Fun, friendships and learning in Kinder’s first week

What an amazing first week we have had in Kindergarten! We are learning class and school routines quickly and have made lots of new friends. We have enjoyed participating in Fitness each day and meeting other students in the school. This week we started Jolly Phonics in class and are learning three sounds a week! We have also started our Maths groups in class and are busy in the morning session learning our numbers and lots of new maths activities! We had a lovely visit in the library on Thursday with Ms Duric singing and reading books. We also enjoyed visiting the garden, we picked some fresh tomatoes and discovered vegetables growing! We have had a wonderful first week and will be ready for a well-deserved rest over the weekend!  

Check out our Facebook page or website for more great photos.

Updating student details

A new year often sees changes in student contact details as houses moved, numbers changed or emergency contact changes. Often in the craziness of starting school, these are not always updated with the school. Attached to the newsletter this week is a sheet containing the details we have on record at school. Could you please look carefully through these and update any phone numbers or addresses and return to the office as soon as possible to ensure we can contact you in an emergency. Could you also check the part around employment and education status as we need to ensure these are up to date as they affect our funding for the next year (especially if changing from working to not working (or vice versa). If you have any questions please contact the office for more information.
Road Safety Reminder

You may have noticed that we had a visit from the council ranger before school on Tuesday. The ranger’s role is to monitor driving behaviour before and after school to ensure our kids stay safe. The rangers frequently visit our school and will give tickets to vehicles not obeying the road/parking rules. He informed us one of our parents was extremely lucky in not being given a $539 dollar fine for stopping in the disabled park when dropping off their child. It was only passed onto the school as a reminder.

Remember:
- Don’t stop in the no stopping zones outside the school or at the crossing ( $338 fine)
- Don’t stop in the disabled park without a valid permit ($538 fine).
- To cross at the crossing if having to cross the road.
- Don’t park across driveways
- Don’t perform a u-turn over a double line
- Ensure you have legally restrained your child in the car

See the attached school safety brochure for more information

Small School’s Swimming Carnival – 16th February

Students aged 8 years and over will head to Cessnock Pool on Tuesday the 16th for the Small School’s Swimming Carnival. Students from Millfield, Paxton, Kitchener, Ellalong, Mulbring, Congewai and Laguna will participate in a range of formal swimming races and fun activities in the pool. Students will catch a bus leaving school at 8.40am and return by 3pm. A range of activities are available for non-swimmers throughout the day with across the pool races and novelties organised. Cost will be $5 which includes pool entry and bus. Spectators pay at pool and will cost $2. Please return all money and notes by Monday the 15th February. Permission notes will be sent out on Monday 8/2/16.

Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

Class Awards K

Sophie-Lee Kennedy being a happy and helpful student
Cooper Wing being a wonderful listener in class

Class Awards S1
Alyssa Singleton being a happy and helpful class member
Jade Probst working well independently

Class Awards S2
Makayla Cagney always being a focused and positive learner
Kaleb Henry a settled and mature attitude toward his work

Class Awards S3
Samantha Sneddon having a great start to Year 6
Jacob Bederer being an on task learner during Maths groups

Principal’s Award
Congratulations to Joseph who receives the first principal’s award for 2016. Joseph has been a great leader in the classroom this week by demonstrating our school values to new kinders. Well done Joseph.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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Date: Monday 7, 14 & 21 March 2016
Time: 10am – 12noon

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Lesley Asher
Phone: 4921 5758
Email: Lesley.Asher@newcastle.edu.au

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- Children are not mini adults.
- Too much talk, too much emotion.
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- Patterns in families.
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- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.

PHONE: 4924 6491

Bellbird Junior Football Club

www.bellbirdjuniorfootballclub.com
bellbirdjfc@huntervalleyfootball.net.au

Registration Days:
When - Saturday 6th and Saturday 13th February
Where - Bellbird Workers Club
Time – 9am to 1pm

All players must register online before attending registration day
www.myfootball.com.au

Players must attend one of the above days to finalise registration. This includes paper work, merchandise and payment of fees

- Entry Level - 5-7 years $85
- Junior 8-11 years $100
- Youth 12-18 years $115
- Senior Amateur $210

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Enquiries – Bellinda Johnston 0412-971-479
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- Sun protection is required when UV levels are 3 and above?

Does sunscreen stop vitamin D?
- Sunscreen filters out most, but not all UV radiation.
- People who use sunscreen regularly (when UV levels are 3 and above) don’t have lower vitamin D levels than people who do not use sunscreen.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnews.com.au

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