

## ***NEWSLETTER NO.25– 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014***

### **Parade**

Due to the Netball Gala which will take a significant number of students out of the school, it has been decided to move the final parade of the term to tomorrow. Behaviour & Vision Real Estate bursaries will be awarded tomorrow. This is always a highlight of the term so I would like to cordially invite as many parents as possible to attend tomorrow's parade.

### **Magpies**

It is the dreaded magpie season again. Please be aware of these birds as children travel to and from school. We had our first victim of an attack last week. All children should wear hats at all times so the tops of their heads are protected and they should refrain from teasing the birds. The nasty magpie that was in residence in the school grounds last year has been relocated, however I do note that his territory has been overtaken so there is still a bird in residence. There have been no attacks in the school grounds yet.

### **Twilight Concert**

Please remember to attend our twilight concert that is on the final Tuesday of term. P & C will be selling pizza slices – more information further into the newsletter.

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Twilight Concert (School Hall)	16/9/14
Technology Day	17/9/14
Prep Transition Day	18/9/14

**Lost Property**

As usual, lost property will be laid out and classes will check if anyone has left anything behind. So much of the lost property does remain unclaimed as it is unnamed, so if parents would check, it would be much appreciated. Naming your child's property does make it easier to return it, so all property coming to school should be named. Anything not claimed at the end of the term will be either recycled (into the uniform store, for unnamed clothing) and into the bin for unnamed lunch containers.

**Safety around School**

While adequate parking and drop off spaces around all schools can be congested at peak times, all concerned still need to remain patient, vigilant and considerate of other drivers and our school neighbours. With the mass movement of children leaving the school grounds, we need to take care of where and how we park. Use of the Stop, Drop, Go Zone does assist with the rapid dispersion of students and traffic if everyone keeps to the rules. If your child is not present and does not come to the car within a couple of minutes, please do drive around the block. Whilst I know this will not be your preferred option, if everyone does it, the zone will operate more effectively. Family pets brought onto the school grounds also become a serious issue if they become frightened by the rush of children. We can never fully predict how they may behave if this occurs and even the most placid of family dogs have been known to bite. **Please avoid bringing dogs onto the school grounds during these peak times in particular.**

**STAR Rule**

Our rule for the week focusses on Teamwork – All participants must participate in negotiating and agreeing on the rules before playing a game – don't change the rules half way through the game. Changing the rules and trying to force your opinion on the other participants always ends badly. So, agree and stick with the rules!

**Qschools app**

Having this very handy app on your iphone or android, ensures you are able to check the latest dates, newsletters and information from the school wherever, whenever. Please search the app store for it and download!

**Principal Word of the Week**

A great predictor of success in literacy, particularly reading is a wide vocabulary. Most classes have instituted a 'word of the week' and to support this, I thought I also could have a word of the week. Many of these words will come from <http://www.wordthink.com/> which focuses on words that can be used every day. My word of the week this week is:

**Decadent**

**Decadent** *n.* A person who is luxuriously self-indulgent. "He faced financial ruin as a result of his *decadent* lifestyle." (adj.) Marked by decay or decline.

**CobuildDictionarywebsite:**

<http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/>

**Have a great week,  
Belinda Eckford**

**Student of the Week – 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week last week:

<i>Prep B</i> <i>Mrs Becker</i>	<i>Bayleigh</i>	Well done...for using your best audience manners and behaviour on our "Wombat Stew" excursion.
<i>Prep M</i> <i>Mrs McAuley</i>	<i>Emmett</i>	For fantastic use of reading strategies.
<i>Yr P/1</i> <i>Mrs Clarke</i>	<i>Christian</i>	For working well in spelling groups. Well done.
<i>Yr 1S</i> <i>Ms Swettenham</i>	<i>Orlando</i>	For a great start in your new class.
<i>Yr 1/2K</i> <i>Ms Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Lilly</i>	For beautiful presentation of all your work.
<i>Yr 2B</i> <i>Mrs Berts</i>	<i>Jimmy</i>	For working well with classmates.
<i>Yr 2/3BR</i> <i>Mrs Tapp</i>	<i>Tylee</i>	A fantastic attitude to learning and for excellent work in class.
<i>Yr 3P</i> <i>Mrs Peltonen</i>	<i>Madeline</i> <i>Peyton</i>	For always following the star rules and helping others.  For her excellent classroom work.
<i>Yr 3/4W</i> <i>Mr Wolfenden</i>	<i>Jayden</i>	For identifying the correct choices and being a S.T.A.R student.
<i>Yr 4A</i> <i>Ms Armstrong</i>	<i>C-J</i>	For a fantastic effort on school camp, you participated well!
<i>Yr 4B</i> <i>Mr Brandon &amp; Mrs Aldridge</i>	<i>Bella</i>	For great classroom work and assistance.
<i>Yr 5O</i> <i>Mr O'Hara &amp; Miss Finn</i>	<i>Seth</i>	For continually trying his hardest in class. Well done!!
<i>Yr 5/6B</i> <i>Miss Brooks</i>	<i>Kailey</i>	For consistently following the STAR rules! You are AMAZING!
<i>Yr 5/6S</i> <i>Mr Stafford</i>	<i>Connor</i>	For being a good camp-buddy.
<i>Music</i> <i>Ms Elliott</i>	<i>Prep/1C</i>	For fantastic organisation and cooperation when packing up the dress-up costumes.
<i>PE</i> <i>Ms Lloyd</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	For working really hard to develop his skipping skills.
<i>SEU</i> <i>Miss Higgs</i>	<i>Seth</i>	For his excellent attitude to learning.

**School Notices****Weekly Swimming**

Students who **DO NOT** attend the weekly swimming will not be eligible to attend the Carnival Day.

