NEWSLETTER NO.4 – 5th March 2014

From the Principal

School Leaders Badge Ceremony
Come along to Parade tomorrow morning, commencing at 9.00am, to see our school leaders for 2014 officially inducted into their new roles. Attending the ceremony will be Kevin Casey, Deputy Mayor and our Adopt-a-Cop Keiran Horsfall.

Support a reader workshop is on this Thursday, 6th March, commencing at 9.30 am in the school library. Cilia Martland, from Regional Office will be conducting the workshop on how to assist your child develop great reading skills. We would love to see you there. If you have smaller children, you are also able to attend, however, please consider others and if you have to leave, we can reschedule another program at a later date.

New design for the wall in the UCA
It has been mentioned that the wall in the Undercover Area that is furthest from the office needs some updating. I believe this could be considered a fair comment. If you or someone you know has interest, ideas to share about what could replace it, I would love some designs! Please contact me with some of your ideas and we could work together to make this wall relevant for today.

Student Attendance & Punctuality
Being at school every day and on time to start is critical if every child is to be a successful learner. Erratic attendance and arrival times disadvantage children immensely as all other students in the class have continued to learn smoothly and consistently. This is when gaps start appearing in student learning and the child is placed in a ‘catch up’ position. As everyone knows, and everyone has been in the position of catching up at some point in their life, this is not a great way to conduct learning. Please assist us in giving your child every advantage by ensuring they attend school regularly and punctually.

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This Week’s Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support

This week’s rule is focused on SAFETY: be at the right place at the right time. I am very pleased to be able to say that the children do arrive at school and are in the right place for the bulk of the time. Areas are out of bounds for safety reasons and it is good to note that most children adhere to this. There are still some children who walk through the staff carpark and this is of concern as the school has many us­ers who are in those areas and it is important to be aware of the dangers when walking through these areas.

Please reinforce with your child the importance of following the school rules in regard to play areas and out of bounds areas.

Parking in Kemp St

Please ensure you are parking legally in all of the streets surrounding the school. I am still being contacted regularly by angry residents who wish to move their vehicle and are unable to because vehicles are blocking their driveway. Adhering to the golden rule – do unto others as you would have them do unto you, would alleviate this issue no end. Thank you for your support with this.

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Bucasia State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family. The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance. All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

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:

Tumult
Tumult n. Confusion or disorder. A loud, confused noise, esp. one caused by a large mass of people. “He quickly became aware of the violent tumult behind the trees.”

Another dictionary that I often use is the Cobuild dictionary because it is very up to date with current idiom or words that become ‘the flavor of the month’. See below for the address:

Cobuild Dictionary website:
http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/

LIFE EDUCATION 17th-20th March

Life Education is coming to our school. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. The educations sessions are split into a number of modules that will cover a number of issues at an age appropriate level, for example:

• The benefits of physical activity
• How to spot safe and unsafe behaviours and environments
• Choosing healthy food options
  The older grades will also cover issues such as:-
  • Internet etiquette and Cybersafety
  • Drugs

There is also a free Life Education Parents Information Session to be held on Tuesday 18th March. If you would like to attend and/or you child will participate in the Life Education Program please complete the enclosed payment form / attendance slips and return with payment to the offices as soon as possible.

P&C Notices

Next general meeting
Our next meeting will be Wednesday 12th March at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome.

Barbecues
As our Masters Barbecue was not as successful as anticipated we will be holding a sausage sizzle at school this Friday 7th March for first lunch. Sausages will be $2 each or you can opt for a meal deal for $3 which is a sausage and popper deal. Please complete the order form in this week’s newsletter and return to school Thursday or Friday. Sausages will be delivered to the student’s classroom by the normal brown paper bag in the tuckshop box and there will be adults walking around with sauce bottles if your child would like sauce.

Please note there will be no normal tuckshop ordering on Friday, however the tuckshop will be open during the break if the student wishes to purchase slushies, drinks, chips and ice-creams as per normal.

If there are any parents available to help out with the cooking on Friday, please see Marika in tuckshop or myself.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Marika our tuckshop convenor is always happy to see new and returning volunteers for our school tuckshop. So if you are able to assist, please contact Marika during opening hours.

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. 2013 P&C President Sarah-Jane Thompson 0429613249.

Community Notices

Helping Hands Bucasica Outside School Hours Care – Your child’s “home away from home”
Helping Hands Bucasica 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.

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<th>Mrs Peltonen</th>
<th>Dillon</th>
<th>Writing a sensational persuasive paragraph.</th>
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<td>Yr 3/4W</td>
<td>Mrs Williams</td>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>For always having such an enthusiastic STAR attitude.</td>
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<td>Yr 4A</td>
<td>Ms Armstrong</td>
<td>Lexus</td>
<td>For making a fabulous start to the school year and fitting in so well.</td>
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<td>Yr 4B</td>
<td>Mr Brandon</td>
<td>Anna</td>
<td>For working well in class and putting in a great effort.</td>
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<td>Yr 5O</td>
<td>Mr O’Hara</td>
<td>Josh</td>
<td>For his great independent writing of genre.</td>
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<td>Yr 5/6B</td>
<td>Miss Brooks</td>
<td>Mia</td>
<td>For beautiful bookwork! Your presentation is fantastic!</td>
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<td>Mr Stafford</td>
<td>Kiara</td>
<td>For excellent classroom behaviour.</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Ms Elliott</td>
<td>Prep/1C</td>
<td>For excellent classroom behaviour.</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Ms Lloyd</td>
<td>5O, 5/6S, 5/6B</td>
<td>For outstanding improvements on Beep Test Results. Well done everyone!</td>
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• Sausage Sizzle Order Form (Orange)

Student of the Week – 20th February

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

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<th>Mrs Becker</th>
<th>Tammi</th>
<th>For always participating in classroom activities and giving clever answers to questions.</th>
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<td>Prep M</td>
<td>Mrs McAuley</td>
<td>Zali</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort learning the letters and sounds they make.</td>
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<td>Yr P/1</td>
<td>Mrs Clarke</td>
<td>Felix</td>
<td>For being an ALL ROUND superstar. You always participate in every class activity.</td>
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<td>Yr 1S</td>
<td>Ms Swettenham</td>
<td>Samantha</td>
<td>For using your knowledge of phonics in your writing.</td>
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<td>Yr 1/2K</td>
<td>Ms Kirkpatrick</td>
<td>Maya</td>
<td>For exceptional classroom behaviour and always being polite.</td>
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<td>Yr 2B</td>
<td>Mrs Berts</td>
<td>Uliani</td>
<td>For always having a go and an enthusiastic effort.</td>
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<td>Yr 2/3BR</td>
<td>Mrs Buettel &amp; Mrs Redman</td>
<td>Sophie</td>
<td>For always being well mannered and polite to her classmates and teachers.</td>
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