Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

P&C AGM

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, commencing at 6pm in the Staffroom. At this meeting we will be discussing projects occurring around the school, facility upgrades scheduled for 2014 and special programs for our students in 2014. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and join in the leadership of our great school. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

WHAT TEACHERS WANT YOU TO KNOW – Part 2

Let your student make mistakes

Teachers don’t want perfect students; they want students who try hard. Sometimes parents think every assignment has to be done exactly right, and they can put too much pressure on their children. But it’s OK for children to get some problems wrong. It’s important for teachers to see what students don’t know, so they can go over the material again. Is your child struggling with an assignment? Encourage your child to take charge by asking the teacher for help the next day. Assignments are often clearly not the work of a student. What matters isn’t the final result; it’s letting a child have ownership of the project and learn along the way.

Keep your child organised

Most teachers have to spend far too much time tracking down forms sent home for a parent’s signature. It’s a good idea to have your children empty their backpacks every day as part of a regular after-school routine. Set up a special place, such as a box in the kitchen, where they can put the day’s papers, or a brightly coloured folder for signed papers. Also, try to keep plenty of supplies on hand so children don’t go to school for days without the proper gear – before they get round to telling you.

If the teacher deserves a good grade, give one

Teaching isn’t easy so it’s incredibly uplifting when someone takes the time to say thank you. Why not tell the teacher when your child enjoys a class event? And if you feel the teacher is doing a good job, let the principal know. Volunteering is another way to demonstrate your support. It shows your children — and the teachers — that you really care about their education.

Acknowledgement: “What Teachers Wish You Knew. Parents, pull up a chair: Here’s how to help your kids do their very best at school” by Lisa Collier Cool

Mark Greentree - Principal

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

17/3/2014
Baseball Clinic
Selected students only

18/3/2014
Regional Swimming Carnival

P&C AGM - 6pm in the Staffroom

19/3/2014
Book Club Orders Due

21/3/2014
Harmony Day

31/3/2014
Toon School – Stage 3

Sport Highlights

PSSA

Friday 14th March

Oztag – Woodward Park, Liverpool.

Students will depart from school at 12noon with games scheduled to commence at 12.50pm.
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?
This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

How Much?
The voluntary contribution for 2014 is:
$30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

What Will The Money Be Used For?
All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

Great Books For Tweens To Read
Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Yr 6 T-Shirts
Orders for the Year 6 T-Shirts have closed.
The final cost is $29.00 each.

It is requested that the balance of $14.00 be paid to the office by Wednesday 9th April.

Students will be issued with their shirts once the order is received and the remaining balance has been paid.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!
Currently $650

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/math/a-to-z

Rising Sport Star
Congratulations to Kodi who competed in his Representative Tee Ball championship last Sunday. He and his team had four very convincing wins over their rivals with the best score being 28-6. He and his team mates received a gold medal for their win.

P&C Used Uniform Shop
The used uniform shop will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 8.30am

The shop is located behind the hall and will be open on these days for approximately 1 hour.
In week 4, 2V moved to our new classroom and we have settled in nicely. On Fridays we open the classroom doors so we can enjoy Yoga with our new neighbours, 1J.

2V have been having a lot of fun continuing with the TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) program. During the term Mrs Storkey has been helping to develop our counting skills. We are aiming to improve our time for counting forward and backwards. Our current time is 26 seconds! Way to go 2V!!

We have been working well together during literacy sessions and are having fun reading Julia Donaldsons books to develop our descriptive language.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the following people a Happy Birthday:

Jayden Indiana Elijah
Charlie Mohammed Riya
Guven Zaydan Nihara

We all hope you had a wonderful day!
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL
THIS SUMMER!

Complete 3 deposits into your Youth Saver account through our School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help our school have the chance to win a 3m x3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your account.

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU SAVE!

WANTED

Families are needed to host a Japanese student from 7th -11th or 21st -26th August 2014

Students are aged 14-17 years & speak some English.

What you need to provide: a comfy bed (sharing a room is fine), 3 meals a day and daily transport to/from Thomas Hassall Anglican School.

Families are paid $50 per night for hosting.

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