



NEWSLETTER

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The following students received a Principal's Award at assembly this week:

Adam Stibilj Xanthe Harrison Elizabeth Grech Isabel Grech Brynn Driver
Leah Hopcroft

(Principal's Awards will be presented in Week 1, 3 & 6 this term)

Oct 22	No Chess Club today
Oct 26	PSSA K/O Cricket
Oct 26	Band Meeting 7:30pm OOSH Room
Oct 27	MILO Cricket
Nov 2	Evening Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 3	Day 1 Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 4	Day 2 Kindergarten Orientation
Nov 6	SRC Disco

Dear parents and students,

I would like to thank Mr McLaren and Mrs Georgiou for all their efforts as relieving principal while I was seconded to the BER program. I would also like to thank the staff who held relieving Assistant Principals positions and the staff who supported them in their new roles. Finally thank you to the whole school community for its support during this time. For all involved it has proven to be an invaluable professional development opportunity. Personally to be able to be a part of the biggest school expenditure program in state education history was very exciting and rewarding. However it did reinforce to me that my passion lies in school with school communities.

I was asked to help support the transition of the new principal taking over my role in BER by continuing to work each Wednesday for several weeks this term. On those Wednesdays Mrs Georgiou will again be in the principal's chair.

BER: P21 / NSP

Following is an update of the Building the Education Revolution (BER). Every school has two facets - the first is Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) which was the major capital works program and the second National School Pride (NSP) which involved minor works projects.

- Our P21 project has had another revision of scope. 2x Homebases, 14 Core Linear Library, 7 core toilets and the reinstating of the old library to Homebases. A Homebase has been deleted
- The old toilet block will be decommissioned and used as a storage facility
- Questions still to be answered is the amount of scope that has been deleted from the building projects. This includes mainly fixtures and fittings, furniture, solar panels and water tanks
- The siting has reverted back to its original position so the demountables (with the possible exception of Mr Pinchbecks) will be relocated to the oval area. A work compound will also have to be constructed. Please see the plans attached
- It is a contracted maximum 60 week program. Once sign off occurs construction will begin very quickly
- Obviously the construction will impact on the school during 2010 and on P&C activities – Family Fun Day
- National School Pride work is well underway. External painting of several blocks, minor power board upgrades and a new storage area in the Kindergarten room are all completed or nearly completed. The majority of the money will be spent on resurfacing the passive area to comply with OH&S requirements. The pavers will be replaced by coloured asphalt. This will also allow work to be done on tree roots and drainage. This work is anticipated to commence in 3 weeks time.

Interactive Whiteboards

They are in three classrooms and have been enthusiastically included in many teaching and learning activities. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the P&C for financial support of these IWB's. The school is in the process of ordering 3 more IWB's for K – 2 however, issues relating to the relocation of existing A/C and wall material has slowed the process. We hope to have these in place for the beginning of 2010

School Values

During the year the students have been learning about different values. The program was part of a state initiative that has seen these values incorporated in all public schools across NSW. The feedback from the staff has been very positive and the program will continue in a revised format in 2010. The values are also to be incorporated in our school's discipline and awards policy that is being reviewed through the School Council.

Though not an official school survey I would be grateful for any feedback in regards to our values education strategy. It would be beneficial to see if the values "travelled home". Any comments can be dropped in at the office addressed as Values. They can be anonymous or signed

Spraying

Just a warning to all that all the school's grassed areas are going to be sprayed this weekend (weather permitting) to remove clover, bindii and other weeds. Please take care if you are using any grassed areas.

Brent Kunkler
Principal

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

You may have received a Compulsory School Attendance form in the last weeks of Term 3. These forms were for absences very early in the year for which the school has not received an explanation. There are a multitude of reasons as to why the note did not reach the office but it would be appreciated if you could check your diary to confirm your child was away, initial the note and return it to the office. If you know your child was at school on this date, please write a note to that effect on the form and return it. We will update the school records accordingly.

A note explaining your child's absence must be forwarded to school after each day they are away even if you have rung the school to inform us.

Sue Shears
Administration Manager

FROM THE P&C

I have extended the deadline for School Council nominations, they now close on Monday 2nd November. We have 3 positions to fill and so far I have just one nomination. The nomination form gives a brief outline of what's involved in being a School Council member, if you'd like to know more about the role please feel free to contact me, or any of the current School Council members, and interrogate away!

At the meeting on Tuesday night it was proposed that the P&C donate \$2387.00 to the school to cover the cost of the replacing the air conditioner in 1B's classroom (in the wooden building). We will be voting on that proposal at our next meeting.

The Telstra Kids Fund grant money finally made its way into the P&C account so we were able to present a cheque for \$1200 to the school. The money will cover part of the cost of installing interactive whiteboards in classrooms. Many thanks to Telstra and also to Clodagh O'Grady for organising us into applying and following up on getting the grant safely into our hands.

Sub-committees are reminded that 2010 budgets will need to be submitted to the P&C at our November meeting.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 17th November at 7:45pm in the OOSH room.

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OOSH NEWS

Welcome back to school for Term 4!

After a very exciting school holidays we are looking forward to an action packed term at OOSH. We have our Summer menu now starting for afternoon tea including yoghurt & fruit kebabs, lavish bread wraps with hommous and cheese, veggie platter with dip and bread sticks and lots more. We also have water sports and world cup soccer games and activities planned for Active After School Care.

For any bookings or enquiries please call the centre on 9484 4412 and leave a message if we are unable to answer your call.

We hope to see you soon!



BAND NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you all had a lovely, restful holiday. There may have even been a bit of practice. Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy one, so please read on...

BAND MEETING

It's the first one for the term and the last one for the year – can you believe it? It would be lovely to see lots of people there, so rock up to the OOSH rooms on Monday October 26, 7.30 pm.

THORNLEIGH UNITING PERFORMANCE

There are still many outstanding permission notes for the Concert Band performance at Thornleigh Uniting Church Market Day on Saturday November 7. Another one has been emailed to you in case the dog ate the last one. **These need to be returned ASAP. If you're not sure whether you filled one in, do another just in case.**

TRAINING BAND – BIG DAY OUT

Our Training Band musicians are practising hard for their very first competition. They will be competing in the Galston Eisteddfod on Wednesday October 28. Rehearsal is still on, but will finish a bit earlier so that the band can catch the bus. We wish maestro Jane and the Training Band the best of luck!

DIARY DATES

Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter, as we will be publishing the important band dates for the rest of the term. Please check in all the usual places next Thursday.

Band Committee

CHRISTMAS MARKETS Sunday 22nd November.

We are expecting great things this year.

International food, great variety of gifts and wares, craft workshops.

Entertainment. And BARGAINS BARGAINS BARGAINS.

VACANCY

Stall positions

Do you have wares you would like to sell or know someone who does?

Reserve a stall at this years Christmas markets and make some extra cash.

Application forms are attached to newsletter.

BUSKERS NEEDED

Limited spaces will be available for budding musicians, singers, juggling acts etc.

No fee charged for timeslot.

Entertain the patrons to our markets and earn extra cash.

Volunteers needed

If you can help out on the book stall, BBQ, canteen.

If you are able to drop leaflets

