Week 4 Term 2
Always Our Best

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**** All notes sent home and newsletters are now available on our website ****

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The weather is starting to get cooler now so it is time to find the school jumper and / or jacket ready to wear to school. Please ensure that your child’s name is written on their jumper/jacket. On Monday I also reminded all students that if they are to wear a beanie to school, it needs to be green please. We have had some very interesting beanies turn up in the last few weeks and I do not wish for this to continue. Our uniform shop does sell these beanies if you cannot locate them elsewhere. Your children look great in their uniform and it really does help them to develop a sense of pride and belonging. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

We are also endeavouring to ensure that our canteen is classified as ‘healthy’ and we are proud to say that at the moment we are mainly amber and green. Our P&C are following strict guidelines as set out by the Healthy Canteen Website.

This Friday is also Walk Safely to School Day. This is an annual event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and travel safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday, 24 May. The main objectives are:

• To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
• To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

So, on Friday 24 May, I hope that I see lots of children walking to school with an adult on Walk Safely to School Day 😊

School Ambassador 2013

Congratulations to Kyle Brooks for receiving this great honour at our assembly last week.

School Canteen:

I’m sure that all of you will agree that it is great to have our school canteen operating again. A very big thank you to our great P&C members for making this happen this term. However, we are still in need of parent volunteers to ensure that our canteen continues to operate. P&C are asking for parents who can spare a few hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. It does not have to be every week. Every little bit of assistance does help. I have been informed that if we do not get the volunteers as soon as possible, there is a possibility that our canteen could possibly close down again.

School Canteen:

Congratulations to Kyle Brooks for receiving this great honour at our assembly last week.
All staff unanimously voted for Kyle to represent our school at various social and leadership functions.

As ambassador Kyle will be attending a leadership camp on Thursday 13 June at Belgenny Farm. In Term 3 Kyle will attend another ambassador day at UWS, Campbelltown Campus, where he will be recognised for his achievements and given opportunities to gain new skills and meet other school ambassadors.

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Though Cross Country

36 of our students 2-6 will be attending with Mr Saunders and Mrs Price on Thursday 30 May. A very big thank you to our fantastic P&C once again for assisting with the payment of the bus for this event. Good luck to all our students whom I am certain will strive to achieve their best which in itself is its own reward!

Constable Louise Michell Visiting Our School
On Monday 3 June, Constable Louise Michell will be visiting our school to speak to our students from grades 2 - 6 about bullying and cyber bullying.

The sessions will be held in two sessions:
2/3D & 3/4N from 12:00 - 1:00pm in 3/4N classroom.
4/5S & 6C - 1:00 - 2:00pm in 4/5S classroom.

As you are aware, I have been focusing on these topics as part of our social skills. I think Constable Louise Michell visiting our school and addressing these issues from a legal perspective will also be great for our students. In saying that, I would also like to add that I do believe that our students are more aware of bullying behaviours and what they can do to ensure that it is not happening to them or their friends.

I would like to formally congratulate all our students on how well they have responded to this program and the excellent positive social skills most are exhibiting in our playground and in their classroom.

Constable Louise has also volunteered her services to have a parent meeting if any parents are interested in attending. This will be organised according to interest.
If you are interested please email me directly at: Androula.Kavallaris@det.nsw.edu.au

To:
Nathanael Robinson for making it into the Zone Rugby Union Team.

Leah Senkowski and the whole Zone Girls Touch Football team for a great game. Their coach emailed all schools to praise the excellent sportsmanship these students had and how they gave their 100% until the last minute of the game. Well done. 😊

Tasma-Lea King for once again excellent participation and sportsmanship in the Zone Hockey game 2 weeks ago.

Joel Martin and Sam Maxwell for making it to the Zone Touch Football Team 😊😊

Good luck and know that we are there supporting you all the way 😊😊😊😊

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2013

Family Contribution Fees help enhance the learning programs for all students at our school.

The Family Contribution Fees, although entirely voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances. Payment may be made in cash or by cheque. Money collected will be used to purchase resources that all students will use this year and in some cases, for years to come. Some of the areas that this money will contribute towards will be as follows:

- Hands on literacy games
- Hands on numeracy games
- The Skwirk website licence
- Reading books

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee is $25.00 per family.

Money or cheques can be enclosed in an envelope with your child’s class, total amount enclosed and clearly stated that it is for “Family Contribution Fee”. Students can hand that envelope in to the

Thank you!
office. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Kindergarten 2014
We have commenced taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. It is important that parents intending to enrol their child in 2014 complete the necessary paperwork so that all appropriate communication regarding support or transition programs can occur prior to enrolment. Early notification of enrolments also assists the school in planning staffing and resource needs. Parents who wish to make enquiries regarding enrolment should contact the school office on 46282455.

Children born between 1st August 2008 and 31st July 2009 are eligible to enrol. Please bring with you - child's birth certificate for proof of age, passports and visas for families born overseas and proof of residence (current council rate notice or lease agreement and 2 (two) utility bills e.g. gas or electricity account, plus mobile or landline telephone account). You will also need to bring your child’s up to date immunisation certificate.

