Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow we are hosting the Greater Kengal Stage day which we are all looking forward to. On this day the students will work in 4 different groups (Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3) completing learning activities focussed around poetry. In the afternoon session the Year 6 students have planned a tabloid sports afternoon which you will find more detail about further in the newsletter.

Our school rules are currently being reviewed by the students, with new ideas and thoughts being incorporated. Doing this ensures a shared responsibility and a clear understanding of expectations and consequences.

Just a reminder that students should not be at school before 8.45am as supervision is not provided before this time.

Be kind, work hard, smile often

Jenni

**Greater Kengal Stage Day**

Tomorrow after lunch the Year 6 students of Greater Kengal are organising a tabloid sports afternoon. This is an event where the students get fit and active and collaborate with each other. There will be skipping, croquet, fly, obstical course, throwing practise, handball and football activities. These activities will help kids from the different schools to get to know each other more.

**RAAF & Unknown Soldier Excursion**

Unfortunately the RAAF can longer host us on this day but we have been able to make an alternative booking at the Wagga Museum. The cost will remain the same.

The new itinerary will be:

- Bumaldaanya- Remembering our Aboriginal Soldiers
- Writtenworlds
- Lunch in Victory Memorial Garden

**Unknown Soldier Show**

- *Bumaldaanya- Remembering our Aboriginal Soldiers*- This exhibition focuses on Wiradjuri men who joined up to fight in the First and Second World Wars.
- *Writtenworlds*- An exhibition that explores the collections of handwritten words spanning two centuries. It shows communication before texts, emails and tweets.
- The *Unknown Soldier* is set on the battle fields of WW1 and in twenty first century Australia, the play follows the dual journeys of a 16 year old soldier fighting for king and Country, and a 13 year old boy who questions how one can simply just disappear.

**Premiers Sporting Challenge**

The NSW Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. We will be starting in week 6 of this term and finishing in week 5 of term 3.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

**3-6 Excursion**

This year the excursion will be to Melbourne/ Ballarat. It will be in Term 4 Week 2 (Monday 19th October –Wednesday 21st October). Students from Pleasant Hills, Boree Creek and Eurongilly will also be attending. The cost will be $300.00 per person. Please return the expression of interest note sent home last week by Friday 12th June, 2015.

**Circus Quirkus Tickets**

Forms regarding the tickets for the Circus Quirkus show need to be returned to the school by Friday
29th May. If you require another booking sheet, please contact the office.

Hot Chocolate Sales
This term the students have decided to sell hot chocolate instead of ice-creams. The cost will still be $1.00. Students are able to pay in advance if you wish to do it this way. Eg $10.00 for 10 weeks' worth. There will be a list marked off so students will not lose their money if they are away.

Assembly
There will be a K-6 assembly held this Friday at 10:45. Parents and friends are then invited to stay for a coffee and morning tea.

Recorder practice
Rachael, Rose, Grace, Hayley and Ryan will be at Borambola next Tuesday to participate in some recorder workshops as part of their practicing for the Opera House performance.

Coroboree Frog Day
The NSW Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Review of Special Religious Education
The NSW Department of Education is conducting an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW public schools. You can participate by completing a survey online. An information sheet is attached to the newsletter.

Student Meeting report
It was decided at the last meeting to purchase board games to play with inside on cold and rainy days. A fundraiser will be held on Friday 5th June for Coroboree Frog day by dressing in black and yellow and donating a gold coin. Funds raised will go to the student account.

Merit Awards
Week 3
Montanna- for writing on Simpson and his donkey
Thomas- for sounding out his words
Ryan- great effort during all activities
Hayley- pleasing application towards grammar and punctuation tasks

Week 4
Annie- using effective strategies in number
Leila- using good reading strategies when reading
Rose- making well thought out contributions to discussions
Brodie- pleasing effort in spelling

Overdue Library Books
Some students have overdue library books, the notices are attached to this newsletter, please have a look and send in as soon as possible.

Notes and Money to be Returned

- 3-6 GK Wagga Excursion – $10 Friday 22nd May
- 5-6 Recorder Cluster Rehearsal @ Borambola- Friday 22nd May
- 5-6 PSSA Netball - 25th May
- 3-6 Ballarat/ Melbourne Excursion – $100 Friday 12th June
Parent Tips

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Calendar – Upcoming events

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