Great School ≈ Great Opportunities

Welcome back! One of the great things about getting back after holidays is seeing how students have changed in just two weeks. Now there are a handful of students who are taller than I, some new experiences have spawned new ideas and vocabulary, and some attitudes and personal thinking have taken a new direction. But that’s all a part of normal development... What hasn’t changed is the commitment of myself and my staff to the learning and wellbeing of your children. My highest priority is to ensure that every student is in the best place—physically, emotionally and psychologically—for the learning opportunities presented to them every day. I love being a part of your children’s lives and learning, so if there are situations occurring that will better equip me for meeting their needs I need to know.

I say it every term, but it really is going to a BIG one! Beginning with Learn to Swim next week, students have a busy schedule of activities in and out of the classroom. Thanks to all of you who are getting notes back immediately; it makes our planning so much smoother. Keep an eye on the Newsletter and Skoolbag App for important notices. Also, be sure to ask for notes coming home from school.

As always, I welcome your presence in our School, so please feel free to raise any questions or issues you may have.

Regina

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Heads down for bingo! Our students in Years 2-6 travelled to Denman this morning to participate in activities with the residents. There will be an Open Day at Merton Court on Saturday, to which everyone is invited.

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Thursday, October 8th, 2015

Calendar

Term 4

Ready4School: October 14th, 21st, 28th; November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

OPEN DAY, DENMAN AGED CARE: Saturday, October 10th

LEARN TO SWIM: October 12th-16th

P&C MEETING: Thursday, October 15th

McHAPPY DAY: Friday, October 16th

SWIMMING FOR SPORT: Thursday, October 22nd, 29th; November 5th, 12th, 19th

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Friday, October 23rd

THE BIG DRAW: Monday, October 26th.

WAMBO VISIT: Wednesday, October 28th.

K-2 ‘FIGHTER WORLD’ EXCURSION: Friday, November 20th

PRESENTATION NIGHT: Tuesday, December 8th,
K/1 Corner

Miss Ross was not able to start the term with us but expects to be back at school on Monday. Miss Em and Mr Sung have been sharing the class and their work on the weather has been top class!

Next week will be Learn to Swim so all students must come prepared to go Singleton Swim & Gym with swimmers and towel, dry clothes to change into, and food for the day. Don’t forget sunscreen and a water bottle!

Students should wear full uniform to school.

Years 2—6

Making Connections

How lovely is this Spring weather?! Each morning when I arrive I appreciate the new growth on our trees and plants and the abundance of birdlife around our school. In Science this term, Miss Em will be exploring the huge issue of sustainability. As the world’s collective knowledge of the environment deepens, the responsibility to care for and protect what we have becomes greater. This teaching unit is a trial, meaning that the publishers of the work have presented the package for implementation and evaluation. Miss Em will provide work samples and feedback from her lessons, and these, along with responses from other schools, will determine if the unit becomes a part of what the Department offers to primary schools.

Grandparents’ Day

Friday, October 30th
10.00am—11.30am

All grandparents, and those special people in the lives of our students, are invited to attend the School to share their memories and experiences. Students will be working on a range of questions—and interview techniques—for a recorded session of oral history. From this term into 2016, our focus will be Our Heritage, and we’ll be investigating ways to uncover the past for our 21st Century children. At the end of next year we hope to be able to publish a book based on our learning in History and Geography.

Please let us know of people who will be a part of our day; the numbers will help with preparing for morning tea. Guests may stay for a cup of tea or coffee, and have recess with our students.

ADVICE FOR CATERING

I will have ................... (number) guests for Grandparents’ Day on Friday, October 30th, 10.00am—11.30am.

Signed: .......................................................... Date: .........................................................

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**Art Attack!** Last day of term was a fun time of working together to produce some interesting artworks. Thank you—$196.20 was raised towards upgrading our art supplies.

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**Friday Cake Raffle...**
50 cents a ticket to support our Leadership Team.

**Canteen!!**
Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday each week.

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Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall Meeting

in the Hall

Wednesday, October 14th, 2015, at 6.30pm

Help bring some fun to our community.

Facts about the Dairy Industry

Did you know;

Cows eat about 40 kilograms of food a day!

Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.