UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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PRINCIPAL’S (RELIEVING) REPORT

This week our school community will be inducting new student leaders and SRC at the first formal assembly. The staff have noticed the impact our leaders and 5/6 students are having in our school. Many students have “stepped up” to foster positive relationships, teamwork and a happy playground. Students are showing initiative by working together to clean the sports shed, set up music to dance to, tidy our playground, sell ice-blocks, and set up activities in the playground for all children to share. Congratulations on embracing the leadership role and creating a wonderful atmosphere to learn and play in.

STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

Supervision of students begins at 8:45am. For those families that have notified staff and made arrangements for their children to arrive early please remind your children that they must be seated at the lunch seats until this time (8.45am).

After school the **students waiting to be picked up will be at the lunch seats**, whilst teachers walk their class to bus lines. Please be careful to follow the road rules at the front of the school for the safety of our children by adhering to speed limits and not “u-turning” on double lines.

BUS TRAVEL

Please ensure your child/ren follow bus protocols:

- Respect the driver
- Speak kindly to others
- Remain seated
- Talk quietly
- Keep hands and feet to yourself

OSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday 23 students competed at the OSSA swimming carnival. It was pleasing to see students attempting events that they had never competed in before. Mathilda, Brody, Tyran and Claire G participated in their first carnival, whilst many other students achieved personal bests. Congratulations to Eva Keegan for breaking 3 records and achieving the Junior Girls Champion. Alex, Freya and Eva will now compete at the Orange District Swimming Trials on Tuesday 23 February. We wish you all the best.
MERIT AWARDS

**Kinder Awards**
- Madison Wright: Presenting her news with care
- Jack Spagnolo: Following and using our ‘High 5’ hand
- Jack Page: Trying his best in class
- Madeleine Tai: Her beautiful manners

**K/1 Awards**
- Oliver Fowler: Being a helpful student in the classroom
- Ashlyn Purs: Always using beautiful manners when speaking to her teachers and peers
- Emma Jurd: Making a conscious effort to stay on task and work quietly
- Anna Bouffler: Trying her best in writing and taking her time with letters and sounds

**2/3 Awards**
- Emma Hills: Her wonderful helpfulness in the playground
- Olivia Zell: Making our playground a lovely place to be
- Taneisha Gilbey: Her kindness towards others
- Paddy Roberts: Wonderful problem solving

**3/4 Awards**
- Locklann Griffith: His persistent effort to complete News and Homework tasks
- Claire Gates: Competing in the OSSA swimming carnival for the first time & giving 100%
- Oliver McLean: Creating an impressive ‘mind map’ about flying machines
- Brody Rolles: Competing in the OSSA swimming carnival for the first time and showing great sportsmanship

**5/6 Awards**
- Jackson Wright: His consistent application to problem solving tasks in maths
- Alex McIntosh: His awesome effort and involvement in the OSSA swimming carnival
- John Keegan: An informative and well-presented pamphlet on elephant poaching
- Lily Stubbs: Confidently participating in class discussions

ICAS
In 2016 students from years 2-6 will have the opportunity to participate in assessments organised by the University of NSW International Competitions School (ICAS). If you would like your child to participate please contact the office by 26 February to obtain a permission note. Assessments include Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. There is a cost of $8.80 per assessment for Science, English, Mathematics and Spelling will be $12.10.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
The Literacy and Numeracy Continuums are important tools that our teachers are using to gather information about where students are now and where to direct their learning next. Come along to the parent information session on Tuesday 23 February at 5.30pm to learn more about this assessment framework.

OSA SPORTING TEAM TRIALS
Primary students will be invited to trial for their chosen sport/s to represent OSSA teams in the PSSA knockout competition. At this stage the trials will be held on Friday 26 February at Emus Sports Ground (please note that this date is still to be confirmed). The sports available include boys/girls soccer, boys/girls touch, netball, rugby, hockey and cricket. Further details and notes will be available soon.

P&C WELCOME MORNING TEA
The P&C warmly invites all families to join us at school for a welcome morning tea on Tuesday 8 March at 11am. This is a great opportunity for new families to meet other families in our school community. Please come and enjoy a coffee and a catch up with old friends and new.

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS VISIT
On Thursday the students will have the opportunity to meet some of the Newcastle Knights players as they tour the area prior to their match against the Canberra Raiders on the weekend. The Community Carnival assembly will include a Wellbeing PowerPoint presentation which will include short videos and interactive games for students to participate in.