Term 2 Week 1

30th April 2014

Principals Message from my desk

I hope you’ve all had a great Easter break and are ready for what promises to be an exciting and frantic term ahead. Our calendar is already looking crowded and no doubt there will be more to add as the term progresses.

On Monday Miss Sini attended a staff development day at Humula PS, looking at English Curriculum planning whilst I conducted a CPR Course at Jugiong for all staff from Jugiong and Binalong schools. I was able to work on administration tasks back at school here in the afternoon.

This Friday Kajika and Thomas are travelling to Leeton as members of the Highlands Zone Rugby League teams. We wish them well at these trials; both boys will have a very busy day with 4 games for each team.

The end of last term was hectic and was upon us before I realised that the 10th April would be Mrs Sheahan’s last day of work at Brungle PS after what I have since discovered was 14 years of amazing service as the School Administration manager. Kathy submitted her resignation on the 7th April to the department. She has decided to ‘downsize’ her workload and work only at Jugiong from the beginning of this term.

The students farewelled her with a gift (a lovely camellia for her garden), flowers and a card on the last day of term. Staff then enjoyed a luncheon with Kathy last Sunday at the Long Track Pantry in Jugiong where we all had a wonderful social occasion with time to sit and chat. We will miss her friendly manner and her expertise in managing the complex task of efficiently keeping the school office running smoothly but of course wish her well in having more time to achieve the things she wants to do and I’m sure Kathy will not miss the fog and mists in the winter driving from Jugiong to Brungle.

With Kathy’s resignation, the permanent SAM position has been advertised internally today to permanent SASS staff. I was lucky to be able to expediate this process during the holidays. Applications will close on the 14th May and following that we will be able to interview for the position. Steve Bellchambers has agreed to be the parent rep on the panel and Rose McCormick, SAM NEWSLETTER
from Adelong PS will join myself, as convenor, and Steve to complete the panel.

Because of Kathy’s resignation we have some changes to staffing within the office, at least until the position is permanently filled. The office will only be manned on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at present. Jodie James will be working Monday and Jill McDonald will be working Tuesday and Wednesday. Jill will be concentrating on finance on Tuesday and general administrative tasks on Wednesday. From next week the newsletter will move to being published on Monday and Jodie will have responsibility for this as well as for the myriad of administration tasks she already undertakes for me. I think moving the newsletter to Monday will give everyone a clear idea of what is happening in the school.

Guitar lessons resume next week and tennis lessons with Birdie also begin next week.

Plans for the Governor’s visit are well underway. Official invitations are going out this week and we should have a good idea of the number of visitors that will be joining us for this special occasion by the end of next week.

Enjoy your week,

Jen

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**Tennis Lessons**

Bernadette Ramsay will be conducting our tennis lessons at our school beginning next Wednesday for 6 weeks. Cost per child will be $10 each for the 6 lessons. The school will be covering the remainder of the costs. We are sure your children will benefit and enjoy the lessons offered.

A permission note is attached to this newsletter. Please return as soon as possible.
Fruit Break
Please don’t forget about sending fruit to share every day!
We have a short break at 10:00am for students to snack on fruit, this aids concentration and prevents hunger.

Habit of the Week
Be Clear.
Think before you speak and say the right words.

Puggles Preschool begins next Monday 5th May returning every fortnight.

~ Thank you ~
A huge thank you to Mrs Sheahan for 14 years of amazing service as the School Administration manager. We wish you well in all your future endeavours.