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NEWSLETTER

Week 8 Term 4

2 December 2019

Sports uniform – Tuesdays

Library bags – Fridays

School Day: 9.15am – 3.15pm

Lunch: 11.15-12.15pm

Recess: 1.40-2.00pm

Term 4 Week 8 (this week)

- ◇ **Reverse Christmas tree:** Monday 2 December in Connected Classroom
- ◇ **Scripture teachers Thank You morning tea:** Wed 4 Dec @ 9am
- ◇ **P&C evening Meeting:** Wednesday 4 December 7pm
- ◇ **Sport Carnival:** Friday 6 December @ 11am @ Charles Daly Reserve

Term 4 Week 9

- ◇ **Year 2 Graduation ceremony:** Wednesday 11 December @6pm. Please bring a plate to share following the graduation.
- ◇ **Salvation Army Christmas Tree at Final Assembly:** Friday 13 December
- ◇ **Library:** Friday 13 December No borrowing- please return books

Term 4 Week 10 (Monday – Wednesday)

- ◇ **Reports go home:** Monday 16 December
- ◇ **Class parties:** Wed 18 December - students may wear mufti.
- ◇ **Arches for Year 2 students:** at 3.05pm Wed 18 December in the playground

Students last day Term 4: Wed 18 December

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

K/1	Ricky, Alyssa, Jonah
1/2	Eoin, Ryley, Serge
Playground Awards	Eoin
Student of the Week	Andrew

Teachers' Federation meetings

The NSW Teachers Federation has announced it will hold a stop work meeting of school teachers on the morning of Thursday 5 December 2019. The purpose of the stop work meeting is for Federation members to hear a report on salary negotiations and to debate and vote on a recommendation for a new Salaries and Conditions Award. Our school will have arrangements in place for students who attend between 8.45am-10.30am.

P&C Movie night

Thank you to our P&C and other community members who provided our students with a great community event last Friday night. The P&C provided pizzas, drinks, popcorn and ice-creams at no cost. Thank you to Mrs Greige and Miss Hammoud who stayed at school on a Friday night, at such a busy time of year.

Asset Management

I received the Arborist's report last week and I have requested a quote for an aerial assessment of our big tree, based upon that report. I have received a quote for a tree to be removed from the front of the school. We wait to hear when this work can be undertaken, preferably on school development days or in the Christmas holidays. A small tree unexpectedly fell in the playground due to the wild wind last Tuesday. Ironically I was reading the arborist's report at the time! The tree was removed from the playground last Friday. Painting of the Library steps, the fascia boards, the Library door and some grouting work in the cleaner's store room will be undertaken on SDD on 19 and 20 December.

Professional learning

Last Tuesday Mrs Maclean attended training in the newly released SCOUT reports. Last Thursday, I attended principals' professional learning regarding SCOUT operational reports and the Teacher Improvement Program. Classroom teachers are undergoing their final observations of their Performance Development Plans and will then complete an annual self-assessment review. Tomorrow I will attend a Principal Network Meeting on a number of topics relevant to Principals.

Emergency drill lockdown

An emergency lockdown drill was conducted from the playground last Monday. As always, staff debrief after such events for continual improvement. Our school has complied with our evacuation drills for this year.

Visual Arts

Thank you to those who have collected their child's artworks and pottery last week. There are still some students' artworks remaining.

Week 8 (this week)

Reverse Christmas Tree for the Salvation Army: Monday 2 December – collection at Assembly 13 December.

A Christmas tree will be in the Connected Classroom for donations of Christmas gifts and presents for those less fortunate and in need at this time of the year. The tree will be there until Friday 13 December, when members from the Salvation Army will collect the donations in our final Assembly. Please feel free to put a gift under the tree at any time from Monday 2 December to the morning of Friday 13 December.

STEMSHARE kits

The STEMSHARE kits are packed and ready to be returned from Monday 2 December. Thank you to Mrs Greige and Miss Hammoud who ensured our students accessed all available resources; blue bots, Dash bots and Lego WeDo. Well done!

Scripture teachers *Thank You morning tea*: Wednesday 4 December @9am *repeat message*

The school is hosting a thank you morning tea for our Scripture teachers who volunteer every week to deliver Religious education to our students. We value their contribution and dedication.

P&C evening Meeting: Wednesday 4 Dec at 7pm.

All welcome to the P&C meeting on Wednesday 4 December at 7pm. It is the final P&C meeting for the year.

Sports Carnival: Friday 6 December *repeat message*

Please feel free to join us for our annual Sports Carnival held at Charles Daly Reserve on Friday 6 December beginning at 11am. Miss Hammoud will be seeking parent volunteers at the finish line of the races. Please ensure your child wears sports uniform on the day, wears a hat and has a water bottle on the day. Parents may want to apply sunblock on their child in the morning. Running races are organised by age: the age a student is turning in this calendar year, for example 7 year old running races are for students who turned 7 in January this year or who are turning 7 in December of this year. Novelty races will be grade based K, 1 and 2, as far as practicable. Students have been practising carnival skills at school. Please reinforce with your children that this is essentially a fun sports carnival day.

We look forward to the BBQ on the P&C's new BBQ. Thank you to Mariam (Hussein's mum) for her kind donation of sausages for the BBQ. *Thank you to the parents of children with allergies or special dietary requirements who provide a safe alternative for their child. It is a timely reminder not to share food with others.*

Library: Friday 6 December

Please return Library books as usual on Friday 6 December, the day of the Sports Carnival.

Week 9

Year 2 Graduation Assembly: Wednesday 11 December at 6pm (week 9)

The Year 2 Graduation Assembly will be on Wednesday 11 December (week 9) at 6pm. All K-2 students are to arrive at 5.45pm and may wear mufti on that school day and for the evening. It is a celebration for our whole school community and specifically the students in Year 2 who move on to other schools. We ask the community to bring a plate of food to share after the Year 2 graduation. We thank Miss Hammoud the Year 2 teacher for her organisation of this event.

Library: no borrowing Friday 13 December

Please return all Library books. There will be no borrowing in the final Library lesson on Friday 13 December.

Reverse Christmas tree Assembly: Friday 13 December

The Salvation Army will be attending our final Assembly on Friday 13 December to collect our Christmas present donations. We thank you in advance for supporting those in the community who need some support at this festive time. I take this opportunity to commend the work done by the Salvation Army.

Week 10 (final week of term 4)

Semester 2 Reports: Monday 16 December (week 10)

Semester 2 reports will go home on Monday 16 December in week 10. As is the usual practice, there are no scheduled parent/teacher interviews following reports in term 4. Please inform Mrs Maclean in the Office if your personal situation has changed and you need a duplicate report for a parent/caregiver living at another address. Please celebrate your child's achievements.

Class parties: Wednesday 18 December

Teachers will be holding class parties on Wednesday 18 December, the last day of school, with their class. Students may wear mufti on the last day of school. *Thank you to the parents of students with known allergies who will provide a safe dietary alternative.*

Students last day of the school term is Wednesday 18 December. There will be arches at 3.05 pm for the students to walk through as the school claps our Year 2 students out.

Community Announcements

