Achieving and Improving

Key Priorities
Our key priority this year are an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school approach which includes explicit instruction. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Welcome

Ben Anthony Fallon

Ben decided he couldn’t wait to meet his parents and who can blame him.

Born: Thursday October 9 at 7.25am
Length: 48.5cm
Weight: 6lb 6oz (2.9kg)

We wish this beautiful new family a long life together filled with health and happiness.
Pupil Free Day
Don’t forget to add the pupil free day to your calendar. It is next Monday October 20.

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes

The chemistry unit commenced with some new faces in the classes. It was great to see so many keen students. We also introduced the new approach to using our science room where the desks will be moved into different positions depending on the type lesson. This week we introduced the meeting technique where Mr Holmes chaired the meeting of the first aid team. The P-2 class investigated the properties of materials using observation inquiry skills.

Mr Holmes provided samples of solids, liquids and gases in sealed tubes. Discussions focussed on the idea that unknown materials can be dangerous should be treated carefully. A scenario was presented where somebody was exposed to an unknown material that caused them to go unconscious. Explicit teaching techniques were used to place the patient in the recovery position so the airway could be kept open until medical help arrived.

The 3-7 students investigated the solids, liquids and gases in more detail with predictions of the materials being added to the investigation. They were asked to justify their predictions by refining their observations. Their first aid was also more complicated with the use of a series of questions and actions to establish if the patient was really unconscious. A hypothetical situation where somebody was unconscious in a confined space was introduced and some discussion developed about the rescuer’s need to be aware of the danger to themselves.

P – 2 Classroom Update
Maths
For the next 2 weeks our focus will be on measurement. This week we are learning about measuring using formal and informal units of measure. We have been busy measuring things around our room using anything we can see, for example, blocks, buttons, pencils etc. The children are very excited to see what we are measuring with each day.

English
We are building on our knowledge of persuasive text and have started to look at the structure of persuasive texts. We started to write our own piece of persuasive text this week, looking at an opinion of an old couple who bought a farm and were looking at what a farm needed. The children are enjoying writing what they think, in their own opinion, what a farm needs.

EYC
As part of our art unit the children will be engaging in old time dancing. We are going to learn a dance called the heel and toe poker and dance to the steps given and to the timing of the music. Ask your children what they thought of the dance
today when they come home. I am sure they are going to have lots to say about their dancing. We are also going to start to look at some aboriginal art and creating some wonderful master pieces.

**Geography**
This week students looked at what places where special to them and why they were special. Students drew their special place and had to explain why this place was special and describe one memory they have at this 'special place'.

**3 – 7 Classroom Update**

**English**
This term students explore a range of informative and imaginative texts set in the past about people and their experiences. They will complete a running record about a famous Australian and write a letter demonstrating use of text structure and language features of a letter. The letter will be to a student in the future, describing a memorable event in their life and their hopes for the future. The students will also research and write a biography based on an Australian.

**Maths**
This week we have continued work on analogue and digital time, converting time between the units and drawing clock faces. We have also started to look at some real life applications of the use of time. This week we are focusing on our 8x tables.

**Geography**
This week we sorted our liveability requirements into three areas: economic, social and environmental. We were surprised how many there were in social and how few in economic. It just goes to show how much we value the interactions with others! We looked at three liveability surveys and we were happy to see cities in Australia mentioned in the top 10 of each one.

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**Student Council – Tayla Chapman**

**DON’T FORGET** - Our pyjama day on the Wednesday the 22nd of October. Bring spare clothes if you want to change later and remember to stay sun safe. Gold coin donation. It is a Wednesday so please SDE kids join in!

**Pajama Day**

We also are having a Christmas market on the Wednesday the 19th of November. Please donate any second hand items you have at home that you no longer want. We have lots of cool stalls because we’ve got our lovely Mrs Lisle helping, she has some great ideas.
Student of the Week Awards
Awards this week went to:
Lacee Chapman for Being Responsible and working really hard during reading.

Bookwork Awards
Awards this week went to:
Clayton Armstrong and Sophie Olive for neat and consistent work in their English books.

Keep up the great work Award
Well done Phoebe Moffatt

Reading Link Awards
Awards this week went to:
Hannah Chapman and Lacee Chapman for completing workbook one

SWIMMING POOL
OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 2pm – 5pm
Friday 2pm – 5pm
Sunday 2pm – 5pm

These times are subject to change
All enquiries to Wendee on Mob. 0477 156 456
WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3 school days.

Want to be a better reader? Simply READ

OCTOBER
Monday 20th – Pupil Free Day

NOVEMBER
Monday 17th – 21st – Dance Fever
Tuesday 25th – P & C Meeting – 3.15pm
Thursday 27th – LOTE Visit

DECEMBER
Friday 5th – District Swimming @ Clarke Creek
Thursday 11th – Break up Day & Presentation Night
Friday 12th – Last Day of Term

Dates to Remember
2015 CALENDARS are now available for purchase from the school. Featuring spectacular local photography and priced at $20, don’t miss out on a great Christmas gift idea!

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MEETING MINUTES: will be pinned on the noticeboard in the school stairwell for anybody wishing to catch up on what was discussed at a previous meeting.

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PUB RAFFLES: Don’t miss out on your chance to take home one of four meat trays, a six-pack or bottle of wine every Friday night of term at the local Hotel. Many thanks to the families who volunteer to sell tickets and Bob & Annie at the Hotel for their continued support. Please take note of the roster and if you are unable to make your date, feel free to swap or contact Matthew to make alternative arrangements (Ph: 0439 356 222).

Uniform Price List:

- Shirts (including Delta/Kelso) ................ $15
- Hats ................................................. $20
- Girls Skorts ...................................... $12
- Boys Shorts ................................... $12
- Boys Sports Shorts ....................... $10
- Girls Sports Skorts ...................... $11
- School Supporter Shirts (Adult Sizes) .... $20

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Brenda Chapman 4935 6030

PUB RAFFLES ROSTER:

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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, 25/11/14
At School, 3:15 pm

Agenda:

* WH&S
* End of Year Activities

Big Things Often Have Small Beginnings