PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Last week I travelled to Quakers Hill with 23 eager students to compete in the AFL knockout competition. For our students, this was the first time they had played the game of AFL but with crunching tackles by Robert, solid defence from Chase, high overhead marks from Seerat and accurate goal kicking from Nicholas, they quickly got the hang of it. I was very proud of all the children on the day. They demonstrated teamwork and a sense of fairplay as we helped another school, who only had 11 players, by giving them some of our players to make the game even for both sides. Our students did not hesitate to volunteer to play on the other side and I thought this was an indication of their great character. I received an email from the other school’s coach the following day which I would like to share with you. It read... “Sevana here from Beresford Road Public School, my enthusiastic AFL team played with your kids at the AFL knockout yesterday. I just wanted to thank you for everything. Your willingness to help my boys out with playing with a full side was truly touching. It really made for a memorable day for the kids, one I believe they will look back on for years to come. Even though the outcome of the day was always going to be the same, the boys came away from the day closer than ever. I even caught them chatting today about the team that helped them out in the second game. It really lifted their spirits!! Please pass on our thanks to all the kids in your AFL team, we appreciate their effort yesterday!” Well done team!

A couple of weeks ago Kevin, Kyza and I went to Werrington County PS for a morning tea run by the St Marys RSL Sub Branch. Here the boys accepted a donation of $500 to purchase books for our library. I would like to thank the St Marys RSL Sub Branch for their generosity.
A reminder that once again this year, our school will be participating in the ICAS competitions. The competitions available are Mathematics, English, Computer Skills, Writing, Science and Spelling. These tests are an extra curricula activity for Years 3 to 6 and are not compulsory. If you would like your child to participate, please return entry forms to school by Wednesday, 9 April, 2014. No entrants will be received after this date. If you have any queries regarding these competitions, please contact me via the front office.

Earlier this term we had all of our student’s eyesight tested. Some of you received vision vouchers which offered you a free full eye examination and free glasses if necessary. I am really happy to say that quite a few families have followed up on this offer and we have a lot of new glasses in our school. If you received a vision voucher and have not yet taken your child to the optometrist for a consultation maybe this is something you could do in the upcoming school holidays.

Easter Hat or Basket /Crazy Hair/ End of Term Awards Parade

This year Preschool to Year 6 students will participate in a FREE Easter Basket colouring-in competition. These will be completed in class at school.

Prizes will be awarded to children in each stage. These colouring - in entries will be displayed in the Library for parents and friends to see following our Easter Parade.

Easter Hat or Basket /Crazy Hair/ End of Term Awards Parade

On Friday, 11 April, we will be holding an Easter Parade. This will be held at the hall from 10.00am and parents and friends are invited to join us. Students may make an Easter hat at home, bring a basket or decorate their hair. Our End of Term Principal’s Awards will also be handed out at this time. From 9.15 – 9.45am we will be having a community café in the library, where visitors will be able to see our Easter Basket colouring in competitions.

As part of Year 6 fundraising, Year 6 will be decorating hair with coloured hair spray. Students from K-6 who wish to have their hair sprayed must come to school with clean hair. The cost for hairspray decorating is a gold coin donation to be paid on the day.

We look forward to sharing our Easter celebrations with our family and friends.

Glen Leaf
Principal
Head Lice

This is head lice season and as there have been a number of cases reported, we are asking parents to regularly check their child’s hair. The lice can be hard to find, so looking for the eggs or nits is easier. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar, but these are easily brushed away; the eggs are not. Other signs of infestation may be your child constantly scratching their head.

Although the condition is unpleasant, it can be treated. Advice for treatment is available from your local chemist. As head lice are highly contagious, you need to treat all members of the family, as well as wash all bed linen, towels and clothing. Parents will need to check their children’s hair regularly to overcome this problem. Tying long hair up and using hairspray can help...
STUDENT NEWS

[Images of students working on various projects and displays]

[Images of students posing with their creations]

[Images of the classroom and students engaged in activities]

[Images of students working together]
P&C

P&C hold a general meeting once a month. If you have a point for discussion in general business, please contact the secretary to have it placed on the agenda.

stmaryspublicpandc@hotmail.com

Please title the email Agenda and include a short description of the topic, your name and any supporting documents.

The agenda is distributed 1 week before each meeting to enable members to review items prior to the meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP/CLOTHING POOL

Uniform shop open times are now:

- Monday afternoons: 2.30pm to 3.15pm
- Thursday afternoons: 2.30pm to 3.15pm

Appointments can be made through the canteen for other times.

CANTEEN

Our canteen is operated by our P&C and is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Students must place orders before 9.00am. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is promoted by our school and a variety of nutritious food is available on canteen days. Students need to order any items they require for recess and lunch. They may purchase additional items for the first half of lunch only.
CALENDAR TERM 1

WEEK 11 - Assembly week

Thursday, April 10
Privilege Day                                      Selected Students

Friday, 11 April
End of Term Assembly                              Whole School
Easter Hat Parade

Term 2

WEEK 1 - Assembly week

Tuesday, April 29
Students Return                                    Whole school

WEEK 2

Wednesday, 7 May
P&C Meeting                                         Community

Thursday, 8 May
Mothers Day Stall                                    Whole School

WEEK 3 - Assembly week

Wednesday - Friday 13-15 May
Naplan                                               Years 3 & 5

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 20 May
IACS Computer                                       Selected Students

Wednesday, 21 May
Cake Stall - Stage 3                                 Whole School

Wednesday, 21 May
K-2 National Simultaneous Story Time

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