Department of Education & Training
SECURITY  Phone No. 1300 880 021

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
28th Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
         LED BY 2C
         12:15pm – Primary Assembly
         LED BY 4L
         NO SUMMER PSSA

MARCH
7th Fri   11:20am – Infants Assembly
         LED BY 2S
         12:15pm – Primary Assembly
         LED BY 3B
         SUMMER PSSA

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Mondays –
2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)

Fridays –
8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

PLEASE NOTE: Order forms can also be downloaded from the website or collected from the office. Completed forms, together with your payment can be returned to the office and will be filled at the next opening time and returned to your child.

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

*  Tribute Shirt Note – Year 6
*  Zone Swimming Carnival Report

Principal’s Message .....  

Dear Parents/Caregivers

MEET THE TEACHER
It was great to see so many families attend this week’s Meet the Teacher evening. The feedback from staff and parents was very positive.

RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to our swimming team who represented the school outstandingly at the Ridges Carnival. Well done to the whole team.

Qualifiers for the Sydney West Carnival were Dakota J and Kayla S.

Thank you to Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Gauci and Mrs Scott for their organisation and management of the team.

A full report is included with this week’s newsletter.

CANTEEN 5 STAR RATING
Last week our school canteen had a Food Premises Inspection conducted by Blacktown Council. You will all be very pleased to know it received a 5 star rating (the highest).

1B CLASSROOM
On Monday the classroom modules for 1B’s new room arrived on site. The classroom should be ready for the class early next week.

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
GRAFFITI EDUCATION
On Monday students in Years 5 and 6 attended an excellent session, funded by Blacktown City Council and presented by Warner Awareness Education, with the key message ‘Respect It Don’t Wreck It’. The session covered peer pressure and being able to say no when pressured to do the wrong thing.

VEHICLES IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL
It is vital that the adults in our community comply with the rules of the road and directions from the school about our carpark to ensure student safety.

Firstly, our school car park is for staff only. As a courtesy we allow access to the car park for families dropping students to our Before and After School Care before 8am and after 4pm if there are spaces available. Outside this time cars should be parked outside the school and students walked in.

Additionally we have parents using the carpark as a drop off and pick up point at the start and end of the school day. Please support our endeavours to keep your children safe. Please DO NOT use the school car park.

Finally, a number of issues have been reported to the school regarding parents parking illegally around the school. This is a continuing issue that threatens the safety of our students. The latest incident occurred because of a car parked in a ‘No Stopping’ zone. I will be contacting the police and council to increase their patrols around the school.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our school environment safe.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

REMINDER:
Please check that children’s belongings are labelled clearly so that they can be returned as soon as possible to their owners.

Week 4 Term 1 Award Winners

KC Izabella, Mikey
KL Decklan, Mia
KP Tegbir, Hemakshi
KR Matthew, Abigail
KT Elizabeth, Emily
1AR Ramia, Koby
1B Coby, Charlie
1D Shreya, Archie
1M Riley, Sarah
1/2A Cooper, Mikaela
2B Cianna, Aviroy
2C Karsimar, Kevin
2K Traye, Aleena
2S Jahnavi, Tyroe
3B Julius, Joshua
3C Mysha, Declan
3R Aaris, Shabir
4B Caitlin, Akash
4J Matthew, Isabel
4L Alisha, Anirav
5S Kate, Samuel
5T Grace, Nicholas
5W Hayley, Dylan
6G Elise, Rijoy
6T Shivali, Luke
6W Madelyne, Joshua

Week 4 Citizens of the Week
K-2 Jenny Z
3-6 Benjamin J

Week 4 “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2 Jenny Z
3-6 Casey L
CRICKET
The cricket teams had a bye.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL - Seniors
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Parklea Public School. The T-Ball team lost 21-18. The player of the match was Alexi M. The Softball team lost 8-6. The player of the match was Elise G.

OZ-TAG
The Oz-Tag teams played Schofields Public School yellow team. The juniors won 7-2 and the seniors won 14-3. The players of the match were Mitchell T for the juniors and William B for the seniors.

NRMA SCIENCE & ROAD SAFETY DAY
On Tuesday 11 March, 2014 our school will be taking part in a new and innovative road safety education program delivered by NRMA Motoring & Services free of charge to 100 primary schools across NSW and ACT.

The day is a great opportunity for your children to learn about road safety from a science perspective so that they can better understand the forces that act on humans while in cars and on bikes. They will also find out why wearing safety gear such as seatbelts and bike helmets make a real difference to their safety.

Children are encouraged to bring their bike helmets to school on this day.

