Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

As we approach the middle of the term, things definitely aren’t slowing down.

Last week, Rohan Lacey was selected to attend the Riverina PSSA Cricket Selection Trials in Deniliquin. Rohan impressed selectors with his ‘line and length’ as he was the only cricketer selected specifically for his bowling. We wish Rohan the best of luck and many wickets in Deniliquin.

This Thursday our 13 strong swimming squad will represent DPPS at the Griffith and Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. Best of luck to all the competitors. Top three competitors, in each event, from the Zone carnival will compete at Riverina in Albury on the 9th March.

On last week’s newsletter I mentioned that to construct the multi-purpose sports court to our specifications the school would need to contribute $14,772. I received some GREAT news last Wednesday from the Assets Management Unit explaining that the shortfall has been reduced to approximately $7000. Hopefully construction will begin soon although a date has not yet been set.

Richard Busby
Principal

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
CANTEEN NEWS
If children do not have any lunch at school, they will receive lunch organised by the teachers in the staff room, they will not receive food from the canteen. There will be NO I.O.U’s at the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER – Term 1
Fri 27th Feb – Stacey Maugeri, Nicole Leach & Lauren Howell
Mon 2nd Mar – Stacey Maugeri, Jane Stenner & Kathryn Trimболi
Mon 9th Mar – Stacey Maugeri, Rebecca Norris & Alison Welsh
Fri 13th Mar – Stacey Maugeri, Lauren Howell & Michelle Hargreaves
Mon 16th Mar – Stacey Maugeri & Joy Webb
Fri 20th Mar – Stacey Maugeri, Nicole Leach & Alison Welsh
Mon 23rd Mar – Stacey Maugeri & Lauren Howell
Fri 27th Mar – Stacey Maugeri, Kim Webb, Nicole Leach & Kathryn Trimболi
Mon 30th Mar – Stacey Maugeri & Alison Welsh

Thank you
Stacey Maugeri
Canteen Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
Students enrolled in Kindergarten this year will finish at 1.10pm on Wednesdays for the first 5 weeks of the term. From Week 6 they will attend school full time.

Star of the Week

Mahalia McLean

Mahalia is Star of the Week for 2/3 this week as she is a polite and courteous student. She is dedicated to doing her best in all areas of class and a friendly helper to both classmates and staff. Mahalia is an absolute pleasure to have in 2/3!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The APEX Club is running a drinks stall at this weekend’s Riverina Classic Fishing Comp. They would be pleased to have some local volunteers assist on this stall. The Apex Club have been generous supporters of our school with regular donations, and assisting on their stall will be a great way to say thanks.

If you can help out at the 2015 Darlington Point Riverina Classic Fishing Competition and combined Family Events Weekend held on 28th Feb and 1st March 2015 please call the volunteer coordinators on 0459 909 443 or 0459 904 039 or email RiverinaClassic@outlook.com
STARS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY
Griffith’s Newest Studio
Will be having dance lessons on this Wednesday
@ Darlington Point Punt Hotel Hall
3.30pm to 4.30pm
Cheerleading/Jazz
4 to 7 year old $8.00 per class
All other ages $12.00 per class

Need to have at least 10 children attending otherwise it will be cancelled.

For further information call
Jessica Forbes on 6964 3323

MERIT AWARDS
TERM 1 WEEK 4

Kinder
Jordan-James O’Brien – his excellent sportsmanship during Fitness.
Scott Lyons – a great effort during literacy activities.
Star Norris – trying her best during our addition activities.

1/2
Katie’Lee Treverton – an enthusiastic approach to her work in all key Learning Areas.
Tiani McColl-Saunders – conscientious application to her work in Mathematics and English.
Jett Demamiel – some excellent work in reading especially in the area of fluency.

2/3
Brock Coe – a well written creative interpretation of The Cocky who cried Dingo.
Tom Shaw – sharing and extending his knowledge of time.
Makayla Newman – always striving to do her best across all key learning areas.

3/4
Ky Annetts – wonderful strategies and understanding of subtraction.
David Ewan – outstanding skill in our class game of dodgeball.
Brayden Fejsa-Sexton – a great creative piece about the mysterious door in daily 6.

4/5
Ashleigh Pardy – a pleasing effort with her writing tasks for our English unit: ‘The Environment’.
Tanaiya Coe – a great effort with her subtraction algorithms.
Paige King – an excellent representation of Van Gogh’s painting ‘Sunflowers’.

5/6
Sophie Stenner – her constant enthusiasm in Maths. Always a hard worker.
Tanieka Carter – her thoughtful input to our health lessons. Great work.
Laura Toscan – her enthusiasm and skill during spelling. You are a fantastic hard worker.
28th February &
1st March 2015

Darlington Point Riverina Classic Fishing Competition

OVER $50,000 IN PRIZES!

Entry

Including 2 Proline Packages!

Entry

Adults $50
Kids $20

Register online today

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