Raising some dough for our school – Domino’s Fundraiser Tuesday

Wondering what to have for dinner after the swimming carnival on Tuesday? Why not make it a pizza night. As part of our first P&C fundraiser for 2016, for every pizza sold at Dominos on Tuesday between 4pm and 8pm they will donate $1 to our school. This is a great fundraiser and required no work from our hardworking parents which is always a bonus. See the flyer attached 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 9am 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 for all students, which includes pool entry and bus and must be paid to the school office (no students are able to pay at the gate). Spectators are welcome to pay at the pool and will cost $2. Please return all money and notes by Monday the 15th February. Students must sit with the school during the carnival. Parents are welcome to join us in the grandstand or enjoy the peace and quiet the grass areas offer. A program is attached to the newsletter.

Miss Pringle’s and Miss Cornish’s class will operate as normal on this day.
**School Fees**

Our aim is to make every child’s education as fee free as possible. For this reason we heavily discount school fees for parents from the recommended amount of $90/student. We do however ask for these reduced fees to help pay for many things that are not covered by our government funding. The fee structure will remain the same in 2016 and will be broken up as detailed below. Please pay these at your earliest convenience.

**Voluntary School Contributions—$20/family**

Voluntary School contributions are $20 per family for the school year. This contribution helps with the cost of day to day student costs and is used by the students in a range of classroom activities. Although these are voluntary we do rely on these funds to provide for our students.

**Resource contribution —$10/student**

Many schools require parents to purchase textbooks for student use in class. Due to our personalised approach to teaching of literacy and numeracy, we do not use textbooks in the classroom. We instead each year supply individual work and specific supplies for students to accompany a range of classroom tasks. To cover this cost we ask parents to contribute to the cost of these items by paying $10/year.

**Trying new things from the garden in 1/2/3**

On Wednesday, 1/2/3 made good use of our large garden harvest of Lebanese eggplants! We used these to make a delicious (for some) Roasted Eggplant Dip! Many of the kids had never tried eggplant but most jumped in for a try and loved it. We have eggplants for sale if anyone wants to try this recipe at home.

**Some comments included.**

"Out of all the food my mum's ever made, that was better!"

"I didn't think I'd like it but I tried it and I love it!"

"Are we going to make more eggplant dip today?"

Paige and Jack shared with the teachers and got a sneaky extra cracker full!

**Roasted Eggplant Dip**

**Method:**

1. Roast eggplant for 30 minutes
2. Wait for them to cool and ask an adult to cut them in half
3. Scoop out the eggplant with a spoon
4. Add 1/2 a lemon, juiced
5. Add 1 Tablespoon oil
6. Add 10 shakes of salt and 3 shakes of pepper
7. Add 2 dessert spoons of tahini (leave out for no nut option)
8. Mash with a fork
9. Transfer to bowl and add a final swirl of oil
10. Enjoy with crackers or add to a salad.
Recognising our safe, respectful and responsible learners

Class Awards K
Leah Probst using beautiful manners at all times
Joseph King-Griffiths being a wonderful role model in class

Class Awards S1
Cooper Hollingshed being an enthusiastic learner
Ella Szopkowski working hard in literacy groups

Class Awards S2
Jack Davis being a hard-working and enthusiastic student
Molly Bedford always doing her best in literacy and numeracy

Class Awards S3
Jorja Shearer working hard in Maths
Jessica Butler being a happy and helpful class member

Principal’s Award
Congratulations to Cloe Hindmarsh who recieves this weeks principal’s award. Cloe has been a fantastic leader on her return in 2016 by role modelling safe, respectful and responsible behaviours for others to follow while showing initiative in the playground when needed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good for Kids good for life

BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity. But did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!

There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?

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