On this day parents are also invited to attend a 30 minute Parent Workshop at 2.15pm in the school hall. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and on their way to and from school.

Sue Brogden - Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders have finished. Teachers will hand out the books when they arrive. This is often staggered so please be patient.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is underway. Please encourage your child to read and record their books. Extra forms are available in the library.

LIBRARY BAGS
Just a reminder that reusable cloth shopping bags are acceptable but not plastics bags.

Happy Reading

Sue Brogden - Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

P&C UNIFORM SHOP (SUB-COMMITTEE) MEETING - FRIDAY 7TH MARCH AT 9:30AM.
As of August this year we will no longer be able to “sign” using credit cards which is currently a very popular payment option at our uniform shop. We are currently reviewing our payment options in the uniform shop, including an introduction of an online ordering system. If you would like to find out more information, ask questions or share your opinions and are free to attend this meeting please email uniforms_qheps@hotmail.com to RSVP. Location to be advised depending on numbers.

Ms Quinn, Mrs Weinert & Mrs Dickerson

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UNIFORM SHOP – Returns Policy
At last week’s P&C meeting, the P&C established a ‘returns policy’ for the Uniform Shop.

Uniform shop returns policy: (as of Feb, 2014)

- **Change of mind or sizes:** If an item still has its original tag on it and is a currently stocked item - we will exchange it for other items and/ or sizes. Please note - girls tights cannot be returned at any time for “change of mind or size”.

- **Faulty:** if the item is faulty and purchased within less than a month, with a receipt it will be exchanged for the exact same item and size. If it is purchased over the one month time period and is still in “reasonable condition”, the item will then be returned to the supplier for them to establish if it is still in “reasonable condition.” The supplier will then have the option to replace or repair the item or determine if the fault was due to ‘wear and tear’. All items that are faulty and replaced must be with the exact same item and size. *Please note for all faulty items- a receipt must be presented by the customer.*

- **No returns on 2nd hand items.**

REMINDER:
*MILSON ISLAND CAMP 2014*

**Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)**

9th – 11th April, 2014

the first instalment payment of $100 was **due in by today 27th February**, so it would be appreciated if any outstanding payments could be sent in to the office as soon as possible.

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 (2015) Information Evening/Open Night

**Tuesday 11th March 2014**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Mitchell High School Hall
Keyworth Drive, Blacktown

This evening is designed to inform intending students and their parents of the educational programs and facilities at Mitchell High School.

For more information contact our Enrolment Officer or visit our school website.  www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 9622 9944/9622 8926

GOOD GUY PROspect – REWARD SCHEME

Don’t forget to collect your “Skool is Kool” reward vouchers the next time you make a purchase at Good Guys Prospect. **Make sure you let the service desk know that you are associated with the “Skool is Kool” program for Quakers Hill East.**

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Yesterday, 36 students from Quakers Hill East attended the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Ten schools competed at the event including Ironbark Ridge, John Palmer, Kellyville Ridge, Kenthurst, Oakville, Parklea, Riverstone, Rouse Hill and Schofields.

All students participated with enthusiasm and some swam 'personal bests'. We finished the carnival with 2 girls qualifying to go to the Sydney West Regional Carnival which will be held on Thursday, March 20 at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

The following students will be representing at the carnival:

- Dakota J  8 years girls freestyle
- Kayla S  8 years girls freestyle

The behaviour and enthusiasm of all members of our squad was outstanding. A big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and siblings who provided transport and vocal support on the day. Your assistance and support is always appreciated.

Thank you,

Lynda Talintyre
Team Manager
YEAR 6 TRIBUTE SHIRTS

Dear Parents,

Each year it is traditional for Year 6 students to have the opportunity to purchase a tribute shirt that they are able to wear to school as a sports shirt.

This year we will again be ordering the polo shirts through KROO Graphics and Screenprinting. All shirts are Australian made and will cost $28.00 each.

The students will choose the full colour design that will appear on the back of the shirt along with all of the students’ names. The school crest will be printed on the front.

If you would like your child to purchase one of these shirts, please indicate the size required below and return it in the envelope provided with $28.00 no later than Thursday, March 13, 2014. No late orders can be accepted.

Thanking you,

L. Talintyre
(Stage 3 Team Leader)

C. Ross
(Relieving Principal)

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT ORDER

I would like to order a Year 6 tribute shirt for my child ___________________________ in the following size:

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Sizes indicated above refer to the circumference measurement of the chest size of the shirt. Sample shirts will be available for students to try on at school if you are unsure of the sizing. I have enclosed full payment of $28.00.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________