Weather or not?

Unfortunately, with last Friday’s very poor weather and the prospect of flooding, it was decided to postpone the Captains’ and Leaders’ Induction. This was disappointing but in the circumstances it was necessary. We are hoping for a much better day on Friday, March 22 at 10am. We hope you can join us for this important ceremony. Our Captains, Zoe and Jack, and their term of leaders, Connor, Jarrod, Mitchell, Ben Carter and Ben Rotherham have been doing a great job since the beginning of the year. We are hoping Ben Rotherham will be able to be at the Induction as he has been very unwell in Sydney but has improved greatly and has returned to Bathurst this week. We wish him and his family all the best.

Special programs

Many of our special programs which we consider to be part of the school routine are gradually starting up again for the year. RDA has commenced this week with Pets as Therapy due to commence next week. We are hoping to combine the Bathurst Correctional Centre’s Dogs for Diggers program with the pets program this year. This is a very worthy program where dogs that have been rescued from horrible situations and retrained by inmates with the assistance of a professional dog trainer. These animals are then donated to wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan. There is a chance that some of these soldiers may also participate or a least visit with their dogs.

We also have Sailability, Work Experience, Live Life Well, Guitar Group and a focus on maths with the Count Me In Too program. Next term there will be another group participating in the Stepping Stones Positive Parenting Program. Some of our older students are involved in the Agriculture courses which use the RDA facility on a regular basis. We also have a team of people working on very important projects as part of the National Partnerships Special Schools as Centres of Expertise. Louise Smith is coordinating the major communication project which involves research into the use of iPads and apps for the development of communication. I am sure you will agree there is a lot happening at Carenne and this is only a part of it!

PBL - Keeping our students safe

Many of you are aware of the importance of our Positive Behaviour for Learning program. Our expectations and rules are based around the 3 key areas of Be safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. As mentioned previously our focus at present is Be Safe, this includes being safe in the playground and in the classroom. It would be fantastic if you could reinforce being safe at home too. We will send home our Be Safe symbols which all the students recognise and have reinforced at school on a daily basis. We find this constant reinforcement of these concepts helps our students to develop an awareness of the safety issues around them. Thank you for supporting our school and this program.

Extra School Development Day

At the beginning of term 2 there will be an extra professional learning day for school staff. This is to assist with the familiarisation and implementation of the new Australian Curriculum over the next couple of years. 2014 sees the introduction of the K-6 English and 7-10 English, Maths, Science and History syllabi. There is a lot to cover for school staff. So, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th will both be School Development Days and as such students will not be attending school on those days. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1st of May for the beginning of Term 2. I thank you for your assistance with this which is a very important development in all students in New South Wales schools. If you would like any further information please contact me at the school.

Take care, Neil

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**DATES:**
- Thursday, 21 March 2013
  - Dream Cricket
- Friday, 22 March 2013 at 10am
  - Captains and Leaders Induction
- Monday, 25 March, 2013
  - School Photos
- Thursday, 28 March 2013
  - Easter Hat & Art Parade at 2pm for students from Kindy Mac, Class J, Class F, Class C, Class N and Class K.
- Friday, 29 March 2013
  - Good Friday
- Monday, 1 April 2013
  - Easter Monday
Class J
Janet Allen, Sandra Lynch and Sue Sewell

Class J has settled in well to the new year. We really enjoy working hard in class and using the new outdoor equipment. Some of our favourite activities are going to the gym, doing art, using the iPad, watching the SMARTboard and doing fun Maths games.

We have gone on a few trips out on the bus which is always fun. We have been busy creating alphabet posters, and learning about being safe, especially about hot and cold things. We look forward to a great term 1 and playing with our friends, new and old.
Welcome to all of our Kindergarten students and their families! Term 1 is proving to be very busy with lots of learning each day in Kindy Mc!

This term we are learning how to settle into our new daily classroom routines such as saying “Hello Friends” during morning group times, choosing songs from the songbox, working at our desks on our number, colour, alphabet, puzzle and matching tasks.

