**Term 3 Week 10—13th September 2015**

**Important Dates**

**Thursday 17th September**
Clontarf Table Tennis and Pool Competition South Campus
BroSpeak and SistaSpeak kids to NAIDOC at TAFE

**Friday 18th September**
Whole School Assembly Items by 3G and 5/6K
Last Day of Term 3

**Tuesday 6th October**
First Day of Term 4 for students and staff

**Kids Teaching Kids**

Last Thursday was a great success and a wonderful way to showcase what our school has on offer – 115 students from 9 different primary schools did two presentations each. It was wonderful to see the kids teaching others about what they had researched and see what initiatives and great ideas had come out of the hard work put in by the students, teachers and probably parents too!

Later in the afternoon experts from Office of Environment and Heritage and Local Land Services talked about threatened species, feral pests and the impact the latter has on the environment and native fauna. NSW Fisheries Education Officer spoke about the types of fish we see here and on the coast, rules and regulations about fishing and much more.

One of the highlights of the day was Ralph Naden and 3 young dancers welcoming us with dance then followed up with stories to different groups of students during the day.

The OLGA looked a picture and worked really well with all the foot traffic! Teachers from other schools commented on the site and in particular the dry creek bed – what a wonderful resource.

I want to thank Mr McBroom and the other Stage 3 teachers who prepared the students for the day and those parents who provided their time and helped make lunch and cupcakes for morning tea. Jodie did an outstanding job organising the food, facilitating the catering and being there on the day to make sure everything happened as it should. A big thank you to all involved!!

**From Sharon’s Desk**

**School Canteen:** We are lucky to have this service 5 days per week. Run by manager Jodie Bruce our canteen services up to 500 families across our school. Service in the Canteen needs to be maintained at each break—lunches are ordered and all orders filled. This all takes time and manpower. Lately our volunteer supply has dwindled away. Unfortunately, if we don’t get more volunteers the canteen may close 1 day per week. Please help to keep this wonderful service open to our children every day. If you can volunteer half a day, every morning after home reading for 2 hours or a day every month—we need you! If you can help out in any way please drop into the office or contact the canteen with your details. Anytime would be greatly appreciated.

**School uniform:** Full summer school uniform is to be worn after the holiday break. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am. The expectation is that all students **MUST** be in full school uniform. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am. The expectation is that all students **MUST** be in full school uniform. The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am. The expectation is that all students **MUST** be in full school uniform. The expectation is that all students **MUST** be in full school uniform. We need to keep pride in our school uniform and all students on track ready for school dressed to go. School hats and caps are also available. Logos on hats are unnecessary—please keep them for weekend wear. Next term if no hat is worn, then the children will have limited play in the shade. Help us follow school policy and expectations.

**Kindergarten Transition**

will begin on Tuesday 27th October. If you know of anyone who turns 5 by 31st July 2016 please encourage them to get an enrolment package from the school office. This is an important program for our new Kindy students. Enrol Now!

**Tell Them From Me Surveys:** Access to the weblink and passwords were sent out to parents last week. The survey is confidential and is completed online. The results are sent back in graph form so confidentiality is assured. If you are unable to get access to a computer at home, then you may utilise a computer at school. I appreciate your time as the details obtained from these surveys will provide us with planning future directions for our school. Have a wonderful and safe holiday, enjoy your family time and will see you back on Tuesday 6th October. Remember Reading Eggs!

*Cheers Sharon*
LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

African Drumming Workshop
Expressions of interest are being called for students in Year 4 and Year 5 who would like to participate in an African Drumming workshop to be held on Tuesday 13th October in our school hall. The cost of the workshop will be $5 per child. The Arts Unit are coordinating several workshops around the school holidays to teach the important lesson of thinking of others as well as appreciating and valuing the life we have.

African Drumming Workshop will be conducted by Yacou from Senegal, whose area so we are very fortunate to have the workshop at our school.

If you can’t manage a whole box, maybe think about donating a few items to be combined with other items that have been donated. Mrs Prince is currently coordinating the project. Boxes are available from the top office or Mrs Prince.

Library News
Book Club Issue 6: Orders were handed out to students on Friday. Thankyou to those who order and support Book Club, this is a P&C initiative that allows the school to purchase hundreds of resources each year.

Please wash your Library Bags!
The holidays are the perfect opportunity to give your library bag a wash and replace the plastic bag inside. This small act helps keep our books in excellent condition.

A reminder to visit the Macquarie Regional Library these holidays and participate in their school holiday program “Dive into Reading!” Numbers are limited so bookings are essential. Please call 68014510 ASAP or see their website for more details http://macquarieregionallibrary.boswebsystems.com/KidsandTeens/school-hols-dubbo.

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Let’s Make a Difference
It’s that time of year again where we can make a huge difference to another child’s life. Operation Christmas Child involves packing a shoe box full of wonderful and useful surprises for a child in need.

It is a wonderful project to do with your own children during the school holidays to teach the important lesson of thinking of others as well as appreciating and valuing the life we have.

Ideas include: T-shirts, thongs, washers, soap, toothbrush, coloured pencils, lead pencils, note pads, match box cars, balloons, stickers, hairbrush, comb, tennis balls, plastic cups, soft toy (something to love). If you can sew think about making some simple skirts or shorts, a bag to keep their gifts in afterwards, or crotchets headbands etc.

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P&C Fete News
Keep those donations rolling in and don’t forget to get your passports stamped by your teacher. Once the passport is completed and each square signed off by a teacher then your child’s name will go into the drawer for an iPad. Keep it up!!!

Canteen

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Jodie at the Canteen 6882 2957.

Jump Rope for Heart
Thank you to all those students that have taken on the challenge to raise funds for heart disease. Our online fundraising count at present is sitting on $952.16 from 16 students. If your child is using the paper sponsor form please return sponsor form and correct money in a sealed envelope to the front office by Week 1 Term 4. A Jump Off day will be held this Friday during your child’s Stage sport time.

PSSA Term 4 Choices
All PSSA choices have been finalised for Term 4. There is no specific equipment needed by students to participate. As the weather will be warmer, children must bring at least 1 water bottle and a hat as well as being in full sports uniform. The cost of the bus will be $3.50 each week. Please send in weekly or you may pay for the term in a lump sum.

Spelling Bee
Well done to Elinor Wonderley, Alex Blanch, Lola Brien and Emily Wonderley for making it to the Spelling Bee Regional Finals held At Dubbo West P.S. last Thursday. There were some tricky words that the children had to spell. Congratulations to Lola and Emily who made it to Round 6 (top 8) before being knocked out. Congratulations to the students from Dubbo West and Coonabarabran who won and will now go to compete in Sydney.

Congratulations
Bailey Coxsedge won the colouring competition for the Monster Trucks held recently and is pictured here with his prize of a DVD and a Cap! Well done Bailey.

No Hat No Play
With the hot weather approaching it is essential that all children wear a school cap or hat. If a child has not got a hat to wear then they will be requested to play in the shade.

Year 7 Enrolment forms to Miss P by the end of this week.

3K will be enjoying an end of term class party on Friday 18th September after their successful performance of “Moving it South Style”. Please bring along a plate to share.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Each Stage will be revising all our PBL expectations of Respect, Care, Responsibility and Cooperation for the rest of the term depending where the need arises for each Stage.

Girls Summer Dresses sizes 5-14 have arrived in the uniform shop. Opening hours Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9.30am.

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