

Newsletter

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COURAGE, INTEGRITY, LEARNING AND ACCEPTANCE

2009 Term Dates

February 2 – April 3

April 20 – June 26

July 13 – September 18

October 5 – December 18

Dates to note

July 23 – Book Club orders due

July 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews (After school)

July 24 – Parent Teacher interviews – pupil free day

July 31 – Lolly orders due back at school

August 7 – Lightning Premiership

Canteen

Volunteers are required from 11.45am – 1.30pm

Term 3 Week 3

Monday

Teena Mullholland

Tuesday

Joanne Cornish

Wednesday

Helper Needed

Thursday

Josephine Demaio

Friday

Amanda Millstead

Parents & Friends

The next P&F meeting will be on Monday July 27th

At 7.00pm in the staffroom.

All Welcome!

EQ PROVERB OF THE MONTH

July 2009: A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

This week's winners are: Ridge Corso, Nicole Ashcroft, Redha Al Ghannami, Nathan Wood & Sam Farley

Welcome to news from Cobram Primary! Last week Trudie announced the arrival of a cubby house to our school donated by The Hume Employment Services. This welcome addition has certainly been received with excitement. Students of all ages have 'checked it out' or had a wonderful time playing in it. We take every possible opportunity to encourage children to learn to share space, to be able to play act and share conversations. We are grateful to all concerned and assure you it will be used by the budding dramatists, by those looking for a quiet place and by those just wanting to 'play house'.



As I write this newsletter, Grade 5R are moving into the ESL room in the 3/4 corridor. Cassie will hold Parent-Teacher interviews in this new room. Interactive White Boards will be in 2L, 4C, 5R and 5S by the end of today. Only a year ago, there was some hesitancy regarding this technology, but, as all staff see them used so effectively, and see & hear the student involvement in their learning, they talk of the ease of engaging students by using this technology.

In the world of education, Parent-Teacher-Student interviews are highly valued and a vital link in the chain. As such, we hope to see 100% of families attend and share in the successes of the past semester and the goals for this semester. Without exception students show greater commitment to learning when all three parties are communicating. Trudie and I get a lot of satisfaction out of reading all the Learning Diaries and seeing the reports reflect the work in the diaries and what we see happening around the school on a day to day basis.

We urge you to bring your child and make this a special parent-child journey.

Again this week I have worked with visitors to our school and again had our decision making affirmed. Whilst a few within the school community have commented on the changes to staffing and the movement regarding classrooms, visitors talk about the calm atmosphere right across the school, the strong presence of our student leaders and the knowledge our staff have of every individual in their room. Our grade 6 students are at present auditioning for the revue and they are to complemented on their desire to be involved.

Julie Walsh and the Tournament of Minds Team were rewarded by the huge interest from students wanting to be involved. They now have four teams and still had to disappoint some students. This all signifies a strong commitment to learning which is being lead by the senior students - an age level often accused of not caring.

As is always the case at any time, visitors are welcome and will be given a tour of our school. This also includes families with children here. If you want to know more of the building plans or just want to walk around the school know that Trudie and I take great pleasure in showcasing our students and staff at work. Yesterday a prospective family commented on the lovely environment, beautiful grounds and the exciting potential open to us with the new building.

Do enjoy your interviews and stay safe.

Mary Hockley

Assistant Principal

Yummy!

The canteen will now be offering steamed dim sims during recess on Monday and Wednesday. Maximum of 2 dim sims per order - \$1.00 each. **All orders must be placed at the office BEFORE school.**

EMA Second Instalment Claims

Parents who are new to the school, regardless of whether they were paid the first instalment at another school, will need to apply for the second instalment at Cobram Primary School.

Claims need to be made by Friday, 7th August 2009. No late claims will be accepted.

Note: To be eligible to claim, parents must be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, Veterans Affairs pensioner or be a foster parent. Cards must be current as of 13th July 2009.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

LOLLY ORDERS

All lolly orders are due back at the school no later than Friday the 31st of July.

GRADE 3, 4, 5 & 6 LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Lightning Premierhips will be held at the Cobram Sports Stadium on Friday the 7th of August. The Parents & Friends are catering on the day and are asking for help! If you are available on this day, please contact the school office.

2009 STUDENT AWARDS

Prep B – Sebastian Fotia – For a super job in naming lots of body parts

Prep B – Abdullah Al Adeli – For counting confidently to 10

Prep C – Mohammed Al Saber – You listen carefully, watch everything and your work is fantastic

Prep C – Haylie Duggan – You are a thoughtful and considerate member of our class

1S – Jordyn Knight – For working very hard at improving her handwriting

1S – Kawthar Chkhewr – She is working very hard at her story writing

1W – Kyle Tait – Well done! Great week back at school this term

1W – Ali Al Fahdawi – You have been working on your reading over the holidays

2L – Safah Al Wahah – You always listen well and concentrate. Be very proud of the effort you put into learning

2L – Liam Tait – You have worked really well this week and all tasks have been completed. Your choices in the playground are also improving!

2S – Jackson Fitzpatrick and Falah Al Chemy – For completing work on telling the time very well

2S – Kiana Richardson – You can always be relied on to have a well ordered and neat locker tub – well done!

2S – Mahdy Al Hakim – Welcome back to Cobram Primary School

3C – Zaenab Al Shawi – For being a very good friend to a new student to our school

3C – Phoebe Stewart – A maths magician award for remembering 3D solid shapes

3K – Zoe Franklin – She has managed herself and her learning in a very organised manner with the difficulty of crutches – very impressed!

4B – Jemma Cartwright – For being responsible, reliable and for getting along

4B – Jackson Cormican – For co-operation and professionalism in front of the camera

4C – Connor Morgan – For showing great interest in our local history topic and demonstrating excellent mapping skills

4C – Connor Hibberson – For fantastic mapping skills and sharing his wonderful knowledge of rural Victoria

56B – Israa Al Khaledy – Fantastic effort – grown up attitude

56B – Emmaley Eddy – Great homework

56B – Wade Franklin – Outstanding performance showing leadership in the classroom

5R – Sheridyn Hamilton and Caleb Bovalina – You are willing to take risks and “have a go”, even when you are not certain of the answers

5S – Janelle Graham – You are a kind and caring classmate who co-operates well with others

5S – Clarissa Ballerini – You work consistently in class and complete all your work

6N – Johnathon Hibberson – You have contributed to many class discussions on the Murray Darling Basin – well done.

6N – Ryan Smith – You are an organised student who uses class time effectively

6T – Drew Tozer – You are a HUGE help when it comes to technology – Thanks!

6T – Narjis Al Oachey – You always work quietly and try your best



UNIFORM

We are changing our Polo Shirts. The new shirts which will be phased in over the next 18 months will be Gold with Bottle Green insert and trim.

We anticipate that the shirts will be available for sale from next Tuesday at the office at a special introductory price of \$11.00 until the end of August.