Principal’s News

Dear Parents and Carers,

WHOOPIING COUGH There has been a reported case of whooping cough in our school. Time from exposure to illness is 7 to 20 days. Symptoms include a running nose, followed by a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound. Children with whooping cough should be kept home from school until the first 5 days of antibiotics have been taken.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING will be held on Friday, 26th February at 9am. This training is for parents/carers who would like to help in the classroom or canteen and who have not previously done the training at our school. Other helpers who have previously done the training are reminded that they are required to re-sign the Working with Children form each year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jen Arnold who has been appointed to the role of P&C President. A big thank you to our outgoing President, Charne Saunders, for her hard work and dedication to our school.

RESOURCE PACKS FOR 2016 cost $65 per student ($40 for the third or more child). PAYMENT IS NOW OVERDUE. Please send payment in an envelope with your child’s name, class and “Resource Pack” written clearly on the front and place envelope in the silver tin at the school office. You may also pay online via the school website. Please enter “Resource Pack” under the payment description.

YEAR 5 & 6 BATHURST EXCURSION We will welcome back our Year 5 and Year 6 campers this evening. All messages through to the school have been very positive so we look forward to hearing their stories. Thank you Mrs Miller, Ms Healey and Mrs Galluzzo for your organization and thank you to all our Year 5 and Year 6 teachers for your support of the students in such an important part of their schooling.

BACK GATE (Adele Crescent) During the first few weeks when more parents are driving their children to school we tend to have crowds at the back gate. So we can make the area as safe as possible for all students can you please remember:

- if your children walk home they are encouraged to go straight out the gate;
- if you are picking them up they must remain inside the gate with either Mr Labecki or Mr Hadley who will be on duty there;
- once you collect your child you are asked to go quickly from the area so there is not a crowd around the gate and it is clear for the teachers to see;
- any child who is not collected soon after the bell is taken back to the office and will need to be collected from there as the gate will be locked;
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR STOP ACROSS DRIVEWAYS; and
- Adele Cres is a narrow street and does not have a drop off zone so you are asked to park in South Seas Drive and walk down to collect your children.

SCHOOL CROSSING Please remember the school crossing requires all drivers to stop if a child is anywhere on the crossing or stepping out onto it. Please help protect our children and drive very carefully through this area. It is also important that you do not do a U turn in front of the school or park in the bus zone. This is a bus zone 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
STUDENT INSURANCE  Please remember that the DEC do not insure students so any accidents at school must come under your health cover/insurance. We do however take out ambulance cover in case of emergencies.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES will start next Monday, 22nd February, 2016 at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL OPAL CARDS have replaced bus passes this year. Please read the information sheet included in this newsletter.

Uniform items for sale

3 x size 10 girls summer dress - $8 each
1 x size 12 girls maroon sports skort - $8
1 x size 6 Blackett sports shirt - $8
1 x size 8 Blackett sports shirt - $8
1 x size 8 girls teal winter long pants - $8
1 x size 8 girls teal winter dress - $15
1 x size 12 girls teal winter dress - $30 (like new, hardly worn)

Phone: 49332621

Uniform Focus—Week 5

Girls maroon ties on tunics

will be the uniform focus next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Easter raffle .......Fundraiser for APS

We require donations of Easter eggs or perhaps a book, toy or DVD to be handed in to the office by Friday, 18th March, 2016.

NO MATTER HOW BIG or SMALL!! The more donations we have – the more draws we can have!!

Canteen News

The canteen is open every Monday and Tuesday. However, this will depend on the number of volunteers available. If you are able to assist please contact Tracy on 0411 184 571. Please note: potato bake is no longer available.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now open Tuesdays, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and Thursdays, 8.30am—9am. We are pleased to advise that EFTPos facilities are now available at the Uniform shop ONLY.
EASTER RAFFLE

Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment and child’s name and class clearly on the front. Please keep raffle tickets separate from other school payments.

*Please return by Friday, 18th March, 2016. Drawn on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016.*

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It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.
Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.

School Opal card can be used:
- On approved travel on school days between the student’s home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).

Who is eligible?
To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:
- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:
- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student’s travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?
Students with school travel passes this year will be not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.
Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.
After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant’s home address.
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