Principal’s Message

We are almost at the end of a busy term and I am very pleased with the effort, attitude and enthusiasm displayed by students. There have been so many activities specifically designed to broaden our student’s experience and build their skills and capabilities. This term I have been carefully following the progress of our debating teams, sporting teams, robotics club, chess club, dance groups and choir. As well, students have completed the NAPLAN in Y3 and 5, attended student leadership conferences at the University of Wollongong, taken part in a Reconciliation walk, competed in a cross country carnival, participated in a moving ANZAC Day ceremony, attended excursions to the Royal National Park, Wollongong City Council and Sydney Harbour. We’ve even hosted a Book Fair, a gymnastics display, participated in the Keirabald Art Exhibition and had the Fire Brigade come in for an exciting visit. In amongst all these wonderful activities teachers have been busily engaged in our core business – delivering quality teaching and learning programs to promote academic excellence. I commend our students for their enthusiastic involvement in the busy life of our school this term.

The office staff tell me that our new online payment system is up and running and already we have had a number of direct payments completed. This now means that parents can transfer payments for school events without the need to attend the school office. Notes that come home asking for payment will have this option on the permission slip for you to record the transaction number and class. This is necessary so the admin staff can match your payment with the relevant student. Please take advantage of this initiative as there are definite benefits for both you and the school.

Over the past few weeks there have been a number of excursions. Unfortunately there have been some disappointments when students have either not paid for the excursion by the cut-off date, not returned the permission note or arrived at school after the excursion bus or group has left. The teachers and I don’t want any student to miss out on these opportunities and we endeavour to give as much notice as possible with clear instructions about payment cut-off dates and follow-up information about excursion times and arrangements. The reason why we have cut-off dates is to allow the admin staff time to book the correct sized coach for the student group and draw up cheques to pay for admission to venues. When a parent
arrives on the morning of an excursion wanting to pay, it’s just not possible or reasonable to expect that this can happen. Please keep an eye out for notes in your child’s bag so that you can address these matters before the cut-off date and thus avoid the disappointment your child may experience. If the payment is an issue and more time is required please feel free to contact me and we can confidentially work this out so your child is not disadvantaged.

On the subject of payments two of these need to be finalised by the end of term. They are the permission notes and payments for the Athletics Carnival and also for the Sport in School program next term.

Best wishes to Jessica who leaves next week for the World Acrobatic Gymnastics championships in France. Jessica is an outstanding ambassador for our school and Australia.

Best wishes

Graham Butt

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CALENDAR

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Merit Awards - Term 2, Week 7

Certificate of Merit

KA Kyra, Soe
KC Rynaz, Hunter
KN Talal, Zander
1J Layden, Garry
1-G Rhed, Mercedes
1-P Ana
1-W Hamza, Naomi
2B Marissa, Ammar
3-4D Ryan
3-4M Xander
3-4Y Aya
4-5M Annika
5-6B Ethan
5-6H Sherley
5-6P Noah
5C Aiden
6M Victor

Student of the Week

KA Deyaa
KC Alexandra
KN Yonas
1J Fatimah
1-G Andrew
1-P Vera
1-W Cooper
3-4D Dominic
3-4M Antony
3-4Y Brock
4-5M Xueyan
5-6B Kirralee
5-6H Ava
5-6P Justyce
5C Tim
6M Sienna

You Can Do It

KA Byron, Rylan
KC Sophia, Alan
KN Tiyana, Lily
1J Anstasia, Joseph
1-G Rafy, Malcolm
1-P Jack, Hannah
1-W Caleb, Cooper
2B Kale, Ali
3-4D Ozan
3-4M Isiah, Hawa
3-4Y Manuela, Zachariah
4-5M Portia, Andres
5-6B Anton, Punnadhorn
5-6H Caitlin, Victoria
5-6P Zakkary, Ocean
5C Tom, Tora
6M Desh, Erin
Parent online payments
What a great response to the online payments, the feedback from parents has been great, lots of parents love the fact that they can pay for all their child's activities from home. Please keep in mind that we can't accept any activity for the P & C (Uniforms, Lunch Orders, Special Food Days etc), the P&C has a separate account to the school. You must also remember to fill out and sign the permission slip and write the receipt number on it also.

Stage Two Poetry Expo!
Dear Parents/Carers,
Stage Two have been working extremely hard in the classroom learning about and writing poetry. In celebration of this, we have decided to hold a poetry expo to share some of our amazing poems. Each class has selected 8 representatives to share their poems. Each class will also be presenting a group poem.

Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch our expo. The details are as follows:

Where: School Hall
When: Thursday 26th June
Time: 11:30am

We hope to see you there!

Regards
Ms Young and the Stage Two Teachers

Robo Camp
BUILD SOME NEW FRIENDS!
Students (aged 7+) learn to design build and programme LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots and have a lots of fun in the process!
Hosted by the University of Wollongong
Suitable for both Primary and High school students
Bookings essential: Email coach@projectb.net.au
Full information can be found at www.projectb.net.au

Introduction to MINDSTORMS®: June 30 – July 1, $110 (Inc. GST)
MINDSTORMS® Tactics: June 30 – July 1, $150 (Inc. GST)
MINDSTORMS® Survivor: July 2–4, $220 (Inc. GST)

Presented by Project Bucephalus and sponsored by the University of Wollongong and the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Trust.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Interschool Chess Challenge 2014 (endorsed by the NSW Junior Chess League)
Your school is invited to compete in the Local Heat at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Divisions: Primary Schools only

Date: Wednesday 25th June
Venue: Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
Cnr Princes Highway & Balgownie Rd, Fairy Meadow

Cost: $10 per child.

Time: Registration is from 8:30am on the day of the tournament.
Round 1 begins at 9:30am.
Prize giving will commence at approximately 2:00pm.
There will be a lunch break, as well as short breaks in between the rounds.

Format: This tournament is run as an individual event, with the winning school determined by adding the 4 highest scorers from each school. This means that your school can enter any number of players, and there is no need to rank them into teams.

This tournament is a 7-round Swiss competition. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is knocked out of the tournament.

Time Limit: Chess clocks will be used in this event. There will be a short demonstration on the use of chess clocks before the start of the tournament.

The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game.
Prizes: Trophies will be awarded for the top scoring players: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, 4th Place and 5th Place. Trophies will also be given out to the top 3 placed schools in each heat.
All participants in the tournament will receive a certificate of participation.
The top 3 schools from each heat will qualify for the Regional Semi-Finals, held in Term 3.

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Interschool Chess Challenge 2014

I give permission for my child ____________________________________________ class___________
to attend the Interschool Chess Challenge on Wednesday 25th June at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School. Students are to be transported to the venue by 9am. There will be teacher supervision on the day. Players are to bring their lunch and recess. They are to wear full school uniform. Also bring a book or handball to play between games. Parents are to pick their child by 2pm.
Please specify on the note if you have any special pick up arrangements.

Parent Name:................................................................................................................
Signature: ........................................................................
Phone No:...........................................

Mrs Elphick
Chess coordinator