Welcome to Week 9

Wow, week 9 already! Only 4 days until the Easter Break. I trust you are all planning to have a relaxing time with family and friends and doing your bit to keep the chocolate industry alive and well. I know I am. As a confirmed chocoholic, I’ve already started to train for the chocolate eating marathon that is part of Easter.

As part of our school’s celebrations for Easter, we are looking forward to meeting our student’s family and siblings, along with the wider community, on Thursday, March 28th. Our activities commence at 1pm with the P&C BBQ. After a lunchtime play, we’ll start activities, followed by the Easter Hat Parade and an Easter Egg Hunt to finish off the day.

The final part of our Easter Celebrations will be our entry in the Gresford Billy Cart Derby on Easter Saturday, March 30th. As I’ve mentioned previously, this is being built by our Dads and Pops with our students and it’s almost finished, ready to go really fast down the hill at Gresford. I urge all our parent community to come and cheer our Billy Cart and its drivers on, and to enjoy the festivities and street fair at Gresford on Saturday.

Our student representatives have added a student award to the awards given out by teachers on our fortnightly assembly. On Friday, all students received a nomination form, where they can nominate a student for a ‘student award’. This award is given by students, not teachers, and is a way that students may recognise each other for a reason of their choice. Nomination forms are placed in the nomination box during the week and on Whole School Assembly Monday’s, our student leaders peruse the nominations to see who has the greatest number. That student receives the award for the fortnight. We have made it very clear to our students that this is not a popularity contest and they have to write the reason they’ve given the nomination. Teachers will assist the younger students with writing their reasons, but we will not assist them in thinking of a reason. Of course, parents may assist also. This is an important part of our school’s PBL process, allowing students to acknowledge each other for a job well done, a kindness given, for trying their best or for many other reasons.

I’d like to say congratulations to Joe and Chelsea for receiving the classroom awards last week and to Shiane and Jarrod for winning the lollypops. Our lollypop ticket boxes are very full by the end of the week, a reflection of the children’s hard work, the manners used, the core values followed and the commitment to learning. Well done!
Thursday will be the last day Mrs Kristen Carmody will be with us full time. Miss Carly Ross, our regular casual teacher, will teach Mrs Carmody’s days until the end of the term. Mrs Carmody is taking her very first family holiday and we hope she has a lot of fun and has a very relaxing time. Mrs Carmody has been an important part of our school for some time and she will be missed by all of us but she will be back as she joins our regular casual teaching team with Miss Ross. Please read the Primary and Infants news for Miss Ross’s timetable for the last two weeks of term.

I wish all of our children, their parents and the wider community, a very happy Easter and a restful break. Don’t eat too much chocolate, there’s a rumour going around that it’s bad for you. Good job I don’t listen to rumours!

Till next time,

Donna Stackman

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**Facts about the Dairy Industry**

People crave cheese more than any other food!!!

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LIBRARY
This week we will have library borrowing on **Tuesday (tomorrow)** for everyone. Please remember to bring your library books and bag tomorrow. Thank you.

CAKE RAFFLE
The School Council Cake Raffle is up and running again this year. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. There will be no Cake Raffle this Friday (Good Friday) so please refer to the roster on the back page for next Friday 5th April and support this simple little fundraiser. Thank you.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The PRC is under way and all students have been given a reading log to keep track of their progress. There are now some tubs of books in the library with coloured sticker dots on the back of them to indicate that they are part of the PRC. The sticker dot colours are:

- **PURPLE**  K - 2
- **GREEN**  3 - 4
- **RED**   5 - 6

Voluntary School Contributions
These contributions are set at $30 for one child, $40 for two children and $50 for a family of three students or more.
These fees can be paid at the school office. Voluntary Contributions go into the general school budget and allow the school to purchase items which directly support the learning of every child in the school. Items can include art and craft materials, technology and curriculum resources. Your support is appreciated.

