.
Maleika Speedy—Always trying her best.
Robbie Peell—Great work in Maths using Time.
Chloe Johnson—Excellent effort in all areas.
Mason Peell—Excellent effort in Maths.
Travis Patterson—Always taking pride in his work.
Iszac Speedy—Excellent computer skills.
Nathan Philp—Having a perfect week.

Mathletics Awards
Mason Peell—1089 points
Maleika Speedy—1246 points

Sports Awards
Amy Beale—Excellent sportsmanship

DOJO Winners
Lilly Cruickshank
Alex Loeb

Super Spellers
Alex Loeb
Marika Patterson
Ava Smedley
Nathan Philp
Taneekwa Patterson
Jaimie Loeb
Chelsea Darlington

DOJO Winners
Travis Patterson
Dorothy Coulter

Sports Awards
Travis Patterson—Great effort in all activities

Mathletics Awards
Liam Byrne
Iszac Speedy

Class Awards
Zara Beale—Excellent work in Maths with 2d shapes.
Sarah-Jane Casson—Improved writing efforts.
Jordanne Nanson—Applying herself to her work.
Mason Peell—Hard work and being honest.
Dorothy Coulter—Excellent effort all day.
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.
Do not choose to be wrong for the sake of being different.
Lord Samuel

We have had a layer of mulch on our garden bed ever since our seedlings were big enough to pop their heads above it. Our photos show our mulched vegie patch and our un mulched “control” patch.

Mulch is important for a number of reasons:
1. It keeps the soil from getting too cold by insulating against frosts.
2. It keeps the moisture in the soil from evaporating (you can save about 60% of your watering by applying mulch)
3. It helps keep weeds from growing too quickly.
4. Decomposes to form healthy humus for plant nutrition.
5. Provides a healthy environment for worms and other helpful organisms to live

Notice the difference between our mulched garden and our un mulched “control” patch!

Community Notices
NERAM (New England Regional Art Museum) - Mud Mania
Wednesday 2nd July 2014 from 10am to 4pm
For children aged 5-12 years $50 each
A fun hands-on tactile workshop for children to ‘squelch’ their hands into clay and mould their own portrait.
BYO morning tea and lunch. All materials supplied.
Prepayment essential at www.trybooking.com/FCVR
For more information contact office@neram.com.au

A REMINDER TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by