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Term 1 2016

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

New Video Camera
This year the school has purchased a video camera so that we can film performances at the weekly assembly; performing arts concert etc., and upload different reports to our website. I would like to thank Mrs Cunningham for taking on this project and acknowledge the enthusiastic film crew of Malia, Azland and Henry. Malia and Azland attended a 2-day training course in filmmaking and editing last year at Newcastle University and now have the opportunity to put these skills to great use.

Star Struck
Our school has been successful in auditioning for a place in Star Struck this year!! This is a terrific experience for the students. Ms Low will attend a meeting next week to find out the details of our dance, costume etc. A note with further details and an expression of interest for students to participate in the show will be sent home in the near future.

Shade Cover
The students, as you can see, are thoroughly enjoying the new shade cover. I would like to thank the Port of Newcastle for their kind donation of this protective shade.

KT Possums
Hello everyone. This week has been a numbers week. We have been exploring number lines. Giant number lines that follow a bus to school, tiny ones with teddies and most importantly, a class made number line that stretches right across the room. At this stage our number line starts on zero and ends on 20. Today we will continue to thirty. An excited student has already asked “Can we put numbers all the way to 100?” “Of course we can!” We have used our number lines to hop along, place numbers in the right order and to find numbers before and after a given number. We also played a game where students close their eyes while Mrs Turner removes a number and students have to work out what it is. Sooo exciting!
Our Numeracy Groups are starting to look very smart. Here are some photos of KT children at work.

Warm regards
Meredith Lindsay

Cheers
Mrs Turner
**1S Super Stars**

This week has been a very busy week in our classroom. The children have held their SRC meeting and made some suggestions about what they enjoy around the classroom. I am very impressed with the responsibility shown in the room this week.

We said farewell to Ms Brady last week. I would like to thank her for all of the effort that she put into planning lessons. The children enjoyed having her with us in the classroom. This week we welcome Mrs Wood to our room. She will be teaching in our room over the next few weeks.

In choir the children have started to sing using Auslan sign language. We began to learn “Sing a rainbow”. The children are doing very well if they would like to practice at home I will post it onto the class blog.

**PBL**

This week we have been looking at respect, in particular, how we respect our school. The children enjoyed participating in the clean up the school day on Monday. It was wonderful to see that we did not collect very much rubbish on this day. This shows the children are caring for our environment. Well done, boys and girls!

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**2/3 Buzzing Bees**

Over the course of the term we have been learning about places in Australia. This week we gathered information about the Great Australian Bight and its surrounding towns. With this information we created word banks of words or phrases that we would need to write a persuasive text convincing our audience to visit the area.

This week we have also started *Word of the Day*. Each day the students will learn a new word to assist in expanding their vocabulary. For the words they use when speaking and writing, we ‘duck hand’ the word, clap the syllables, work out its meaning and practice using it in a sentence. So far this week our words have been; babble, tremble, syllable and screech.

In Maths this week, we were learning to count forwards and backwards by 10s and 100s. We learnt to count off the decade in three- and four-digit numbers. In these activities only the numeral that changed was the one in the hundreds place value. The tens and ones place value stayed the same. We used hands on materials to help us understand these concepts.

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Ms Skehan

Mrs Cunningham
P&C News
Our P & C Association meets on the 1st Thursday of each month commencing at 6.00pm in the school library. Every meeting is also attended by the Principal who reports to the parent body about current school topics. Meetings provide a forum for parent participation in discussion and decision-making and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome. Your attendance ensures that you get to know your school better and have a say in its decision-making. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome, even if you are unable to attend meetings. Membership is only $2.00 per year. You must be a financial member to have voting rights. Our next meeting will be held on April

School Banking
There has been an overwhelming response and a huge increase in Carrington students taking advantage of school banking. So much so, that Bea, our banking co-ordinator has asked for support. If you are able to give an hour or so please contact the office. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Easter Hat Parade
We will be selling Hot Cross buns and hot chocolate at the conclusion of the parade for only $2.

The P&C will also be holding a raffle and are asking for donations. Please drop your donation into the school office.

It is always a very well supported community event and a great opportunity to catch up with other parents. The children also love parading for us, hope to see you there.

Kevin Sawers
P&C Secretary

5/6DL
Just to keep us on our toes, the teacher became the student this week, with writing guru, Anne Morrice visiting our classroom for a charged writing session. We looked at a stimulus picture from the book, 'The Mysteries of Harry Burdick'. It was just eerie enough to send 5/6 students into a descriptive word finding flurry. With lengthy word banks, the group discussions were exciting and just a tad spine chilling.
The work doesn’t stop there. We have been editing and illustrating our work to present at this week’s assembly. Working hard in the classroom is not the only thing we have done this week. 5/6 participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Monday and were responsible for cleaning up the perimeter of the school. Our rubber gloves came in very handy as 5/6 made sure there was not a scrap of rubbish in sight.

Tyler is participating in a program designed to explore his Aboriginal culture. This week he started on one aspect of the program, being music and art, and begun stripping his didgeridoo blank. We are all excited to see and hear the finished product.

In geography, we have been looking at food from other countries. 5/6 were quick to respond when they saw the table of Asian edibles. However, it was Ms Juanita that had all the fun watching them use the chopsticks. Some students attempted the 'two handed hold', while others tried out the 'stab with chopstick' manoeuvre, but my favourite was the 'how close can I get my mouth to the table' trick. Never a dull day in 5/6!

Ms Juanita
Congratulations to this Week’s Award Winners

Silver
Brayden

Bronze
Finlay

KT
Lachlan
Letia

1S
Benjiman

2/3C
Ellie
Marina

5/6DL
William
Tyler

Easter Hat Parade
This year’s Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday March 24th, 2016 at 10.30am. Boys and girls are asked to make their hat at home and bring it along on the day. The littlest members of our school community, playgroup will be joining us.

ALL WELCOME

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

Orange is the colour for Harmony Day. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, it encourages self-respect and respect of others. Students are asked to wear orange to school on this day to create a sense of harmony and celebration.

We will celebrate this day through PBL focus lessons and classroom activities designed to promote the spirit of Harmony Day. The Teachers are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day with our students.

Mrs Turner
Events Co-ordinator