



Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 1

2009

Week 8

16th March, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY Tuesday 28 April.

Staff will be involved in training related to the teaching of reading.

School NAPLAN data indicates there are a number of areas in reading where the boys scored below the state. In reading, our boys' growth between years 3 and 5 was below the state. In other areas of English the boys scored above the state in terms of learning growth. Historical data shows that the boys who are in the top to middle in Year 3 results are not demonstrating average growth by Year 5.

Focusing on boy's reading the main topic areas that will be addressed are:

1. How can we engage boys more?
2. How can we better extend the independent readers?
3. A review of resources
4. How do we get boys to transfer their verbal knowledge into written responses that reflect their verbal knowledge?
5. Providing alternate ways for the boys to demonstrate comprehension or develop strategies that will encourage better written responses.

Mrs Vallis, school literacy co-ordinator, is responsible for the organisation of this professional learning experience for the staff.

Students **resume school on Wednesday 29 April.**

THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY set down for the first day of Term 3 has been rescheduled to Friday 10 July, the last day of Term 2.

Our school is combining with other schools in our Kincumber Learning Community to have a joint School Development Day. These schools include Kincumber High, Kincumber, Pretty Beach and Copacabana Primary Schools. Kincumber High is the local high school for all the above primary schools.

We have organised Andrew Fuller as a special guest speaker. As a clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne. The main focus of the day will be on engaging children in learning from K to Yr 12. This will be a very important professional learning opportunity for all teachers in our local management group of schools.

Peter Whelan,
Principal.

REMINDER

3/4V and 3/4W's assembly on Friday, 20th March will begin at 12.20pm.

Wilma Vallis

HARMONY DAY

As part of a week of celebration which seeks to engage all Australians in a celebration of the essentially cohesive and inclusive nature of our country and to promote the benefits of cultural diversity, Harmony Day this year will be commemorated on Saturday, March 21st. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday, March 23rd at 12.40pm outside the hall. All parents are welcome to attend and are free to stay with their children for lunch. Kylie (our canteen manageress) has spoken at Assembly today about her special Harmony Day offer. Classes will resume as normal after lunch.

PARENT SURVEY - KINDERGARTEN

All Kindergarten parents are invited to be part of an anonymous survey. The results of this survey will determine those areas which require clearer explanation, especially for newly enrolled children and their parents. Questions such as: When do the children eat lunch? Where do I collect my child if he or she needs to leave early for an appointment? Who does my child see if he or she is late for school?

If you have any troubling questions that have not been addressed in school information packs, please take the trouble to write them down and submit these to the office before the end of Term One (April 9). This will assist us greatly in the creation of a more comprehensive guide for parents and carers. See tear off slip at end of newsletter.

Diane Humphreys

Rel. Assistant Principal.

REMINDERS

School Costs—\$38 per student, maximum of \$80 for 3 or more students.

Year 6 T-Shirts \$25.

Mufti Day \$2 jar—Friday 20th March.

Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion 31.3.09—2.4.09 \$245.

Year 4 Camp Toukley 6.4.09—7.4.09 \$105.

School Fair 29.3.09.

HEY KIDS!

If you can SING, DANCE, JUGGLE or PLAY AN INSTRUMENT—now is your BIG chance as time is running out to be a part of entertainment program at the school fair! Be quick, get your parent's permission and call Leeann (parent) on 4382 6615 (evenings are best).

CANTEEN NEWS

- See the insert for our harmony day special on Monday 23rd. We are turning ORANGE!!
- Are you interested in purchasing a curly apple machine. We need 10 more orders before I can order them (\$29 each). Please fill out the expressions of interest form attached and return it to the canteen or office by this Friday.
- Last week I omitted to thank two great volunteers who helped out in the canteen at the last minute. They were Rachael Mitchell and Lee Davies. Thank you ladies.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers last week: Kelly Adams, Janelle Sykes, Sam Lemon, Stacey Brown, Alison Larkin, Susie Hunter and Leanne Neubauer.
- This weeks roster:

Tue 17 Mar	Sally Brooks, Nicole Germier
Wed 18 Mar	Jessica Handley, Danielle Sawszak
Thur 19 Mar	Jodie Myers, Kelli Wilson
Fri 20 Mar	Melissa Brown, TBA
Mon 23 Mar	Kylie Bakarich
Tue 24 Mar	Kellie Hayes, Michelle Butler

Regards,
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS
FOODS**



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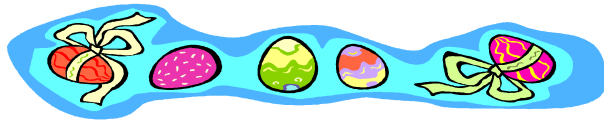
**PLEASE RETURN TO THE CANTEEN BY FRIDAY
20TH MARCH**

**I would like to purchase a curly apple machine. I
will pay \$29 when I collect.**

Name Phone No.

ALTERATIONS

For all your clothing/Manchester, repairs and alterations phone Kylie on 0402 661 566

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Children are asked to donate chocolate eggs, bunnies and cane baskets and in return they receive tickets in the draw to win an Easter basket. Eggs etc. can be brought to Mrs. Crayn's room any morning after 9am.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES INCENTIVE

Another great weekend of Raffle Ticket Sales. The top incentive prize of a \$200 Rebel Sports Voucher for the family selling the most tickets is being hotly contested!!

It is not too late to have the chance to sell tickets for the school at local shopping centres. If you want to win the \$200 Rebel Sports Voucher, Call Evelyn on 4382 6639.

If you are unable to help on weekends, keep trying to sell your tickets to friends, neighbours and colleagues. The GPK PIZZA PARTY is back again and returned books of sold raffle tickets are worth 10pts for your class. Obviously these will have a big impact on which class wins, so please try and sell at least all the tickets in your book, and return it to the front office, with your child's name and class. Partially sold books are worth 1 pt. If you need extra books, please see the front office staff, or send a note to school with your child.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

The fair is only 3 weeks away and that means 3 weeks until the \$2 jar stall.

On **Friday 20th March** there will be a **Mufti Day** where children bring in a \$2 jar.

For new comers, this is the most popular stall at the fair. Fill an empty jar with something to the value of \$2 e.g. lollies, toys, marbles, stickers, tattoos etc.

Decorate the jar if you would like to. The more jars, the more money the school makes! So start collecting and filling jars!

Thank you,
Linda King,
Stall Coordinator.

GAMES AT THE FAIR

AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A RANGE OF PRIZES USING THE TICKET SYSTEM (THINK TIME ZONE OR INTENCITY). AS YOU PLAY EACH GAME E.G. LUCKY LOCKS, CARTS AND BALLOONS, DUNNY CAN LOB ETC. YOU WILL COLLECT TICKETS SIMILAR TO THE ONES BELOW. THE BETTER YOU PLAY THE MORE TICKETS WILL WIN THEN YOU CAN VISIT THE PRIZE TABLE AND TRADE YOUR TICKETS FOR SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE.