SAFETY ON THE BUS
To make sure everyone (students and the bus driver) is safe on the way to school and on the way home, please remember our bus rules:

- Seat belts must be worn - everyone is to be seated in their own seat.
- Please keep your bags closed when you are on the bus.
  For safety - everything is to stay inside your bag - this includes toys!
- Please stay seated while the bus is moving.
  You need to stay in your seat until the bus comes to a stop.
- Remember your ‘BUS VOICE’! when you are talking to others on the bus.
- Don't forget - the driver is the leader of the bus.
  It is up to the driver to remind everyone of the rules.
Jerrys Plains Community Dance

DATE: Saturday, 27th April 2013
TIME: 7PM til Midnight
BAND: MOJO
COST: $20 Family or $15 Single Ticket

Tickets available from:-
Kaye 65 764168
Jeannie 65 764328
Robyn 0423 416069
Helen 0408 433249

Please bring your own food and drink!!!

COME ONE COME ALL!!! FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT!!!

Cake Roster - Term 1 & 2

Term 1

Friday 29th March No cake (Good Friday)
Friday 5th April Jeni Bos
Friday 12th April Julie Elbourn

Friday 17th May Kylie Peel
Friday 24th May Sarah Williams
Friday 31st May Robyn Cramp
Friday 7th June Kim Brown
Friday 14th June No cake (Athletics Carn)
Friday 21st June Susan McCartney
Friday 28th June Natalie Young

Term 2

Friday 3rd May Bec Hamlin
Friday 10th May Emily Lambkin

Tavern Roster - Term 1 2013

29th March Good Friday - No Raffle
5th April Woody
12th April Simon Ponder
19th April Tony Anderson
26th April Rhonda Walter

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News from the Infants Room

Three weeks left and it's holidays - how quickly this term has flown! Being a long term, and the first one of the year, we are all tired. Thankfully, we get a long weekend to reenergise ready for the last two weeks of the term. We are looking forward to making our Easter hats, and having lots of fun on Thursday, showing them off and participating in some exciting activities!

Last week, our Kinders began reading! We start with very basic, repetitive books that are simple enough to get the hang of once the teacher has read a page or two. They have been so excited to join the ranks of the 'big kids'. Although we have taken this big step, we still need to practise our sounds each day. Because we've had lots of 'blended' sounds, these need lots of extra practise. So please don't leave those sound folders in bags, untouched. For our 'bigger kids', daily reading at home is vital. It's great to see a few home reading books have 3 or more pages filled, we hope to see many more of those in the future!

Finally, parents please note that while Mrs Carmody is away during the last two weeks of term, Miss Ross will be teaching the Infants class on Thursday's for library and science, and on Friday's for the whole day. Miss Ross will be following Mrs Carmody's teaching program for those days.

Have a fabulous week, and we will see as many of you as possible on Thursday!

Mrs Cant and Ms Carmody :)

News from the Primary Room

What a busy week we've just had with another busy one for our last week prior to the Easter break. We've been focusing on 3D shapes in mathematics along with recall of basic number facts. We've worked on problem solving and addition and subtraction. During English, we've focused on reading skills and word strategies. We've added some more ‘power’ words to our word wall and have created some great descriptive writing. This week we’ll continue to develop our descriptive writing and will incorporate that into our exposition writing.

Using pastels and paper, we've started some beautiful artworks with Mrs Edgar and have begun our dioramas for science with Mrs Carmody. This week we'll be working on some Easter crafts and we'll finish our artworks ready to hang in our ‘gallery’.

On Wednesday, we have part 2 of our video conference sessions with Rutherford Primary School's Opportunity Class. We've put together a presentation to show them the features of our school and we're looking forward to seeing theirs. Their school has 700 students, so we expect it to be a lot different to ours.

This week we will have Mrs Carmody on Tuesday instead of our usual Wednesday. For the final two weeks of term we’ll have Miss Ross teaching Mrs Carmody's lessons. Miss Ross will teach us on Wednesday's, all day, while Mrs Stackman has her Principal's release from class.

Our primary class has been invited to visit Coolmore on Wednesday, April 10th as part of our learning about our local community. We plan to be out there at 11am for recess and to leave to come back to school just after lunch. Coolmore have invited our families to join us on the day and parent transport will be necessary. A note will be sent to families at the beginning of week 10.
Gresford
Billy Cart Derby

For the very first time, Jerrys Plains Public School has entered the Gresford Billy Cart Derby

Come and cheer us on as we rocket down the Gresford Hill in our Billy Cart entry

Easter Saturday
30-3-13

Join our school community, have lots of fun, fly our school flag and cheer really loud