Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Congratulations to all students who participated in Friday’s Cross Country Carnival. Winners were as follows:

8/9 Boys – Harrison Foster
8/9 Girls – Elie Hughes
10 Boys – Jai Morgan-Murray
10 Girls – Chloe Regterschot
11 Boys – Kearn Morgan-Murray
11 Girls – Aisha Tomkinson
12 Boys – Jonathan Foster
12 Girls – Tabytha Schaefer

Those students who have qualified for the Zone Cross Country will be informed ASAP.

We finally have a date for the Trent Barrett Shield Final, it will be held on Monday 16th June (Week 8) at Paramore Park, Wagga Wagga.

Jo will run training for the girls’ team on Wednesday afternoons from 3:20pm-4:20pm.

Our athletics carnival will be held this Friday 9th May. (weather permitting) Students will participate in track and some field events on the day. Long Jump and High Jump will be conducted at school prior to the carnival.

Another important date to add to the calendar is the NAPLAN testing. All students from Years 3&5 will be sitting these tests from Tuesday 13th May until Thursday 15th May with Friday 16th May scheduled as a catch-up date for those students unable to attend school. We strongly recommend ALL students attend these days as the NAPLAN tests provide important information used to support teaching and learning programs.

On the 29th May, students from years 5&6 will be competing in the Mortimer Shield competition in Griffith; we have again this year entered both boys and girls into this event. A permission note will be sent home later this week.

Training for the girls’ team will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3:20pm-4:20pm.

If you missed out on the recent parent / teacher interviews your child’s teacher is available for interview upon request.

We really encourage open communication between staff and parents, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child’s education please don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher or myself.

Regards
Richard Busby
Principal

Term 2 Sport
Next term is going to be very busy in terms of sport. Some dates to remember are:

9/5/14 (Wk 2): School athletics carnival
23/5/14 (Wk 4): Zone cross country
29/5/14 (Wk 5): Mortimer Shield
3/6/14 (Wk 6): Zone Athletics
10/6/14 (Wk 7): Riverina cross-country
23/6/14 (Wk 9): Riverina athletics

Trent Barrett Shield final dates are not known as yet.
Parents please note that the school is not responsible for the bus. All enquiries can be directed to Transport for NSW on 1800 049 961.

GRIFFITH CENTRAL AND THE AREA NEWS $5000 SHOP FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AND WIN PROMOTION

Griffith Central and the Area News are offering schools the opportunity to win a chance at cash in their new “Shop for Your School” promotion. This promotion will run from Monday 10th March and run through until Friday 9th May.

How to enter:
Customers collect a coupon from any issue of The Area News. Customers will receive a sticker when they make a purchase of $10 or more at Griffith Central. They then place the sticker on their entry form and nominate Darlington Point Public School, as the school they would like to see get the cash. They can then place the completed entry into the orange barrel at Griffith Central. On Friday May 9th, the first two correct entries drawn will win.

First Prize:
$3000 cash for the school and $700 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers, for the customer who submitted the entry.

Second Prize:
$2000 cash for the school and $500 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers for the customer who submitted the entry.

NAPLAN
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:

Canteen news

HOT FOOD CAN NOW BE ORDERED FOR RECESS TERM 2 ROSTER
Monday 5th May – Stacey
Friday 9th NO CANTEEN AT SCHOOL – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AT SPORTS OVAL
Monday 12th May - ???? Volunteer needed
Friday 16th May – Amanda & Sophie

New volunteers are always welcome. If interested please see Amanda in the canteen on Fridays.
Thank you, Amanda Long - Canteen Co-ordinator

COOLIBAH CAFÉ SCHOOL LUNCHES
The Coolibah Café will be doing school lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Orders and money are to be handed to the school office by 9:15am. Please make sure that the correct money is in the order bag with your order.

Thanks…. 

Bidgee Bonus Awards
Week 1, Term 2, 2014

CDP CEF BUSH DANCE at Coleambally Club on Sunday 17th May 7-11pm to raise funds for education
Grants to assist local students. Please come along and enjoy a great night by ‘Swag ‘n Billy’, lots of door, prizes and a light supper. Tickets are available At TT’s, Stitch in Time or by contacting committee Members –
Penny Sheppard, 026954 9157,
Sue Inglis 0421 729 830,
Ken Martin 0269544520,
Elaine Clarke 0269544767,
Eddie Rooks 0269544767,
Terry Inglis 0427788431.