Student Reports
Teachers are currently preparing individual assessment tasks and compiling written reports for each child. These reports give an overview of your child’s progress for Semester 1. More details of your child’s learning and strengths were gained from our parent teacher interviews last term.
Reports will be sent home on Thursday 27 June 2013.

Anti-Bullying Policy
This policy has been updated in 2013. I would like to thank all staff, P&C and community members for your support.

The Anti-Bullying Policy can be viewed on our website under:
Our School
Rules and Policies
2013 Anti-Bullying Policy

Visitors Sign On
A reminder that it is a requirement of the school’s Work Health and Safety Policy that all visitors to the school sign in the visitor book located in the school office. As well as signing on, all visitors must also read and sign that they have read our evacuation procedures and understand where they will need to go in case of an emergency. To assist us in complying with this policy, we ask that parents/visitors who are visiting the school outside of normal school drop off and pick up times, sign in using the visitor book and ensure that they wear a visitor’s badge when on school grounds. This assists us in keeping all of our children safe.

Important Term 2 Dates for your Diary:

Friday 24 May - GALA Day
Thursday 30 May - Zone Cross Country
Friday 31 May - 4/5S Assembly at 1:00pm in the school hall
Monday 3 June - Zone Touch Football, Heartbeat Program - Years 3 & 4 and Constable Louise Michell visiting our school and talking to 2-6 students about bullying and cyber bullying.
Wednesday 5 June - ICAS Science test
Wednesday 12 June - P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom
Thursday 13 June - Regional Cross Country and AFL Paul Kelly Cup - Regional Final.

Being at School on Time
It has become more and more evident that many of our students are arriving after the school day has commenced. This means that children are missing important teacher instructions and lesson content every time. While we appreciate and understand that on odd occasions families maybe running late due to unexpected traffic delays or early morning mishaps, students are expected to be at school for the commencement of the school day at 9:10am. Students arriving late for school should report to the office to collect a late note before proceeding to their classroom. These late arrivals are entered into our school register, which is looked at by the School Home Liaison Officer (HSLO) during her term visits to the school when she checks student attendance patterns and records. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Staff Car Park - Kind Reminder
A kind reminder that parents and visitors to the school are not allowed to drive into the car park. The only exception is of course parents requiring to
use the disable parking area and any P&C members who need to use the area to unload and load things for the canteen.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter. 😊

Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June 2013
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school - and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it's complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students—including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

A big thank you in advance to Mrs Grover and Mrs Thompson for organising this fundraising event.

The smiles you give come back to you!

Androula Kavallaris
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ABC's of Student Success

G is for GRACE

Grace means giving children what they need, not what they sometimes deserve. It means accepting kids as they are and understanding their feelings and obstacles. It also means that we provide the unconditional support our children need to make positive changes. Grace, however, must be balanced with accountability or we risk enabling children to excuse unacceptable behaviour or failure to achieve reasonable goals. If we balance grace with accountability, we let children know that we expect them to grow and learn.

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:


Weekly scheduling

Learning how to make time for homework, study, chores, part-time jobs and so on is a vital skill for all kids, but it’s one that we need to teach them by example. It’s just a Word document, but you can now create your own weekly schedules to whip your family into shape. Find out more:


Snow sports camps

Looking for an affordable family holiday to the snow? Sport and Recreation run holiday snow packages from Jul - Sept. Take a break, improve your health and well being, and breathe the fresh mountain air.

Find out more:

Making school easier
Teacher and mum Katherine Bricknell has already helped several of her kids navigate primary, high school and tertiary education, and has some great, practical advice for other parents.
Find out more:

The sum of us
Be honest: are you a bit afraid of maths? And are you passing that on to your kids? Maths and science guru Adam Spencer suggests a better approach. (No time to listen to the podcast? The read our at-a-glance summary)
Find out more:

Fundraising Ideas
If you have any great ideas for fundraising our P&C would love to hear them.

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Canteen Helpers: If you can help on any Wednesday or Friday throughout this term please contact Catherine Cooke as soon as possible

Principal’s Awards
Jessica Davis 6C

Value of the Week Awards
Co-Operation
K-2
Libby Davies 1M
3-6
Jayden Gerrard 2/3D
Fairness
K-2
Lachlan Cosgrove KG
3-6
Joel Martin 4/5S

Congratulations!
Since 1928, the RFDS has provided vital medical services to people living, working and travelling in the Outback.

To celebrate our 85th anniversary, we are bringing our annual Open Day to the public (usually only open to supporters).

Experience the 1920s Australian Outback in the City at this FREE event.

- Bring the kids along! There will be face painting, a bouncy castle and native Australian animals to meet
- Step aboard a King Air aircraft and meet our health staff and pilots
- Take an exciting 30 min joy flight over Sydney. Call (02) 9791 0111 for pricing and bookings
- Become a pilot for the day- take a flight in the BASAIR flight simulator

**PLEASE JOIN US**

**DATE/** Sunday, 26 May 2013

**TIME/** 12pm-3pm

**PLACE/** BASAIR Aviation College, 131 Vega Crescent, Bankstown 2200, Sydney

**FOR FREE TICKETS**/ rfdsopenday2013.eventbrite.com.au

‘RSVP is not necessary but if you would like to register your interest and enter a draw to win a 30 minute joy flight with BASAIR, please register on the link listed above.\n