Principal’s Report

Hi Folks

No, we haven’t gone missing, we’ve simply been inundated with an unprecedented demand of conflicting priorities so please accept my apologies for the lateness of the newsletter.

Mrs Yaun is thankfully back on deck having overcome her recent illness and improving every day. Great to have you back Mrs Yaun.

Term three has commenced positively and as we progress I am heartened by some of the effort and small milestones achieved by our students.

During this term we have our final ICAS test (mathematics) next week along with our school photos next Tuesday, the annual Japanese Dinner in week 7, our soccer netball day on the Friday of week 9 and our camp to Lake Ainsworth in the final week of the term.

I would briefly like to thank those people who have completed the annual surveys and responded to our Japanese Dinner intention letter.

Prompt response to permission slips, expression of interest notes and notification of absences assist us in allocating more time to our core business, teaching and learning. When your child is absent it is necessary that you inform us in order for the currency of our documentation to be maintained and records updated. If your child is absent for 2 days and the school has not been advised of the reason I will give you a courtesy call in order to firstly enquire about the child/ren’s health and whether we can support you in any way; and secondly, to ensure the correct information is recorded on your child/ren’s school records.

School Photos

Just a reminder that MSP Photography will be taking our 2014 school photos on Tuesday at approximately 0930. You have been provided with the labelled envelopes and to purchase photos it is necessary that you return completed envelopes along with your payment.

I am anticipating all students will be here dressed in their best uniforms and accompanied by their wonderful, unique, individual smiles. This is a great opportunity to acquire a wonderful piece of memorabilia for you, your children and relatives.

Soccer / Netball – Mallawa Drive

Just a reminder to claim Friday 12 September for our soccer / netball day. The event was a wonderful success last year and we’re hoping we can conduct an even better experience for everyone in 2014. Nomination forms have been distributed to the other schools, the grounds have been booked and our students are practising. Mr Newman is putting our children through their paces each week developing skills and generating a great deal of excitement.
School Camp

Our whole school camp this year will be run during the first three days of week ten at Lake Ainsworth near Lennox Head in northern New South Wales. It is anticipated that we will have the whole school attend with Danni Yaun, Kerry Jack and myself as the accompanying adults. Last year’s camp to Bornhoffer PCYC at Natural Bridge was a successful venture with extremely positive feedback from all those students who participated. While we explored several options for this year's trip, Lake Ainsworth provided an opportunity to experience a beachside venue within a comfortable travel distance. In order to save parents the drama of transporting their children to and from the venue we have hired a bus that will carry ten students along with Mrs Yaun and myself while Kerry Jack will transport the other five students. This has been made possible through John and Shana O’Rielly’s generosity in agreeing to lend the school their Tarago that will comfortably take the remaining five students. Thank you John and Shana.

School camps afford many opportunities for students as part of a familiar group to involve themselves in sharing, experiencing and learning new and different activities and games together in a safe, supportive environment. Students socialise with their peers outside the daily school context and further develop skills around independence, taking turns, sharing, organisation (making decisions), manners and most importantly learning to interact and socialise without parents to guide them.

Facilities
I am currently evaluating quotes from several providers regarding air conditioning of our main administration building. Recently, as you may agree, the morning temperatures have been pretty brisk so we felt it was time to finally utilise some funding to have the building air conditioned. Hopefully it can be organised and underway in the next couple of weeks. This will ensure greater comfort for all staff and students across both winter and summer well into the future.

Until next time
Have a great week

Warren
St Rita’s Band

Junior Science