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PBL Parent Forum
Thanks to those parents who were able to attend the Positive Behaviour for Learning forum last week. The session was very informative with wonderful presentations from Kylie McDonald and Zach Baker. We also looked at some work being done in Class O. Everyone enjoyed the video showing what some of our students and staff find worthwhile about PBL. Mr Baker may yet go into film making as his career! There was some very positive feedback from parents who have worked with the PBL expectations out of school. It was also a good chance for some of our new parents to meet other parents and talk to staff. Look out for our next meeting which will be held in Week 6 of term 2. More information will come out next term. My thanks to Kylie, Zach and Christine Okello for organising the meeting.

PBL Party Day
Yesterday we held our celebration for the great effort the students have put into recognising and working with our PBL expectations of:

Be Safe Be Respectful Be a Learner
We had our students participating in some organised activities and games to promote the celebration. Well done to the students for such a fantastic effort in Term 1! My thanks also to the staff for their support with PBL. Our PBL committee does a terrific job keeping everyone on track. Thanks also go to Mr Baker for his efforts in arranging the activities for yesterday. Keep up the great work everyone! And remember these expectations transition well into the home environment.

Class N for Narrabeen
Class N have had a very busy and exciting time at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp for three days this week. See the pictures in this newsletter. Thanks to Mrs Rowe and Mr Neal who have given their time to take the boys on this sensational adventure.

Seating Assessment Coming in Term 2
Catherine Moses from EnhanceABILITY (formerly Carenne Support) has arranged for Louise Wood, Occupational Therapist, to visit the school on Mondays of term 2 to carry out a Seating Assessment for all classes. Louise will be looking at the seating needs of all our students, including seat size, type and desk sizes or adjustments. The results of the assessment may mean some new equipment needs to be purchased to support the needs of the students. This program was carried out with several classes in 2012 and proved to be very successful and beneficial to the students. The assessments will start on Monday 5th May. If you would like to know any more, please call the school.

Holidays Already!
The holidays are approaching rapidly. It can’t have been ten weeks since school started for 2014! It has been a very productive term. I would like to thank you all for your support to make the start of the year such a smooth one. I will be on leave from Tuesday next week. The Assistant Principals will be relieving for me if you need to talk to anyone before the end of term. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday period. We will catch up again in term 2.

Take care, Neil

DATES

TERM 1
7 April
Class A - Abseiling in Orange
10 April
Easter Hat Parade - 2pm Cola area
11 April
Last day Term 1 for students

TERM 2
29 April
First day of Term 2 for students
Anzac Day ceremony at Carenne
7 May
Athletics Carnival - Carrington Park
9 May
P&C Mothers Day stall
12 May
School Photos
16 May
Regional Athletics Carnival - Cowra

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Term 1 has been an extremely busy term in Kindy Mc. Each week we continue to work on our Number, Colour, Shape and Letter/Sound of the week. This week we have worked on our letter “Ii” learning activities. We made party invitations for our PBL reward day, we decorated PBL coloured biscuits, we threaded yellow, green and blue necklaces and then we played some party games with our friends. Our excursion to Annie’s Ice Cream Shop was very delicious! We made our own ice cream at school, it was very tasty too. Next week we will be focusing on our unit of work for Easter. We will be reading some new Easter stories and making our hats for our school Easter Hat Parade for Thursday. We are very proud of all our student achievements in Kindy Mc this term! Happy Easter Holidays to all our students and families!
We’ve had a great first term in Class C. We can’t believe it’s nearly time for the holidays, the term has flown by.

We have recently enjoyed a visit from the ‘Dogs for Diggers’. The children were all excited to meet the dogs. We have continued to work on our reading and number skills and have enjoyed doing some Easter art and craft activities. We have begun working on our Easter hats and hope to see you all at the Parade next Thursday.

