

Thursday April 27, 2017

Issue 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school term.

I trust that everyone enjoyed the break away from the regular routine of school.

It has been interesting hearing this morning about just some of the adventures that were had during the holiday period. As ever, it is terrific to see that everyone has returned safely to school.

This is an exciting time as, we have a wide variety of different events happening this term, with the athletics, cross country, national reading time and the Henry Lawson festival in addition to our usual units of learning for this term.

ANZAC Day – thank you to everyone who came along yesterday to the ANZAC commemorations. This was a terrific effort given that the weather was not very comfortable.



Special congratulations to Harry and Lila who represented us at both the 5:30am service and at the 11am event – this was a terrific effort thank you.

The holiday period saw various works completed around our school.

Upgrades - It is very exciting to be able to say that ALL of our classrooms have had upgrades to the heating/cooling systems with the installation of reverse cycle systems in each room. This upgrade will ensure that our learning spaces are even more comfortable during both the winter season and the summer period. This is fantastic news for both our children and staff!

I would like to acknowledge and thank staff from CE for their support in helping us to complete this upgrade to our facilities

Work is also underway to make our sandpit a more user friendly space. A new border perimeter

has been installed and a new cover is on the way. Once this has been installed more sand will go into the pit, making it an even better play space.

Work has also been done in the Library to upgrade our data projector. Again, this will enhance our technology capabilities in the Library, which is fantastic for all concerned. Thank you to the P & F for their continued hard work – as the tech work in the Library and the sandpit development have been funded through your efforts.

Uniforms – the children are looking very smart this morning in their winter uniforms. Children who need an over coat should wear a plain navy coat. Be aware that we are investigating options for a water proof coat to be added to our school uniform options – there will be more information available about this option shortly.

The weather is changeable at this time of the year. We ask that you ensure that your child's clothing is labelled so that we can return hats, jumpers etc. to their rightful owners.

School TV – the archdiocese has created an opportunity for us to have access to School TV. This website provides information related to a variety of different topics/issues that impact on families. This may be a useful source of information for your family. School TV can be accessed through the web address below:

<http://stjosephsgrenfell.nsw.schooltv.me/launch>

Sports day changes – please note that we will be having sport on **Tuesday** for the next 4 weeks as we are participating in touch football through our sporting schools project for this term. The children will be participating in clinics with Seth Stoltenberg from the Brumbies.

Wear sports uniform on Tuesday!

Athletics Carnival - Due to the wet weather our athletics carnival has been postponed. The oval is too wet to use safely. We have rescheduled the

carnival for Friday of next week. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to a terrific day next Friday.



Snow Sports – It is now close to the time for nominations for the winter sports to close. If your child is interested in participating in the Winter Snow Sports event, please make contact with Robert McLelland (0427 308 350) as soon as possible. *Participants must be both competent and confident skiers.*



Save the Date for our School Ball – *The P&F will be holding a Black Tie Ball on Saturday August 19 at the Grenfell Showground featuring popular band the Wobbly Boot. \$1000s of prizes up for grabs on the night. More details to come.....*

Sincerely,

Robene Clancy



We hope that everyone celebrating a birthday this week, has a fantastic day!

Reading Tips of the Week...

Supporting Readers



Give your child lots of opportunities to read aloud. Inspire your young reader to practice every day! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week.

See what works best for your child.

- **Point out the relationship between words** - Explain how related words have similar spellings and meanings. Show how a word like *knowledge*, for example, relates to a word like *know*.
- **Use a writing checklist** - Have your child create a writing checklist with reminders such as, "Do all of my sentences start with a capital? Yes/No."

How's your Maths Head?



Only for the brave, this one!

This square has eleven letters missing, which you have to replace:

B	R	A	V	E
	E	B	R	
		V		B
	B	R		
		E	B	

Every row, column AND the main diagonals contain all the letters in the word "BRAVE".

That reminds me, I must see the Postman about all those missing letters.

REC News

Mrs King is on leave. This week's reflection takes the form of the two poems that our school captains Lila and Harry read during the Anzac Services on Tuesday.

Anzac Day Poem

April 25th a long time ago,
You went to battle at dawn,
Many lost their lives that day,
Together we will mourn.

We will march and remember those brave men,
For they went to war and battled on,
They fought for our freedom then,

Through the darkest nights and the longest days,
Through the muddy grounds you go,
You marched on and looked behind,
And you saw the poppies grow,

We will wear one on this day,
To remember your courage-so strong,
We want you to know in our hearts,
Your memory still lives on.

The Anzacs

The call for the heroes was sent around,
Australian boys and men were adventure bound.
They never gave up, they fought for us all,
They saw their friends and comrades fall.

The trenches were cold and soldiers worn,
The gunfire was heard from dusk till dawn.
From the moment they landed in ANZAC Cove,
For peace and happiness, they all strove.

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow,
A reminder of fallen friend and foe.
Soldiers became brothers with those they met,
Australians for ever say "Lest we forget".

Classroom News –

Our classroom news segment will return next week.

Early Learning Initiative-LITERACY

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the (person) who'll get me a book I [haven't] read."

— Abraham Lincoln

Books are great places to learn about the world. (Another great place is the World Wide Web under adult supervision). Students are able to explore and view many ideas by looking at books written by a variety of authors. It is important for older readers to gain an understanding that all authors write from their own individual perspective and as such may only present part of a story. Being critically literate is an essential skill for students growing up in the information revolution.

P & F News

Meeting dates for 2017 - Please note the following dates for 2017 P & F meetings.

16 May

20 June

Roster for the Meat Tray raffles – are you able to help out? This is an excellent fundraising effort that is quite easy to do. If you can help by selling tickets for the raffle, please let Jaclyn Hughes know.

Where: Railway Hotel

When: Tuesday night - 23 May, 27 June, 25 July, 22 Aug

Time: 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. approximately

What: Two meat raffles - \$30 Meat tray each raffle

P & F street stall – Our P & F is rostered on for this week's local street stall. Please see the information below regarding this event.

Dates for your Calendar

APRIL

24 Staff return for Term 2	25 ANZAC Day	26 Students return to school for Term 2 NO Canteen	27	28 Street Stall	29	30
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MAY

1	2 Sports day – touch footy clinic	3 Canteen Gp. 3	4 WR Cross Country - Harden	5 School Athletics Carnival	6	7
8	9 - NAPLAN Sports day – touch footy clinic	10- NAPLAN Canteen Gp. 4	11- NAPLAN	12	13	14
15	16 Sports day – touch footy clinic	17 Canteen Gp. 1	18	19	20	21
22	23 Sports day – touch footy clinic	24 National Simultaneous Story time Canteen Gp. 2	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Canteen Gp. 3	JUNE 1	2 WR athletics carnival – West Wyalong	3	4

JUNE

5	6 CEC visit	7 Canteen Gp. 4	8 HLF – Play Performances	9	10	11
12 Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	13	14 Canteen Gp. 1	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Canteen Gp. 2	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Canteen Gp. 3	29	30	July 1	2

JULY

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30