Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday we celebrated Education Week with a special assembly. I would like to thank Mrs Dawes and our dancers who entertained us with their excellent Star Struck performance. It was a lovely celebration and a great opportunity to recognise the enthusiasm and dedication of our students. Congratulations to all our students who won Education Week Medals yesterday.

On Monday our Stage 2 and 3 students went to the Civic Theatre to see a performance of the 26th Storey Treehouse. Based on the very popular children’s book series, the production was enjoyed by students and teachers alike.

I am proud to share this photograph of Tom, one of our senior students scoring his first goal in an international soccer match. Tom is currently playing in Japan as part of the Newcastle Emerging Jets Under 12 boys team.

Last Friday, many of our primary students enjoyed a visit from the Milo cricket team. Students participated in skills coaching and many engaging activities. It was a great afternoon’s Sport and we would like to thank the Milo Cricket team.

As we suffer through this cold snap we are beginning to see many more non-uniform shirts and jumpers being worn to school. Please remember that our uniform is our pale green buttoned shirt and bottle green jacket. And while I understand the need for layering in this cold weather, please do try and stay within uniform guidelines. Remember we do have our uniform shop open each Thursday morning and a second-hand uniform pool available.

We currently have a few children who arriving at school very early in the mornings. I understand that many parents may have commitments at work which require them to start early, however, our School’s supervision roster does not begin until 8:30am and there are no staff available to supervise children in the playground prior to this time. Our OOSH provides Before School Care and operates within the school from 6:30am every school morning. Alternatively, parents may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of children before school. As always, student wellbeing is main concern and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
Library News...

Book Club
There will be no Book Club in Term 3 due to the Book Fair which will be held in the library.
When: Tue 1, Wed 2 & Thur 3 September 2015.
Time: Before School: 8:00am - 9:00am After School: 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Cash and credit card payment options available. All purchases benefit our school!

Book Parade
We will be celebrating Book Week in Term 3 Week 8. Students will be able to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Thursday 3 September, 2015. The parade will begin in the hall at 9:30am, there will be prizes, all most welcome, start planning your costume soon!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations Elijah Sc, Harrison T, Moriah M and Jonathan M for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015.
Student Reading Records must be returned to the school library or submitted online by Friday 21 August so that entries can be checked and validated by the closing date, 1 September 2015. Students can enter their books online as they read from 2 March, 2015.

If you have access to the Internet, the following steps can be used to access KIDSPACE and enter Student Reading Records electronically:
1. Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au and click on the LOGIN - STUDENT link.
2. Type in student’s DET User ID and Password and click LOG IN.
3. On KIDSPACE click AGREE then + and >>More… on the Learning link.
4. Scroll down and click on PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE.
5. At PRC page, click STUDENT READING RECORDS link.
6. Enter your books by PRC ID Number or Title.
Please Note: Students in Years K-2 complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in class with their classroom teacher.

Keep reading!
Toni Norton
Teacher Librarian

P & C News...

ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be on Tuesday 4 August 2015. The item will be performed by the Band.

The next P&C meeting will be Friday 7 August 2015
8.30am in the Library.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 30TH OF OCTOBER

This year’s major fundraiser will be a Fun-Runathalon held on Friday the 30th of October in the school grounds.
It will be an exciting event where the children will be encouraged to run, jog or walk around a fun course. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to attend. All funds raised will be put towards the construction of a new netball/basketball court.
If you would like to get involved in the planning for this event or have any ideas please come along to our fundraising meetings in Term 3 or contact Ansley on HPSfundraising@optusnet.com.au.

Chicken Pox
We have had reports of quite a few children with chicken pox so far this term. Please be on the look out for any spots that may also look a bit like a blister. Chicken pox are highly contagious. Find further in an information sheet regarding chicken pox.
Late Arrival & Early Pick Up of Students

Parents/carers are advised that children who arrive late to school need to come to the office to get a “Late Arrival” note.

If you are picking up your child early from school, parents/carers or a designated person MUST come to the office to get an “Early Leaver” note before collecting their child.

Canteen News
Canteen open this week Thursday and Friday.
Due to price increases Nacho Dippers are now $3.50.

School Banking is on MONDAY

Uniform Shop Hours
Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am
In the 1H Garden, we continue to grow...
Chickenpox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as shingles.

What is chickenpox and shingles?

Chickenpox and shingles (varicella-zoster) are a highly contagious virus and a member of the herpes family. The disease is usually mild in children but can be more severe in adults and can cause serious illness.

The adult form which most commonly occurs is shingles. Complications can include meningitis and pneumonia. In rare cases it can involve the joints and other organs.

Signs and symptoms

For chickenpox:
- Mild fever
- Runny nose
- Fatigue
- General rash.

For shingles:
- Painful skin eruptions that generally appear on 1 side of the body.

How is the virus spread?

Shingles is spread by direct contact with an infected person. Chickenpox is spread by coughing and direct contact with an infected person. Children are usually infectious 2 days before the rash appears.

What is the risk of transmission?

People rarely get chickenpox twice, whilst shingles occurs more commonly in aged people and individuals that are immunosuppressed.

Shingles is a reactivation of a previous chickenpox infection. Most people have had chickenpox as children and are therefore at greater risk of contracting shingles as adults.

What precautions can you take to avoid the virus?

- Practice good personal hygiene by covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Disposing of soiled tissues
- Washing hands carefully
- Not sharing eating utensils, food or drinking cups
- Pregnant women should avoid contact with anyone with chickenpox.

How is chickenpox and shingles prevented?

- Childhood vaccination programs
- People with chickenpox should avoid contact with others and not attend work, school or childcare until 5 days after the onset of the rash when all blisters have crusted.

Further Information

Contact your general practitioner
NSW Department of Health
See Infection Control
Information in this fact sheet has been sourced from the NSW Department of Health.
Joshua Reed from 5R will be representing NSW in swimming at the Pacific School Games being held in Adelaide in November this year. Please support Josh and the NSW team by buying some raffle tickets.

TICKETS $2 EACH

Available at the office

Good Luck Josh!

Prizes
1st Prize: 55” Samsung Full HD Smart 3D TV
2nd Prize: GoPro HD Hero4 Action Video Camera
3rd Prize: Apple iPad Mini 32GB Wi-Fi capable
4th Prize: Olympus TG-3 Waterproof Camera
5th Prize: Sony Noise Cancelling Headphones

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