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Student Absences

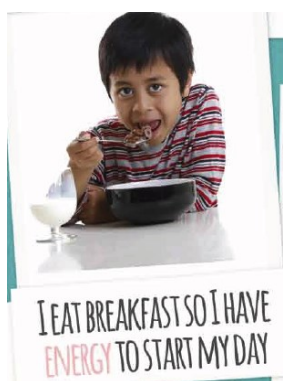
We have had many absences recorded over the past few weeks. I understand that there are many 'bugs' going around at the moment however, parents need to make sure that they are informing the school in the appropriate way when their child is absent.

Please refer to the attached school attendance information.

Breakfast

It has been noted by many students that they are not having breakfast before they come to school. The consequences of this can be seen in the classroom through their lack of concentration and ability to attend to tasks. Breakfast restores glucose levels, an essential carbohydrate that is needed for the brain to function. Many studies have shown how eating breakfast can improve memory and concentration levels. In studies amongst children, breakfast can improve attainment, behaviour and has been linked to improved grades. Just like any other organ in the body, the brain needs energy to work at it's best!

If you are having difficulty getting your child to have breakfast before they come to school please contact the school and we can work on some strategies to help this happen.



Sport and Physical Activity

This term we will be practicing athletics for sport. Mrs Beard will be teaching the children various athletic techniques in preparation for our carnival later in the term. Sport will be held on Fridays from 2-3pm.

In PE Mrs Hughes will be teaching the children fundamental movement skills on a Monday morning from 2.30-3pm. Student run physical activities will be held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00 to 9.15am. These activities all form part of the 150 hours of required physical activity per week as outlined in departmental guidelines.

SRC News

As previously advertised, the SRC decided at their first meeting this year to choose one charity to support in 2018. With all of the money raised with our activities and fund raisers being sent at the end of the year. This years chosen charity is the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the SRC 'Bring a Toy' to school day. We raised \$17 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Great News! Grant Received.....

This week we received news that we have been successful in our application to the Stratford Coal Community Support Program. We applied to receive funds in order to purchase a set of Sphero Sprk+ Robots for the school. The robots will allow our students to learn skills such as coding, creativity and critical thinking. We can't wait until they arrive at school!

We thank Stratford Coal for their continued support of our school with the Community Support Program.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

11th June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

13th June: Small School's Athletics' Carnival

4th July: Pet Education Program

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Assembly Awards - Week s 2 & 3

Core Value Awards

Acting Responsibly

Thomas T, Thomas B and Brady -Week 2

Gracie-Week 2

Caring for Others and the Environment

Malia-Week 3

Class Awards

Primary: Maitilda for her amazing writing! -Week 2

Henry for trying very hard in Literacy-Week 3

Jaxon for progressing well in reading-Week 3

Infants: Miah for working well independently -Week 2

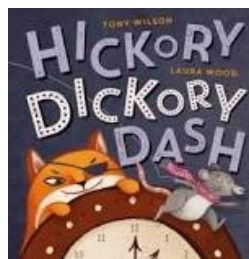
Birthday:

Christian who turned 12 on the 10th May!

National Simultaneous Storytime.



Yesterday at 11am our students joined in with millions of other children around Australia in participating in National Simultaneous Storytime. The aim of NSS is to promote the value of literacy and reading. This year the story was Hickory Dickory Dash by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood.



Family Details

Please remember to give any change of details, eg; phone, Medicare, emergency contacts to the school office ASAP after the change to keep all family details current for immediate future use. These details are imperative when needing to contact families about sick children. Thank you.

Small School's Athletics' Carnival

As in previous years parents and carers will be asked to drive their children to the Athletics' Carnival in Tuncurry on the 13th June. You are quite welcome to car share/pool with family or friends but this is the responsibility of families to organise.

The reason that private transport is requested is ; for the school to hire a bus would cost approximately \$600, this would make it very expensive for families, the school feels this is a more affordable option and it also gives the opportunity to support your children in their activities. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Our school leaders Christian and Thomas will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference in Forster in week 6 with Mrs Sansom. We expect they will have a very exciting and inspirational day as have other students in previous years.

P & C News

Due to sickness and unforeseen circumstances, last weeks AGM and General Meeting had to be postponed. This will be re-scheduled and the date advertised as soon as possible.

Infants sound of the week— G, g

Please send in any items that we can display that start with the letter Gg.

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