Kindy Mc celebrated Kaiden’s 6th birthday with him, we made yummy cupcakes which were delicious!

Our room is looking very colourful with our fantastic art work and each day we revise our weekly PBL expectations of Being Safe in the playground and the classroom. We know about Being Calm, No Throwing and Being Sun Safe.
Class F

Sue Flude, Sally Reedy and Emma Rush

Class F have had a wonderful term so far. We have worked very hard learning our sounds and having a great time with number activities with Class C. We have made apples, snakes and igloos in art.

We are all enjoying our cooking experiences and tasting what we have made.
We have had a great start to the year in Class C. The children have all settled well and been working hard. We have been joining with Class F in the middle session each day for reading and number groups. It has been exciting to see how well the children are working in these sessions. On Friday’s we cook together. We have made pavlovas, pikelets, cheese twists, chocolate marshmallows and cookies. Yum!

We have been talking about the PBL Expectation ‘Be Calm’. We have set up a quiet area in our classroom called the ‘Calming Corner’. We are learning to use this space if we are feeling upset, anxious or over excited. We have learnt several strategies to try when we need to calm down including; counting backwards from 10, taking deep breaths, exercising, massage or drawing a picture/writing about your feelings. The children are all showing a great understanding of these concepts and we are impressed with their efforts to stay calm.
We have all settled in well, in our all boys class in Class N. We have welcomed our new members—Nathan, Cain, Matthew and Jarad.

Our Semester 1 programs have started and we have completed some exciting activities. We have been to the Carenne swimming carnival, visits to various community locations and 3 of the boys went to their first Regional Swimming Carnival at Orange last week. We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks and going to the horse-riding at RDA and the Indoor Cricket Carnival.
Class D have welcomed four new students to the class this year, Colin, Colin, James and Sage. They have all settled in well and been working very hard. We have been studying Adaption and Change in Science and Ancient Egypt in History. We have continued our cooking program again this year and so far have made Cheese and Spinach Triangles, Thai poached Chicken and couscous, Fried Rice and Spring Rolls, Bamya and Fig and Lemon Chicken.

Our excursion this term was to Ben Chifley and Oberon Dam’s to look at how the environment adapts and changes when humans build a dam.

We are focusing on Safety as part of PBL and all students have been involved in daily lessons to learn our three expectations and school rules.

Next week we are looking forward to going sailing.
All of the students in class K have settled well into their new classroom. It is exciting to be in the high school and to have all the responsibilities of high school students. We have been working hard with our individual tub work this term. It is pleasing to see how everyone arrives at school and settles straight into their work. A big focus for us this year is functional reading and functional math’s activities.

We are trying hard to develop skills that can help us be more independent in everyday life. We have been on some outings this term including a trip this week on the Jones Bros Bus run with Class B. This outing was enjoyed by all the students. We are looking forward to going to the Adventure Playground in Orange in Week 8.
Class B have had a good start to 2013. This semester we are looking at signs in the community, enjoying different ways we can use the fruit we get on ‘Munchy Mondays’ and our theme focus is ‘Animals’.

We will be continuing our therapy sessions and working on strengthening our core through exercises. As you can see we are very busy and having lots of fun. Our thoughts are with Ben R for a speedy recovery.

Anne, Ellen, Kym and the students of Class B
Our class has settled quickly into the new year and we are happy to have new members join our class. Our class routine is shaping up well and group work is becoming a hit as we have incorporated some fun and exciting activities.

This week during PBL sessions we have been learning about safety in the classroom. Our class is focusing on working at our designated area - working at my desk.

In science classes we have been learning about life in the sea. We made collage and painted pictures of some great animals that live in the sea.

In our maths, we have been learning about time and money. Students enjoy learning how use money. Mitchell is busy sorting out his money in denominations. Well done Mitchell!

We also continue to explore life in the outback in our HSIE classes. We did some great work with Mr Richards, making patchwork of Australian outback. Thank you Mr Richards!
Welcome to 2013……
We are only half way through Term 1 and we have already been very busy.
We have enjoyed the swimming carnival, cooking and sport. Due to bad weather our sailing day was cancelled.

