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Term 2 - Week 10 -2016

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Thank you to the families who took their children to the Small School's Athletics Carnival last week. We had lovely weather for the day which made it much more pleasant than last year in the rain! Congratulations to all students who competed, gave everything their best efforts and displayed sportsmanship.

These carnivals take a huge amount of time, commitment and organisation from all schools! With all teaching and ancillary staff committing a huge day to lead a sport or activity taking into consideration time constraints, multiple groups and abilities and distance travelled.

We thank Bungwahl PS Principal, staff and P & C for their hard work in their organisation of this carnival over previous years. This is a onerous task but always done to the best of their ability. Thank you!

Not every child will win a race or event or take home a ribbon. The object is for all children to have fun, do their very best, compete fairly, learn new skills, meet new people and maybe make a new friend and represent their school with pride! Congratulations to all students who came away from this day with any of the above mentioned skills.

This is the last newsletter for term 2, it has been a long term with the usual heavy doses of colds, headaches and tummy bugs. We hope you all enjoy the school holidays with your children and take the time to have some fun, stay safe and get fighting fit for term 3. **Staff return for SDD on Monday 18th July and students return Tuesday 19th July!**

Teacher Professional Development

On the 16th and 17th of June Mrs Sansom and I attended two separate professional development days in Newcastle. It was a very busy and productive

two days with lots of new and innovative ideas arising. Over the next two terms we will be implementing some of the new things we learnt into our classroom practice.

School Photos

Term 3 is our usual time for school photos. This year they are scheduled for Wednesday 3rd August. I just wanted to give you all plenty of advance warning to start budgeting for the cost of photos. As soon as we receive the envelopes for photograph package choices I will send them home. Usually each large class photo is approx. \$16 with a choice of different size selection packs. Please keep this in mind. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

1st July - NAIDOC Day Celebrations at GPS

1st July - Last day of Term 2

18th July - Staff Development Day—Anaphylaxis PL

19th July - Students return to school for Term 3

Absence Notes

It is a departmental requirement that all absences are explained. Please send in a note for your child/children's absence **the day they return to school**. There is always a supply of spare notes in the front admin area if you need some. It is becoming quite a large job asking for and sending home notes to be filled in and returned. Please remember to do this. Thank you.

NAIDOC Day

If you have not already done so please return all permission notes and bus costs to the office ASAP! We attend Gloucester PS on Friday 1st July to join with their NAIDOC Day Celebrations.

Premier's Reading Challenge

A huge congratulations to Jaxon, Brady and Malia for completing their Premier's Reading Challenge before the holidays. Good job!!!!

Have a lovely holiday

Amy Hughes- Principal

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Assembly Awards

Infants: Tanika for trying hard to spell unfamiliar words.
Malia for always being helpful and kind to others.

Primary: Josh for working well in group work.
Riley for completing all of his homework.

Core Values:

Showing Respect: Erwin.

Acting Responsibly: Connor and Brady.

Caring for Others and the Environment: Henry.

Birthdays: Erwin for turning 8. Henry for turning 9 and Hayden for turning 11 in June and July.
Happy Birthday!

Library Awards: To Ajay, Thomas, Connor, Malia, Brady, Hayden and Jaxon for borrowing every week and working hard in all Library lessons.

P & C News

Thank you for everyone's support of our Food Days and Gold Coin Fundraisers this term. In term 3 we are aiming for more home cooked style food days. If anyone would like to help on these days please contact one of your executive members. Uniforms are still available to purchase on alternate Friday mornings from Theresa our uniform coordinator.

A big thank you also goes to those people who consistently turn up for our P & C meetings twice a term, this enables us to better plan our fundraisers, events and formulate our calendar for the coming year. We hope you all enjoy the school holidays and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Newsletter Attachments

Gloucester Chill Out Festival and Activities Flyer.
Bucketts of Talent Flyer.

Bucketts Of Talent

On Thursday 18th August we will be again participating in a combined schools presentation. The children have all been practicing an item for this performance and are eagerly awaiting to perform. There will be a day time performance for school students and an evening performance for families. Both performances will be held at the Gloucester RSL Club. The evening performance will commence at 5.45pm.

If you know your child will **NOT** be attending the evening performance could you please inform the school as soon as possible as adjustments will need to be made prior to the evening performance. Mrs Sansom will send a note home early next term specifying what clothes will be worn for the performance. Students do not pay to perform in the evening. We will let you know when we receive our allowance of tickets for sale for parents etc.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Yesterday I had the unfortunate experience of having to deal with a complaint made by another parent concerning two students who were not dropped off in the correct zone during morning drop off and subsequently ran across the road in front of a car and were nearly run over!

If you are dropping off your children or picking them up the correct zone for this is immediately at the front gate. NOT across the road or at the Service Station! No child will be dismissed of an afternoon unless their parent is on the correct side of the road.

SRC News

Our SRC Pyjama Day Fundraiser was a great success and it was funny to see everyone in their 'Jarmies', 'jim jams', 'jammies'.

We raised \$20 for our school!



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