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# NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term 5

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Term 4 Calendar Reminders

Sports uniform: Tuesdays (Swimming)  
Thursdays (Dance)

Scripture: Wednesdays

## Term 4 (this week 5) Slinky Week

- ◇ Slinky Week all this week 6-10 Nov.
- ◇ Spell-a-thon booklet and sheet go home today: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- ◇ Swimming #5: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November
- ◇ Footsteps Dance Program #2: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.30am

*Remembrance Day @ EBP RSL Saturday 11 November* **repeat message** *RSVP is now closed, contact RSL if interested.*

## Term 4 (Week 6)

- ◇ Swimming #6: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- ◇ Footsteps Dance Program #3: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.30am
- ◇ Return Spell-a-thon sponsorship booklets: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- ◇ Spell-a-thon takes place in school: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## Term 4 (Week 7)

- ◇ Swimming #7: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- ◇ Footsteps Dance Program #4: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30-10.30am

**Term 4 ends for students on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Dear Parents and or Caregivers,  
Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards over the last week:

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Elijah Lillian Lambrini
<b>Year 1</b>	Milla x 2, Connor
<b>Year 2</b>	Max Isabelle Jacob
<b>Playground Merit Certificate</b>	Elijah Lachlan Ella Mirand
<b>30 Stamp Cards</b>	Ethan
<b>"I am Tolerant" Value Award</b>	K: Lyam Yr 1: Sofia Yr 2: Leo
<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>NATASHAH</b>

## General Assistant

We welcome Mr Mick who has assumed the one-day position as our General Assistant (GA) on Mondays. The maintenance of our school grounds and other jobs undertaken by Mick has proven he is a real asset to our school.

## WHS Work Health and Safety

### Annual Tree audit

Arborists will be undertaking the school's annual tree inspection and audit within the next couple of weeks, ensuring the safety of our school community and meeting a compliance requirement. The schedule of works will be determined following the inspection and audit.

## Emergency Management Practices

A 'Lockout' practice will be undertaken towards the end of this term to satisfy our WHS compliance requirements. Lockout is when school gates and classroom doors are locked to exclude potential harm from outside our perimeters. Staff will communicate this to our students closer to the time.

### Crewe Lane pedestrian gate

Your support and co-operation is needed to ensure the front pedestrian gate is kept closed at all times. A catch was installed on the brick wall near the gate as a result of our debriefing after an evacuation practice earlier in the year. In the unlikely event of an evacuation, the catch allows for a speedier and safer exit for our students. It also ensures no student or teacher is hit by the gate on the way out! **At all other times** the gate should be kept closed. To reinforce this message the school has ordered a more permanent sign for the gate.

### Kindergarten Orientations for 2018

Our three Kindergarten orientations have now ended. Thank you to the whole staff for their support of the school's orientation, with the sessions shared equally by myself, Mrs Corbett and Mrs Kam. Mrs Corbett and I were delighted to have the Year One class for a morning session each. Doing so, negated the need to employ casual teachers, professionally developed the teachers and fostered collaborative teaching practices amongst our staff.

### Professional Learning (PL)

As reported in our recent P&C Meeting last Wednesday morning, both teaching staff and non-teaching staff are engaged in Professional Learning sessions both on and off site, and via webinars after school. Please be assured the learning is necessary to meet the needs of our current and incoming students, our changing educational and financial landscape and the next School Planning cycle 2018-2020. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and resilience of all staff at such a busy time of year with final assessments, report writing and concert preparations also underway, whilst the core business of teaching and learning continues.

### Free mirror

A big mirror in the Principal's office is no longer needed. It is about a metre in diameter and despite looking substantial, it is light. School Planning for our school's future directions 2018-2020 will now assume that place on the wall. Please see Mrs Maclean in the office if you want to give the mirror a home. If it remains unclaimed, it will be donated to a local charity.



### Reports

End of year reports will go home on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (week 10). As is the usual practice, there are no scheduled parent/teacher interviews following reports. As always, if at any time you have concerns about your child's academic, social or emotional learning, please make a mutually agreeable time with the classroom teacher to inform or discuss the issue. Alternatively, you may contact the office for Mrs Maclean to negotiate a suitable time for you to meet with the teacher. We appreciate our community as partners in learning.

On that same note, please inform Mrs Maclean in the Office if your personal situation has changed and you need a duplicate report for a parent/caregiver not living at the same address.

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Please be reminded the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website every week, once all family names have been removed, for issues of privacy.

## Excellence in Public Education Awards

Congratulations once again to Emma and Lenore who will receive a prestigious award for their outstanding achievements in the category of *Parent or Community Member* at the *Canterbury Principals Network Awards* this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017. I look forward to celebrating with them on Thursday afternoon/evening.

## Thank you for the cakes

Thank you to the four parents who supplied cakes last Friday, Louise, Helen, Georgia and Ruth. The cakes made by these mums were outstanding (all the staff agreed!) and we had more than enough. Thank you also to Georgia, Ruth and Rima who came to school to sell the cakes. Those students who lost or forgot their \$1 were given a cake. Thank you to those who made donations towards this fundraising event. Funds raised were \$59.00.

## Bandana Day

Our school's participation in Bandana Day raised \$315.00. Thank to all our parents and students for supporting those with cancer.

## End of year concert

The end of year concert will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (week 9). In the unusual event of cancellation, due to unforeseen circumstances, the following Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is set aside as the back up date. Thank you to Mrs Kam for revising the dances delivered by Footsteps in our Fitness sessions. Thank you to all staff for their collaborative choice of costuming, to Helen Iacurto, Renee Burger and Mrs Maclean for sewing costumes and accessories. Thank you also to George Webster for her expertise in sets and backdrops. It is a celebration for our whole school community and specifically those students in Year 2 who move to other schools.

## P&C

Tea towel orders are now closed. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. As usual, all welcome to attend.

**Term 4 (this week 5)** Slinky week: Monday 6-10 November

### Slinky Week *repeat message*

Students may bring an apple or a pear **any day** during this week. The fruit will be transformed into a fruit slinky during afternoon tea. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer 10-15 minutes of their time from 1.40pm which is our afternoon tea time, please inform the office. We encourage and appreciate community involvement.

### Swimming #5: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November *repeat message*

Please ensure students wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming needs on Tuesday. Thank you for labelling students' towels, goggles and clothing.

### Footsteps Dance Company #2: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

The Footsteps Dance lessons continue on Thursday this week with dances being taught in preparation for our end of year concert. Students may wear sports uniform on Thursdays too.

### Term 4 (week 6)

#### Swimming #6: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Please ensure students wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming needs for our swimming session. Thank you for having student's names on towels, goggles and clothing.

### Footsteps Dance Company #3: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

The Footsteps Dance lessons continue on Thursday this week.

### Spell-a-thon sponsorship booklets: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Please return all Spell-a-thon sponsorship booklets on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Once your child has completed the Spell a Thon their sponsor books will be sent back home for you to return with the money that has been pledged.

**Spell-a-Thon:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Our annual Spell-a-Thon school fundraiser will be held again on Friday 17th November. Self-explanatory booklets will be sent home today.

**Term 4 (week 7)**

**Swimming #7:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Please ensure students wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming needs for our swimming session.

**Footsteps Dance Company #4:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

The Footsteps Dance lessons continue on Thursday this week. Students wear their sports uniform.

