Dear Parents and Caregivers

Having spoken to a few parents, I understand that we sent home some very tired students Friday after their week of swimming lessons! We were very fortunate with the weather, as it allowed the students to make the most of their lesson time in the pool, practising their skills, rather than out of it, shivering as is usually the case!

Other things to think about this week, include:

1. The Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 February (Week 4) at 7 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend, and even more welcome to nominate for a position on Council! Nomination forms are included with this newsletter.

2. The usual request for a soap pump pack (one per family) and a box of tissues (one per child) have apparently gone out and would be much appreciated, thankyou.

3. Donations of clean junk materials, such as cardboard boxes, foam trays, milk bottle lids, cling wrap/foil rolls (no toilet rolls, please!) and plastic containers (eg margarine and icecream ones) would be fantastic for ‘Design and Technology’ in the Junior Primary and elsewhere.

The last matter has to do with the issue of heating lunches brought from home. Unfortunately, with our staffing arrangements this year, including a drop in SSO hours, we find that we can no longer offer to heat food that students bring from home for lunch as staff are deployed elsewhere in the school or have other duties that require their attention.

This decision was made reluctantly, but with the view that the time we had available needed to be directed to support the students’ learning needs in the first instance. I would ask for your understanding and would appreciate your support with this matter.

On a more positive note, the SRC will continue to organise and sell pies, pasties and sausage rolls on Fridays and I understand the Parent Club will also offer special lunch days during the term, so the students will not miss out. I am sure that the students will continue to enjoy the special treats these occasions afford.

Finally, welcome to Josh Watkins and his parents, Annette and Steven, who have joined our school community this week. Josh is in the Waratah class as a Year 7, which is fantastic. We hope you enjoy your time here at Manoora Primary School!

Tracy Griffin

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday February 13th - Parent Information Night 5 p.m.
Thursday 14th February – Parents’ Club AGM 9 am in the Library Assembly 2.15
Tuesday February 19th – AGM of Parents 7 pm
PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

Reminder that our Annual General Meeting will be held this Thursday morning at 9 a.m. in the Library here at school.

Attached today is a 2013 Uniform Order. Can you please have any orders back at school with payment by Friday, 22nd February.

In the front office there are two boxes of Secondhand clothes that you may be interested in taking a look through.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday lunches are still available this year.
Sausage Rolls, Pies and Pasties $2.00.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARENTS

The Annual General Meeting of Parents will be held next Tuesday night February 19th at 7 pm in the Library. All parents are most welcome to attend.

The following parents are currently Governing Councillors.

Retire February 2013
Chris Robb
Daryn Quick
Shayne Willmott
Andrew Schutz
Sarah Eckermann

Retire February 2014
Brenton Palmer
Robin Schwartz
Roger Behn
Scott Nichols
Judy Hollamby

FOR SALE

For sale – Chooks 8 months old and 6 months old. Mixed breeds ie Sussex, ISA Browns $15 ono.
Phone Dave Rawlins at Rhynie on 88 472286

ATTACHMENTS

Uniform Order
Updated Emergency Contact List
Updated Emergency Contact List Bus Matters
Last week we started swimming lessons at the Riverton Swimming Pool. I was in the top group. The top group was in the deep end. There was also a middle group and a bottom group. The Junior Primary swam in the smallest pool. We used kickboards, flippers, PFDs, boogie boards, noodles, ropes and other equipment throughout the week. We swam with clothes on. We also reviewed all of the swimming strokes. We were not allowed to jump off of the diving board because there was a person in my group that was too young, and that person would miss out. We had races and relays on Friday. Also on Friday we played Marco Polo.
By Georgia Nicholls

Last week we did backstroke with a kickboard and noodles. We also did freestyle with a kickboard and noodles. We also practised throw rescues with a rope. We put clothes and flippers on. We practised diving and we also had pfd’s on. My least favourite thing was swimming with clothes on. My favourite thing was swimming with flippers because you swim faster.
By Tyla Quick
ALERT: SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD STAFF
ASTHMA INHALER RECALL (limited batch numbers)

Asthma Australia has been advised that several batches of Ventolin and Asmol Inhaler medication for the treatment of asthma have been recalled by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Alphapharm, in consultation with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

This recall has been initiated due to a fault in the delivery mechanism of a small number of inhalers within each affected batch. This can lead to less than the full dose being delivered for each puff. Asthma Australia has been advised that a medical assessment has determined that the overall risk to patients is low; people should still act to replace inhalers that could be affected.

The only batches affected are as follows:
- Ventolin Batch numbers KN7170, KN7173, KN7178, and KN7179
- Asmol Batch Numbers KL6790, KL6795, KL6796, KL6797, KL6798, and KL6799

The TGA advice has more information:

What you need to do

Asthma Emergency Kits are used in schools, early childhood settings and other community settings. Reliever medication is included for use in an asthma emergency. If you have asthma medication on site, it is important that you:

- Check the batch number of all asthma puffers/inhalers in your Asthma Emergency Kits / other asthma first aid devices (remove the canister from the inhaler tube and check the batch number on the bottom of the canister label)
- If these match any of the above batches, take the inhaler to your pharmacy and exchange it for a new one
- If your batch numbers don’t match those above, keep using the inhaler as normal.

For further information contact your local pharmacist or your local Asthma Foundation 1800ASTHMA (1800 278 426)

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