The children enjoyed our PBL Reward Day activities. They have all worked very hard on being SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS and have earned many Gotcha’s to put into the Gotcha Gauge.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter break. See you next term, Kerryn & Molly
Hello from Class M students. We are amazed that the term has gone by and with such changes in weather!! We have enjoyed doing our classroom work including learning about things that float and sink and learning about many animals like penguins, dolphins and dugongs.

Pet therapy has continued to be great fun as was the visit from the dogs.
Wow! We can’t believe we are already at the end of Term 1. The boys in Class F have had a fantastic term. They have all worked very hard and are learning new things. We have also been lucky enough to go sailing this term. The boys were wonderful to take to Carcoar Dam and we all enjoyed a beautiful day. We have all been respectful, safe and good learners and had lots of fun celebrating our PBL Fun Day. Next week we will have our Easter Hat Parade. We hope to see you there. Have a happy and safe Easter holiday.
We have just come back from 3 great days away at the Sydney Academy of Sports at Narrabeen Lakes, Sydney. Everyone had a great time and participated in lots of exciting sports as well as visiting Manly Beach, Sydney Harbour and Paddy’s markets. We also have had fun at Indoor Cricket, sailing and growing our vegies and herbs in our own garden at the back of the school. We also had a great time at Ten Pin Bowling for Dylan’s Birthday. Please enjoy the photos.
Term 1 of 2014 has been a big term for class D. The class has operated the canteen each Wednesday, providing healthy food for the whole school, this has really developed our communication and team work skills.

Also every Thursday afternoon the class have enjoyed visiting the school farm, completing various agricultural tasks with Mr. Gavin, one which included an experiment on how dung beetles breakdown manure and transfer valuable nutrients into the soil. Furthermore this term the Dogs for Diggers program has continued and the students really look forward to their visit every week.

Finally the class competed with great sportsmanship and school pride in the indoor cricket carnival, whilst we did not win the comp, we sure did have a great time.

Have a great school holidays & see everyone next term. :)
Class K recently celebrated St Patricks Day and we made lovely Irish hats to celebrate. All of the students in our class love art and craft and have a real flair when it comes to creating or decorating. We have also been working on some Easter hats for the upcoming Easter Hat and Art Parade (next Thursday at Carenne).

In the second half of the term we have been really focusing on literacy and numeracy work. We have been working on our reading skills, and maths concepts such as skip counting and using a number line to solve problems. It is exciting to see the progress that all the students have made in these areas.

On Thursday 3rd April we had a PBL celebration day and wore clothes to match our PBL areas (Be Safe - green, Be a Learner-yellow, Be Responsible—blue). We did some safety activities on this day including colouring in sheets and making PBL flags to remind us of the rules. Every student was awarded with a special PBL prize for all of their hard work in this area. If you come and visit our class you will notice that all of the students have really beautiful manners and are also very kind and caring. What a lovely class to work with!!! Have a safe and happy holiday everyone. HAPPY EASTER!
Hello everyone, well hasn’t this term flown by. All the students have been working really well on all aspects of their individual programs and are making significant progress in many areas. We are half way through our Community Helpers Unit with some wonderful art and craft items produced. The therapy component our class routine has also been going very well.

Until next time keep well and keep smiling and have a happy and safe holiday.

Anne, Kym, Ellen and the students of the ‘Resort’ (Class B)
Our class has been working hard on different topic areas this term. In science, we are currently researching on sources of electricity (energy). We found out that electricity is produced from falling water, strong winds, crude oil and energy from the sun. Our science project was to design and make a windmill. Sailing at Carcoar Dam provided us with useful information about windmills. We saw how strong wind made windmills to spin faster although at one time, we actually wondered why Mr Moon and Mitchell Smith were taking too long to get back to the wharf, only to learn that the wind was not strong enough to steer the boat to landing. In fact, Mitchell had to blow the whistle to signal for help.
Class H
Erin Mouatt, Di Klavins and Steph Cupples

