18th November 2015

With the temperature expected to rise into heat wave conditions by the end of the week, it is quite timely to think about our sun safe practices. Most children wear a hat at school and we thank parents for supporting our no hat, play in the shade policy. Please encourage your children to drink plenty of water at all times, but especially when it is so hot.

Collaborative Online Learning
Next week I will spend two days in Maitland developing my skills in collaborative online learning. These skills will allow our students to work on projects with students from other small schools. It will also allow me to set an online workspace for the Principal’s of the small schools to share resources. One of the focusses of Strategic Direction 1 in our School Plan is to prepare our students to become 21st Century learners. This means that they need to not only be able to access and use technology, but they need to work collaboratively with others. We hope to set up our first project in term 1, 2016.

Presentation Night
Our eagerly anticipated Presentation Night is almost upon us. It will be held on Tuesday 1st December. Students will attend for half a day on that day, returning home at lunch time. An early bus run has been organised.

The night will begin at 6.30pm sharp. Please arrive a bit early. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, which includes black shoes and navy socks. Year 6 students will wear their Year 6 T-shirts.

All families and friends are invited to come and join us as we celebrate the successes of our students over the past 12 months.

The night will conclude with supper. We would like all families to bring a plate of food to share. Please remember, the food must be nut free.

Looking forward to everyone joining us on that night.

Movie Excursion
On Friday 4th December all students K-6 have been invited on an excursion to Singleton to go see the movie Pan. We will be travelling by bus, and the students will be accompanied by Ms Higgins, Mrs Smith and Mrs Darlington.

We will be leaving school at 8.30am sharp and returning at approx. 2.30pm. The is no cost for this excursion. At the beginning of the year, the SRC made a decision to use the funds raised at their fete for a whole school excursion at the end of the year. (continued over)
Weekly Awards
- Andrew Harris - outstanding effort in drumming.
- Declan Adams - great drumming skills.
- Liviana Craig - respectful participation during Remembrance Day service.

Workers of the Week
K/1/2 - Riley Borradaile - wonderful computer work in his maths investigation and Isabelle Pike - creating a terrific menu on the computer. 3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Angus Higgins, Jacob Marsh, Hunter Marsh, Jake Pike, Amy Thompson, Kirsty Walker, Isabella Wallace and Sam Thompson - outstanding effort at Remembrance Day ceremony.

Student of the Week
Cambell Hinze

Sports Person of the Week
Tyson Marsh

Additions & Attachments
- Some receipts.
- Interrelate information - please ring Denman School.
- Cinema excursion permission note.

Kindergarten Orientation
As the weeks go by Gabbie, Isabella, Taylan, Thomas and Shykiah continue to grow in confidence both in the classroom and the playground. While working through literacy, numeracy, art and co-operation activities within the classroom setting, they are interacting with their peers and friends, therefore also developing socialisation skills.

Our last Kindergarten Orientation day is Wednesday 25th November.

Peer Support
On Wednesday afternoon the whole school met under the COLA for an outline of the focus of the week, ‘Interrupting’.

Our new kindergartens were very knowledgeable and confidently supplied many of the answers. Following discussions and role plays the children formed their groups. They then participated in 4 activities. They were all keen to become involved and supported one another very well.

Interrupting
Decide if you need to. Discuss when it is appropriate to interrupt (e.g. when you need help the person you want to talk to isn’t looking at you).

Walk to the person.
Wait. Emphasise the importance of waiting without talking. Tell the children to wait until the person stops talking and looks at you.
Say “excuse me”. Discuss how to know the person is ready to hear you (the person looks at you). The children can then ask what they need to.

Above is an explanation of how we teach the children this skill effectively and politely. Please practice this at home if a situation arises.

Thank you.
Pauline Bullock - K/1/2 teacher