**Planet Rhythm**

Planet Rhythm will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. If your child wishes to participate in this event but hasn't paid the fees, please do so ASAP.

**Behaviour Awards**

Please note that the Behaviour Awards will be given out on week 9 as the Netball competition will be on week 10.

**Save The Gorillas!**

As part of our ongoing commitment to support recycling, please be aware of the 'DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE' campaign. There are now 190 schools participating in the 'Save the Mountain Gorillas' campaign being run by the Humane Society International (HSI).

Coltan is a valuable mineral used in the manufacture of mobile phones and is mined from the mountain gorilla's forest home. By recycling your old mobile phone you are helping to preserve the earth's resources by reducing the need for coltan.

Funds raised from recycling your mobile will be used to support patrols in the Gorilla's natural habitat to protect them from poachers and illegal mining. Mobiles can be dropped into the collection box in the Admin office.  
We appreciate your support.

Warmly  
Julie (on behalf of the gorillas)!

### Music Notices

#### Northern Beaches Community Day

On Sunday, students from Bucasia State School provided entertainment at the Northern Beaches Community Day. The Prep Choir and Year One and Two Choir sang; the Year Four Verse Speaking Group and Year 2/3/4 Verse Speaking Group recited poems; and the Instrumental Music students performed in combined groups with students from Eimeo Road State School. Congratulations to the students who performed.

#### Twilight Concert

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, a Twilight Concert will be held in the school hall. Our choirs, verse speaking groups and instrumental music groups will perform for your entertainment, and all of the Bucasia community is invited to attend, so please spread the word among your neighbours, friends and family members. The concert will commence at 6.30pm (and will be finished before 7.30pm, so it will not be a late night!). The P and C will be selling pizza from 6pm, so come early and have dinner here too. There is no change to attend the concert, but raffle tickets will be on sale. Funds raised from the sale of pizza and from the raffle tickets will go to the Music department of the school. Children who will be performing are to wear school uniform and are asked to be at the hall at 6pm.

#### Instrumental Music for 2015

The process for selecting students to study instrumental music in 2015 has commenced. Approximately 15 students currently in year 3 will be invited to commence instrumental music lessons next year. Ms Elliott will consult with classroom teachers and Mrs Eckford, and invitations will be issued early next term. Students (and their parents) who are keen to be considered are encouraged to talk to Ms Elliott and to attend the Twilight Concert to learn more about what is involved.

Jeany Elliott – Music Teacher

### Library Notices

#### Book Week 2014 Competitions

Several students entered our 'Create and alternative book cover for *Jeremy*' competition. These are currently on display in the Library. The winner of the junior competition is Cassie Wellby 1/2K who receives a \$20.00 Book Club voucher. Second place is Madeline Hardiman 3P who receives a \$10.00 Book Club voucher. Special mention goes also to Prep B who decorated their alternative book covers so beautifully.

#### Short Story Writing Competition

Students are invited to write a short story around the theme 'Sport'. This competition is open to all levels and doesn't matter which language level students are at. Stories may be submitted as a printed story, saved on a USB stick or recorded as an audio file. For students who prefer drawing to writing, they can create a 'picture' story using drawn illustrations like those in the Picture Book Category of the CBCA Shortlisted books.

#### PRIZES!

The overall winner will receive a published hard cover book plus \$20.00 Book Club voucher. The 3 runners up will have their stories published as soft cover books plus \$10.00 Book Club vouchers.

Stories should be no more than 600 words and need to be submitted by the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

For further information, please contact **Sue Drew, Teacher Librarian.**

### ICAS

Congratulations to all those students who have entered the ICAS academic tests for this year. Students sitting these tests are measuring their abilities against an international benchmark so should feel proud of their involvement and results.

### P&C Notices

Our next meeting will be TONIGHT, 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

#### Father's Day Stall

Thank-you to all our volunteers for assisting with the Father's Day stall and also to our wrappers, your help as always was greatly appreciated. Hope all the Fathers enjoyed their gifts and had a great weekend.

#### Father's Day Raffle

Congratulations to LaToya Flennady in 5/6S who was the winner of the Father's Day Raffle. Hope Dad enjoyed his towel and bag of assorted goodies. And remember "Hand's off Dad's Towel".

#### Northern Beaches Community Day

Thank-you to Stacie Forbes and her band of volunteers on Sunday who supervised the Free Fairy Bread stall, also to Northern Beaches Presbyterian Church for transporting our marquee and tables back to the school for us. The Community Day was very well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. Our students should be very proud as you all represented Bucasia State School beautifully.

#### Twilight Concert

This event will be held next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the hall from 6.30pm. Food will be available at the event and posters will be displayed around the school informing you of this. Volunteers are requested for the night, and the majority will be required before the event starts, so everyone can be fed beforehand. If you are available to assist please let any P&C executive member know.

#### Prep/1C Fridge

Thank-you to Stacey Read and Lana DeKort for doing the run around sourcing a new fridge for Prep/1C after theirs died earlier this term. Proceeds from last year Celebration Night paid for this fridge.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me or any P & C member with any enquiries or concerns you may have. Have a great week. P & C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

### Community Notices



#### Helping Hands Bucasia Outside School Hours Care – Your child's "home away from home"

Helping Hands Bucasia provides quality childcare for school aged children. Located on school site guarantees safety and convenience for children and their families. We offer a pick-up and delivery service to Prep and Year One classrooms so you have peace of mind that your little ones are safe at all times. Our qualified staff ensure your children are fully supervised at all times.

Service opening hours: Before School: 6:30am – 8:50am, After School: 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Vacation Care 6:30am – 6:00pm

We currently have vacancies for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care. For more information, enrolments and bookings contact Amy on 0427 007 113.