As an experiment we made our own boats out of foil, straws and spoons. They were very impressive. Most of the boats were able to float. We found that when adding weight to the hull of the boat the bigger the surface area the more weight it could hold.

In coming weeks we are looking forward to the Dream Cricket as well as a second attempt at a sailing day weather permitting.
Class A

Michael Auld, Paula Hundy and Jasmine Ryan

Class A has had a very busy start to the school year! We have been working a lot over at the farm with the RDA animals as well as doing some maintenance work AND putting together the new mobile chook pen. We are looking forward to the arrival of some special chooks who hopefully will lay eggs that we can use for our cooking program—the boys are hoping for bacon and eggs for breakfast in the mornings!! We have also been cooking each week and so far have made apple pie, chicken kebabs, sweet and savoury pancakes and chicken burgers.

Congratulations to all of the boys for their outstanding performance at the school swimming carnival. Special mention to John who was awarded Intermediate Boys Champion—well done! John then went on to the Western Region Carnival and came back with a huge haul of ribbons. Well done to Ryan who also went to the Western Region Carnival. Special mention also to Jarrod who competed in two events and had a great time!

Thank you to all of the boys for settling in so well and trying their best all the time.

Michael, Paula and Jasmine
Class L have had a great start to the year with lots of preparation for Work Experience as well as class work.

We enjoyed making fried rice with Mrs Smith for Chinese New Year, but it was hard to eat with chopsticks!!

We have also started looking at old items from many years ago, for our history lessons. Zoe looks great dressed up in a costume made from crepe paper that Mrs Luther’s mum had when she was a little girl. Daniel is holding up two photos from the horse and cart days.

We’ve been going through our Work Experience booklet to see whether we are ready to go out and work. We all tried on uniforms to see which one would be suitable for which job. Some places need high visual shirts to stay safe. Class L also cook for Coffee Club on Fridays to feed our hungry staff.
We have had another busy term with two sports carnivals and more to come! Most of the school went to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre recently for our own Carenne School Swimming carnival and had a great time. From this carnival we selected 9 students to represent Carenne school at the Western NSW Regional Carnival at Orange Aquatic Centre. All our swim team members had a great day and received many place ribbons—in all distance and stroke races. Coming up soon is the Dream Cricket Day—at George Park and the Indoor Cricket Carnival—at Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium, at the end of the Term.

We also are back into our healthy eating program again in 2013 with our MMMM Munchy Monday fruit and vegetable morning tea. Great to see so many of our students tasting and eating great healthy fruit and vegetable alternatives to their morning tea food each day, as well as drinking lots of water.
Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child’s language development? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Relationship Education Groups
And Baby Makes 3!
Wednesday April 17 6.00pm—8.30pm
A seminar for new parents to meet other new Mums and Dads, strengthen their own relationship, share in parenting ups and downs.

Being the Best Dad
Wednesday April 10 6.00—8.30pm
This workshop allows dads to hear from other dads about how they face the challenges of parents today.

Surviving Adolescence & Technology
Wednesday April 3 6.00pm—8.30pm
This course helps parents to support their teenagers to meet the challenges of the adolescent years. Gain an understanding of today's technology and the impact it has on teenagers and challenges parenting.

For bookings contact:
Bathurst Family Relationship Centre
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Minimum course fees may apply.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Monday, 25th March, 2013. School Photography ordering envelopes have been sent home.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
STAFF PROFILE

NAME: Sue Flude
FAVOURITE COLOUR: Blue
FAVOURITE PLACE: Anywhere near the water
A HOBBY YOU LIKE: Gardening and reading
FAVOURITE FOODS: Seafood

FAVOURITE BAND/SINGER: David Bowie
WHO IS YOUR HERO: My husband

STUDENT PROFILE

NAME: Jaidyn Kelly
FAVOURITE COLOUR: Yellow
FAVOURITE PLACE: Queensland
A HOBBY YOU LIKE: Motorbike riding
FAVOURITE FOOD: MACCAS

FAVOURITE BAND: 50 CENT
WHO IS YOUR HERO: Pop