Class H loves going to the gym, especially playing in the ball pit. We have been working in class on Autumn making picture scenes using the lovely colorful autumn leaves.
There has been plenty of action in Class Z this term; we have been canoeing at Lake Wallace, participated in Master Chef Cooking at Kelso High Kitchens, had multiple birthdays, practiced different sports, planted chives and initiated a school wide Positive behavior for Learning day! Well done Class Z.
Michael Auld and Michael Phillips

It has been a very busy first term for Class A. I would like to thank all the parents who have attended meetings or have undertaken telephone interviews to discuss their son’s program for this year.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Luther who has organized the work experience programs for the class. The students are undertaking a wide range of work experience placements including the Bathurst Library, Meals on Wheels, Glenray Woodwork, Riding For Disabled as well as Christian Life Centre. A couple of students are also working with Mr. Phillips to develop a photo history of the school for 2014. Mr. Phillips is teaching the students how to use a camera and develop a number of folders on the server to manage and store the photo history of the school.

A number of students have also volunteered to work with Mr. Gavin who is the farm assistant. Mr. Gavin is very impressed with the students and all the students are very impressed with him. Thank you Mr. Gavin.

A very highly successful program for this year has been the students undertaking TAFE Course. It is amazing to watch the students developing their skills and confidence. The TAFE teachers have been highly supportive and have developed a wonderful rapport with the students.

The students have also been helping Mr. Phillips with fixing up a senior boys work shed. We now have a range of tools and workbenches which will allow the senior students to practice their woodworking skills.

I would also like to thank Mr. Neil who has been organizing the Aspire Outdoor Adventure Program. The class had a wonderful time at Lake Canobolas canoeing and swimming. They are all keen to undertake this activity later on during the year.
Class L have been working hard during these past few weeks and we are enjoying our continued program of Coffee Club. We generally cook a treat on Thursday’s for our staff to enjoy on the Friday’s for morning tea. (We don’t miss out as we always make sure we have enough leftover for us to enjoy as well, with a hot chocolate treat to finish.)

We also like to ensure we are earning many points on our class DOJO and a few of us have reached the 100 mark already. As a reward for these very special people, Mr Baker’s class organised a PBL Reward activity day for us to enjoy playing games and having a lot of fun. We also got to dress up in our PBL colours on the day. Mrs Smith helped us to make a lolly-vending machine. You can see us working as a team below to complete this project.

Isobel turned 14 and invited her friend Gabrielle to join us in celebrating with a yummy cake.

As an end of term treat, Class L are attending a Circus Production called 46 Circus acts in 45 minutes. Afterwards we have been invited to take part in a Circus Workshop so that we can learn a few tricks and skills. We are looking forward to that performance next week!!
We have had a great sport activities to our school sport and recreation program for the last part of the Term. Many of our students went to the Bathurst Aquatic Centre for our School Swimming Carnival and had a great time in all the different stroke and distance events as well as some fun with the splash and dive contests. We have also just recently been to, and hosted, the Regional Indoor Cricket Carnival at Bathurst. Classes Z and A have also been canoeing with the Aspire Outdoor Education Program at Lake Wallace and Lake Canobolas, Orange. Active After School program is running again and the students have been practicing athletics and hockey after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please enjoy some photos of what we have done, recently.
Glenray Industries

You're invited to a free family-fun event, the Macquarie Mile - Sunday Stroll on Sunday 18 May from 11am to 2pm at Bicentennial Park (Peace Park), Bathurst. There will be live entertainment, an animal petting zoo, plus you can either BYO a picnic or buy your lunch from the stallholders. The Macquarie Mile is a fundraiser for Bathurst’s Glenray Industries, an Australian disability enterprise. We’re encouraging people to drop their gold coin donations into our tin on the day. Funds raised will go towards buying equipment for our clients and supported employees. For more information, call 6331 2388 or visit www.glenray.com.au.