Canteen Update

A letter to all parents is attached to this newsletter asking for more volunteers for Canteen. This is to reduce the workload on those involved. Please return the attached slip by Monday outlining your availability so that canteen can start ASAP.

It has also been proposed that Canteen be trialled on a Monday to suit the majority of Volunteers. It will also offer a good option for lunches after a busy weekend.

High School GAT’s programs

Several of our Year 6 students started their participation in the Term 1 Gifted and Talented programs at Mount View yesterday in the areas of Visual Arts and Music. They will attend the High School each Thursday from 1pm. Due to our size, we are very fortunate to provide these opportunities to the majority of our students, which would not be possible in a bigger school. Other opportunities for the remainder of students will arise as the year progresses.

Welcome Kay

A warm welcome to Kay McGriffin who is our new cleaner for 2013. Kay has previously been working at Kurri Kurri HS.

The “travelling teacher” returns.

After a slight delay of return, Miss Cornish has arrived back from her study trip safe and sound from Japan full of great ideas and experiences to share with our students. Miss Cornish was successful in obtaining a NSW Government scholarship through the University of New England to travel to Japan to extend her already outstanding knowledge of Japanese language and culture. Miss Cornish studied at a Japanese school and was able to compare their school system with ours. She is looking forward to incorporating this new found knowledge into her cultural unit this term, which will offer students a window into a culture that is so different to ours. Feel free to catch her for a quick chat about her adventures.
Sticks, Stones and Broken Bones Performance

Students in Years 3-6 will be treated to a hilarious performance at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre on Monday 25th February. This comes straight from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and involves a series of shadow puppet melodramas in the theme of Warner Bros Wackiness. The ticket cost (including bus travel) is $13 which is a huge discount when compared to public ticket prices.

Zone Rugby League Trials

Six of our Year 5/6 students will be attending Zone Rugby League trials on Tuesday the 26th of February at the Basin. A zone team will be chosen from these trials to participate in the regional carnival. Students attending will need to bring all equipment. A note has gone home today with the students involved, which includes more specific information.

Egg reminder

If possible, it is preferable that eggs/egg sandwiches etc. are not sent to school in lunchboxes with students. We have a student at our school who has severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) when he comes in contact with eggs, and it important to reduce these risk factors where possible. If you do need to send your child with egg on a particular day, can you please contact your child’s teacher so that they can ensure no contact is made. We thank you for your co-operation.

Changes to smoking legislation

You may have heard that from January 7, new anti-smoking legislation has been introduced. New requirements are listed below.

From January 2013, the following areas have become smoke free.

- Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment.
- Open areas if a public swimming pool complex.
- Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas.
- At public transport stops.
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building (including school gates/fences)

Penalties will apply for anyone who fails to comply with the new laws

School leadership feature

Make sure you check out the school leader’s feature in this week’s Advertiser which includes some of our wonderful leaders in 2013.

This week’s Principal’s Award

Congratulations to Zygy who gets this week’s Principal’s award. Zygy has been demonstrating outstanding behaviour both in and out of the classroom. Well done Zygy.

Yours in Education,

Scott Anderson – Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS

Miss Pringle’s Class Awards K/1
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Riley Dederer for settling into class routine
Paryss Morton for being a responsible and helpful student

Mrs Ford’s Class Awards 2/3/4
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Rhys Parkinson for always taking pride in his bookwork
Tane Carpenter for his confidence in speaking in front of classmates for news

Ms Cornish’s Class Awards 5/6
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Paquita Glanville for being a responsible student
Jayke Winship for always being willing to assist staff and students

COMMUNITY NEWS

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February 27: DRAW A STORY
March 27: MAP IT!
May 1: TREASURE BAG
May 27: NEWSPAPER
June 26: WHO WORE THAT?
July 31: MY LIBRARY RULES!
August 28: FRACTURED FAIRYTALES
September 18: HARRIS BURDICK
October 30: POETRY
November 27: PUBLISH!

For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the
desk, or ring Sandy Ryan on 49934384
Do you want to play Soccer?
Registration: 16th & 17th February, 10am-3pm Bellbird Workers Club

All players must register online, details on website
Players from 4 years of age (must be turning 5 in 2013)
New players need copy of Birth Certificate
New players receive free shorts and socks/Family discounts available
www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com
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