Tickets also available on the night at the door!!
STAR OF THE WEEK CLASS 5/6

Our star of the week for 5/6 this week is Simon Toscan.

Simon is an extremely diligent student who thrives on opportunities to further develop his knowledge and understanding of subject matter.

He puts in 100% effort into all his school work making him an asset to the school.

Well done Simon, keep up the great effort!!

LIBRARY NEWS
BOOK FAIR COMING SOON…..
Titled “Reading Oasis” a cool place to find hot books!
Wednesday May 28th lunchtime until Wednesday June 4th.

Prizes and rewards for classes!

Check out scholastic website for ideas and suggestions.
www.scholastic.com.au

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MENU 9TH MAY, 2014

Meat Pie $3.00
Chicken & Veg Pie $3.00
Sausage Roll $2.00
Hot Chips $2.00
Hot Dog $2.00
Drinks
Prima $1.00
Soft Drink $2.00
Water $2.00
Tea, coffee & lollies available on the day

P&C
Mother’s Day Stall

This Wed, Thur & Fri
At Lunch Time
In the Hall

All Gifts are $5.00 each

Helpers needed! Please let the school office know if you are able to help.
Ph: 6968 4114
P&C Meeting 18/03/2014

General Business:

Mother’s Day Stall

To be held in Week 2 of Term 2 during the Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday lunchtimes. Casey Trethowan & Amanda Long to purchase gifts. Casey Trethowan, Amanda Long, Stacey Maugeri, Maryke Reis and Karen Shaw to conduct stall in week 2.

School Disco

To be held on Friday 13 June 2014. Caroline Tuohey & Renae Foster to organise DJ, food, drink and merchandise. Amy Fejsa to assist with entry fees/roll call at door. Karen and Amanda happy to help if available.

School Grounds Working Bee

It was agreed another garden working bee would be great with a ‘Father & Son Day’ a possible option later in the year around Father’s Day.
Council has put mulch in the back of the yard – this could be spread as part of the Gardening Elective.
Ray at the council has a pile of dirt to be removed.
Fruit trees are being planted

Bunnings BBQs

Two BBQs are booked for 2014. The first is 24 August 2014 and is SPECIFICALLY to raise funds for the Grade 5/6 Sydney Excursion. A letter to be sent home to the parents inviting them to attend the Term 2, Week 3 meeting to discuss the BBQ and organise a roster for the day itself.
The second BBQ is scheduled for 16 November 2014 and is a general fundraising event for the P&C. A roster for this BBQ will be organised later in the year.

Trivia Night

It was agreed the Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Grade 5/6 Excursion should be held as it is a good source of funds for the excursion, and an enjoyable social event for parents and citizens. It was noted that Richard Busby is unable to coordinate the event and Shannon Holland will be on leave and therefore also unable to coordinate it. It was agreed to request parents/carers of Grade 5/6 students to attend the Term 2 Week Three meeting to discuss if there is enough support from them to organise the Trivia Night Event. It was discussed as to whether the event could be held in conjunction with the Club directly involved. Stacey Maugeri, Shelley Tomkinson and Renae Foster offered their time to assist in the event.

Stall at Fishing Competition

It was agreed to have a stall at the Fishing Classic weekend. Bridget to face paint. Student artwork to be displayed. Caroline to organise Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance for both days.

Easter Raffle

It was agreed to not hold an Easter Raffle.

Funding Grants

Several funding grant application forms and supporting documentation were tabled. Each was given to a parent to read and complete if time permitted.

Road Safety

It was noted that a number of students are riding to school independently and a bike safety course could be run. Richard Busby confirmed Bike Safety and Road Safety are currently taught. He confirmed the RMS was assessing whether Hay Road needed a 40km zone to assist children crossing safely. He believed flashing school zone lights were scheduled for the end of 2015. A concern was expressed about the shrubbery in the centre area at the pedestrian crossing that cast a shadow in the morning, making it difficult to see children entering the crossing. It was agreed to contact the Council to request the shrubbery be pruned. It was also agreed to contact the RMS re: Lollypop person at the crossing.