



Newling News

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Term 4 Week 9

5th December 2011

Student of the Week



David Tan

David is an outstanding Year 5 student. He gives his very best in everything he does at school. Not only does he want to read and write well, he loves being involved in sport, music, gardening, recycling and the SRC. David is a resilient, confident student who mixes happily with his class and school mates. Wonderful cooperative behaviour is shown to everybody all the time and he is an inspiration to all. Terrific effort David!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is amazing sitting down to write this that there are only ten days of learning left for this school year! This is a good time for each child to start looking back at the achievements for this year and setting new learning goals for the next exciting phase of their school life.

Even though the end of year is close the expectations of the school around attendance, conduct and learning have not changed. Classes will continue to be involved in meaningful activities up until the last day of school.

SiP Committee Meeting

To ensure the most effective use of Schools in Partnership resource is ready for 2012 a meeting will be held to discuss and, if necessary, amend current strategies in SiP plan.

Meeting will take place at the school in Special Programs room on

Tuesday 6th December from
9:30–10:30am

All welcome. Morning tea will be provided.

Semester 2 Reports

At the beginning of next week all students will be given Semester 2 reports for 2011. The date of issue has been moved as close to the end of year as possible to maximise learning time up until the point where final judgements are made on students' progress.

I encourage all parents to contact the class teacher to discuss any queries you may have from the reports, or the reporting process.

In previous newsletters I wrote about the state-wide consistent A-E grading system. The information relating to the grades is included in the report form.

Swim School

This important activity starts today - December 5th.

It is expected that all students will be involved in this activity.

Presentation Day

Our annual presentation day is to be held next Thursday 15th December starting at 9:30 and concluding for morning tea at 11:00am.

We look forward to seeing all our parents and community members for this special day.

Gala Night and P and C Fete

The 15th is set to be a big day! After the accolades in the morning all students will be putting the finishing touches on their performances for the annual gala night which follows the P & C fete.

Classes have been practicing presentations and we anticipate a large crowd for the BBQ, Fete and a great display of talent with the performances given from each class.

A night not to be missed!

Life Education Visit

Last week the Life Education Van was at our school conducting lessons suitable for all children from K – 6.

Very pleasing was the report from Tim, the program coordinator, who commented how well the children interacted with the presentation and how appreciative and cooperative they were at all times.

P and C Hamper

Goods have started coming in for the annual Christmas Hamper Raffle. The P and C would like to encourage all families to bring in some non-perishable goods to add to the hamper.

The hampers will be raffled at the presentation day which is just over one week from now.

End of Year Excursion

On Wednesday all students spent the morning at the pool and enjoyed a BBQ lunch at school. A great day was had by all staff and students who enjoyed a day of activities in recognition of all the hard work they have done all year.

Thank you to all those families who made a donation to support Mr Sloan and Mr Waters fundraising and moustache growing for 'Movember'.

While the installation of the new audio visual equipment in hall had not finished, all students still enjoyed a movie and ice block in the afternoon with their peers.

Farewell Ms Lewis

Of the past weeks the K/1 class have had the benefit of receiving extra support assistance from practicum student, Ms Sarah Lewis. Sadly, her time at Newling concludes this Friday.

All the children have enjoyed Ms Lewis being involved in their learning and have been thrilled at her musical talent in leading the class recording of some special musical items. We wish Ms Lewis

the best with her studies and future career as a teacher.

Star Awards

"You're a Star" awards earned in week 8 of term 3 were presented to our successful students who have been achieving the You Can Do It keys to success. Congratulations to:

Alex Ridgewell-Morris, Haylie Edwards, Joey Foster, Milton Smith, Eric Wei, Jye Peters, Nick Dennis, Emma Holzhauser, Keenan Portors, Jake Wicks, Nadine Nimmo, Jake Williams, Darbie Moran, Henry Strong, Dylan Keaton, Astashia Marr and Paige Williams.

Murray Cox
Relieving Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 4/5N

As the weeks have flown by 4/5N have been enjoying writing some excellent poetry. We have written about our love of the beach (in anticipation of the upcoming holidays) and we have also been practising using similes in poetry, with some whacky poems about teachers. To give you an idea of the great work we have done read this poem about the beach by Jonathan Bruhl.

I love an empty classroom

*I love an empty classroom
A room of stacked up chairs
Of vacant shelves and cupboards
Of no more cranky glares
I love the lined up desks
All clean and paper free
The stillness and the silence
The summer break for me.*

I love a crowded beach

*I love a crowded beach
A place of fun and games
Of huge waves and tides
Of people with foreign names
I love the crystal waters
All sparkly like sapphire dust
The noise and excitement
The kiosk is simply a must!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Monday – Friday 5 to 9 December

- Swim School 9:30-12:30

Tuesday

- SiP meeting 9:30-10:30

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK?

Monday – Wednesday 12-14 December

- Swim School

Thursday 15 December

- Presentation day assembly 9:30-11:00am
- Fair and BBQ starting at 5:00pm
- Gala Night 6:30pm

Friday 16 December

- Last day for 2011

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

K/1P: Izzabella Lennard, Dakota Hourigan, Ricki-Lee Wright, Logan Dalli

1/2P: Denzil Quinlin-Naylor, Paige Williams, Janara Thompson, Braydon Mundy

3/4W: Nick Steele, Nadine Nimmo, Keenan Porters, Danyen Harris

4/5N: Danny Ward, Jeffrey Mills, Ashleigh Staples, Megan Irwin-Fittock

6P: Lexene Weribone, Henry Strong, Katherine Dennis, Scott McIntyre

Learning Links: Children learn best when parents and carers and teachers work together:

- Working together can increase the level of students' participation and engagement in learning.
- Working together can raise the expectations of students, teachers, school executive, parents and caregivers.
- Working together can strengthen partnerships between schools, parents and caregivers and community agencies.
- Working together can help develop and sustain a positive and inclusive school culture.

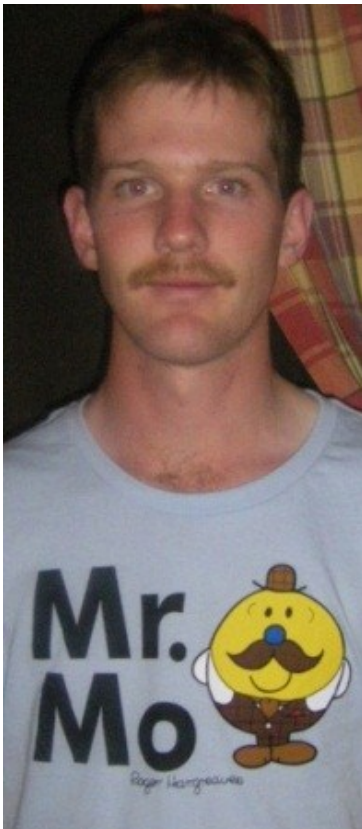
As a parent you want the best education for your child and your school will provide that. The website www.physicalasanything.com.au contains information and videos about going to a NSW public school. It covers:

- Going to school- Parents can find out about the range of programs available to support the health, welfare and education of your child, how to enrol in a public school, travelling to and from school.
- Learning at School - As the parent of a school student you will want to know what your child is learning so you can help them along at home.
- Going to high school
- (www.physicalasanything.com.au)

RAFFLE TICKETS



Please send all raffle tickets and money to the school as soon as possible.



November wrap up

I would like to thank students, parents and teachers for the support they have given me in growing my moustache and for the donations given to the Movember cause. In total I have collected almost \$200 which will go to men's health programs including beyond blue and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Thank you again to everyone who has made a donation and shared a laugh about my mo over the last month!

Mr Waters