Reminders for this week

- Request bulletin via email – all photos are in colour!
- Have a hat at school EVERY day
- Register your support - ‘I give a Gonski’ (see backpage)
- Second $100 excursion payment is now due
- Return excursion medical /emergency form by 30/10
- Volunteer to help with tuckshop
- Return Coffee Camp Hall membership

Diary Dates

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Awards

Awards and medals are presented at our assemblies on Fridays. Parents are welcome to attend.

1 – Ivy – for being a great friend in the playground
1– Kai T – for great concentration skills
2 – Kaara – for being a responsible peer support person
2 – Rory – for always being kind and respectful at school
3 – Amber – for spelling and zoological skills
4 – Aiden – for completing literacy tasks
5 – Manu – for continued effort and enthusiasm towards learning
5 – Ashwin – for going above and beyond in science
6 – Max – for displaying more focus and dedication to learning
6 – Alana – for being a great team member within group work

Congratulations to all these students!

Good Deed Medals

No medals were presented this week.

Whooping cough information for school families provided by NSW Health

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
**10 Evidence Based Principles of Effective Teaching**

**Principle 3: Disseminate surface knowledge and promote deep learning**

Effective teachers want their students to be able to think critically and develop a deep understanding of the material being taught in class. However, they recognise developing this deep understanding requires sharing a foundational set of knowledge and skills. Armed with this foundation, teachers can help students to develop a deep understanding of the topic on hand.

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**Excursion News**

This year the senior excursion is to the Queensland Sunshine Coast from 30th Nov – 3rd Dec. We will be submitting final numbers soon. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

**Senior Excursion Payment Schedule:** The second $100 is now due. The final payment of $130 is due by 13th November. Please contact the school if you are not able to meet the payment plan.

**Senior Excursion Medical Form:** Please return medical forms by this Friday 30th October to help us plan for the best care for your child. In order to safely care for your children, it is important that we have accurate information. Please talk with staff about any medical issues relating to your child. If any details change after you have completed the medical and emergency form please let us know immediately.

**Senior Excursion Fundraising Garage Sale**

The students who are participating in the Sunshine Coast excursion are invited to have a stall at the school garage sale to be held NEXT Thursday 5th November.

**K/1/2/3 Excursion – Macadamia Castle**

The K/1/2/3 excursion will be to Macadamia Castle on Tuesday the 30th November during normal school hours. Children will have an opportunity to feed the birds and animals and will be given bags of bird and animal food especially for this purpose. They will participate in an educational session where they can meet some of the animals and will also go on a train ride. The children will take picnic recess and lunch and will return in time to catch the bus home from school.

We will be sending home a permission note with more information next week.

**All Students’ Excursion Fundraising Raffle**

The P&C is organising an excursion fundraising raffle. All children will have the opportunity to sell tickets to help fund either the Sunshine Coast or the K/1/2/3 excursion.

Each family has been given a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Extra books of tickets are available from school. Tickets are $2 each.

**The raffle will be drawn at the garage sale on Thursday 5th November.**

There are several prizes which include felt book covers made by Wendy Longmuir and gifts from The Green Bank. See photos of the prizes on our picture pages.

Money raised by selling tickets will be retained by families to put towards the cost of Term 4 excursions. So the more raffle tickets you sell the more money you will raise towards covering your own excursion costs. There is no obligation to sell raffle tickets. Please return all tickets both sold and unsold to school by Thursday 5th November. To assist the admin staff who are very busy at this time of the year please keep the raffle money and change it into dollar notes before making excursion payments.

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**Tuckshop – still needs HELP please!**

Thank you to Mernisa and Danielle for volunteering to do tuckshop twice this term. We have now covered all weeks except the 13th November. *Will it be a black Friday with no tuckshop or can you help save the day?*

Please contact Susie 6689 9338 to talk about menu options and cooking for Term 4 and please contact Linda 0416 110 438 about getting on the roster.

**Paper Bag Orders for Lunch this Friday (23/10)**

- **Pesto and pasta $3.00**
  - **Recess** - bring money in a purse for these items:
    - Toast plain - 20c
    - Cheese slices - 20c
    - Toast raisin - 20c
    - ½ cup milk - 20c
    - Fruit smoothies - 50c
    - Fruit salad - 50c
  - **Lunch** - bring money in a purse for these items:
    - Yoghurt - $1.20
    - Fruit juice in a cup – 50c
    - Smooze ice block – 80c (Please note price rise for Smooze)

**Helpers – full day:** Ananda  
**Helpers – 9.30 – 11.30am:** Fruit: Linda D-M and Julia T

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Because: OUR KIDS ARE WORTH IT!