Dear Parents and Caregivers

Did you know it is World Teachers’ Day on Friday 25 October? Just a point of interest! What you do with that piece of information is up to you to decide!

During the school holidays, the Admin building was re-clad and is now looking pretty spiffy, thankyou very much! Quicks Building and Floor Sanding have done a great job and the finishing touches will be finalised in the next couple of weeks. Funding to do this work came from the department’s Maintenance Project Funding and provided on a per capita basis.

Could the start of the term get any better? It did, actually, when we welcomed our new student, Jordan McLean, into the school and Banksia class on the first day of term. It is lovely to have Jordan in our school and we hope that Amanda and partner Paul, along with Jordan, enjoy their time here as part of our school community. Welcome!

Included with this newsletter is an updated ‘2013/14 Bushfire Season Information for Families’ brochure that I hope you will take the time to read and also discuss with your whole family. It might be cool and damp at the moment, but we all know how easily that can change and we do need to be prepared for these events, should they arise. Preparations and checks are well underway here at the school, with rubbish being burnt off or disposed of and vegetation clipped back. Thankyou, too, to Shayne Willmott and Darren Quick, who spent time with our groundsman, Linden Calley, on Tuesday, checking things out around the school. As a result, the pump has been identified as an issue and will be replaced as a matter of urgency.

We are all looking forward to a busy and productive final term and have planned our teaching and learning programmes accordingly. I am sure this means that the term will just fly by!

Tracy Griffin

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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This term the Waratah class are learning about poetry. These are some poems the students wrote about their weekends.

In the morning getting snug
Drinking milo from a mug
Watching TV all day
Eating breakfast on a plate that says May
Playing with friends at my house
Running a lot, while playing with a mouse
Having takeaway for tea
Without rules feeling free
To have more fun than all the rest
It’s weekends at their very best
By Isaac

In the mornings I struggle to get up
After that I drink milo from a cup
Playing sport most of the day
I like playing it in May
Playing with people you really like
I like watching Sergio Van Dijk
Lots of friends coming for tea
Sometimes to try to invite Brett Lee
Weekends are very cool
Especially if you like having a dual
By Lachie

In the morning sleeping in
Then making milo with the tin
Eating what I want to eat
Maybe I will have a treat
Playing Minecraft, using snapchat
Telling Lucy to feed the cat
Reading books and watching tv
Without maths, feeling free
Weekends aren’t worth as much as gold
But I’ll say that, just being bold
By Georgia

In the morning getting snug
Drinking hot chocolate from a mug
Watching TV for a day
Having breakfast at a bay
Playing with my awesome motorbike
Is something that I really like
Having takeaway for tea at night
Driving home in the moonlight
Weekends are the very best
To play with friends and rest
By Ross
HOLIDAY RECOUNTS FROM BANKSIA CLASS MEMBERS

On the long holidays, my family went camping. We went camping with Lachie, Michell and Evie.  

By Milly Schwartz

On the holidays, in the Mainline Drive-In Cinemas, we watched Turbo on the Mainline’s big screen. Mum brought the bean bags.  

By Jed Voigt

In the holidays, we went to West Beach. Before we went to West Beach, Sam and I went to basketball. Then mum picked up Sam because I didn’t want to go. Then we went to West Beach, so we went home and packed. Mum put my clothes and Sam’s clothes in Mum’s suitcase. After we packed we went in the car. When we were ready, me and Dad bounced the ball around. Then we went back. I went on the jumping pillow and it was only me. Then the boys came on because Ashley and his family came over. There were three boys, and we played British Bulldogs. It was fun. The last day, we went on the jumping pillow again, and played British Bulldogs. Then Taaj pushed Emmi to the orange and onto the sand, but she couldn’t be it. But Emmi wanted to be, so James ran away because he didn’t want to get into much trouble. Then it was night, so we had to go and find him. But Emmi and I didn’t go, and a girl called Ashley looked after us for the whole night. 

By Lucy Nicholls

On the holidays, we went to Port Hughes. We went to the beach. When we went to the beach, we played with the bucket.  

By Zoe Schwartz

In the holidays, the first thing we did was the Rodeo. My two favourite things were bull riding and bare back riding. A horse died. The day after that I had a swim and the next day I had a swim in the pool. It was warm. Wednesday was 34 and I had another swim. Lydia, Zoe, Caleb, Heidi and Noah came. On Thursday I went to Elizabeth to watch Turbo. It was good. On Saturday, I went to the Burra Show. I went on one ride. It was called the Ali Baba. On Sunday, I went to Caleb’s birthday. We played cricket. 

By Jesse Nichols

In the holidays we went to Venus Bay, Streaky Bay and Coffin Bay. We went to Farm Bay and we got bogged. Then we went to the shacks and we went to skim rocks. We had lunch. When we got back to the camper, we had tea. 

By Seb Quick
RIVERTON SWIM SCHOOL FOR 2013/2014 SEASON

Swim school lessons will start Monday, November 18th 2013 at Riverton Pool.

Lessons are for half hour duration between 5.00 and 7.00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for the last four weeks of Term 4, and then again for the first 4 weeks in Term 1, 2014, if desired.

Lessons are $7 per child per lesson.

Children aged from 4 yrs to High School are taught stroke techniques for local, qualified instructors.

For all enquiries please contact Shirley Lands on 88474201 or 0439 884 742.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Canberra Trip Raffle Winners

1st - Jack Voigt
2nd - CMF
3rd - Georgia Nicholls
4th - A Freer
5th - Pauline Garrard

GILBERT VALLEY CRICKET CLUB

Under 12 Cricket
Trainings for U/12 starts Thursday October 17th at Riverton Main Oval at 4pm. All welcome. Matches start on Saturday October 19th. For more information contact coaches Matthew Greenslade 88472223 or 0417824688 or Robin Schwarz 0418853151.

Milo in to Cricket
Milo Cricket starts Thursday October 17th and runs for 8 weeks. The first 4 weeks will be at Riverton Main Oval the following 4 weeks will be at Saddleworth.
Session times are 4-5pm. Milo Cricket is open to both boys and girls from ages 5 - 8, All Welcome. For further information contact co-ordinator Joel Wright on 85 285319.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

Your nearest Centre/s will be run at
Gilbert Valley CC, Riverton Oval/Saddleworth PS Oval, starting dates and times TBC

Cricket this season will be a very popular sport with the Ashes coming down under. By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this Ashes Summer but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your assistance

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TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

MID NORTH JUNIOR GOLF

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
MONTHLY COMPETITION
Sunday 27th October 2013 at the Gawler Golf Club
Registration for 9 and 18 hole players at 8:30 am
for 9:00 am tee off
$10 casual fee for non-members
Drinks and lunch are provided. Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes via email to Al Hayter on ajpchayter@bigpond.com

For more information contact
Al Hayter – Mid North Junior Golf Coordinator
Mobile 0439 361 086

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAYE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

Act now! Time is running out fast!

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $325 per 3 months.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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