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Teacher Appreciation Week

A huge thank you from all the staff for the thoughtfulness shown by the students and community this week! The apple trees are looking gorgeous outside our rooms – and it puts a smile on our face when we read the children's comments. As for the catering efforts – unbelievable!! So, thank you to everyone for all your efforts. This school and community are amazing – love the way we work together to provide a great learning environment for our children. Thanks – your efforts are truly appreciated!!

Disco

The disco was a lot of fun! The students danced the time away – there are some great movers and shakers out there! Thank you to the P&C members who organised the event.

Reminder – We need you for monthly Hot Canteens!

The P&C are looking for a volunteer to take over the running of the hot canteen once a month. We hope there is someone out there who is free, as both students and staff love the change from routine. If you are interested please contact the P&C.

We are also looking for new ideas as the risotto balls will no longer be available from next year. So put your thinking caps on and if you come up with an idea for a replacement please let the P&C know before their next meeting on 2nd December.

School Attendance

Last week our school Home School Liaison Officer – Glenyce Towers – had a meeting with staff to ensure we are following DEC guidelines with regard to school attendance.

Below is an excerpt from the department's guidelines in relation to late arrivals.

"Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents."

Students arriving after the bell or leaving early have to be registered as "unjustified" if there is no substantial reason given.

Unsubstantial reasons are those such as: late, car broken down, appointments (except medical appointments), sleeping in, etc.

The following table shows how quickly these small absences can add up!

ABSENCES	A term	A year	K-10
15 minutes late, twice a week	5 hours	20 hours	36 days
1 day per week	10 days	40 days	2 years and 1 term
5 days a term	5 days	20 days	1 year

Dates for your Diary

Term 4 Events	Date
Whole school Swimming lessons	Fridays from Wk 1– Wk 8 9 th October – 27 th November
Out of Uniform Day – Xmas Raffle Donation	Wednesday 25 th November
Third Kinder Orientation	Wednesday 2 nd December
Christmas Night	Friday 4 th December Time 5-7.30
P&C IGA Christmas Stall	Saturday 5 th December
Newcastle Jets W-League Visit	Friday 11 th December
Presentation Day	Monday 14 th December Time TBA
Party Day	Tuesday 15 th December – no cost
Talent Quest and Year 2 Clap Out	Wednesday 16 th December



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Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients:

KB	K/1P
Jacob C	Cameron H
Matilda E	Daisy L
Isla M	Harper N
Lena M	Hester T
1/2L	2C
Sam C	Zane B
Lexi F	Matildah F
Will H	Niklas M
Gabriel T	Pippi S

Gold Awards:

Reuben C
Zachariah J
Olivia M

Leaders

Congratulations to our Year 2 Leaders for Weeks 7 and 8 Term 4 – Kiara D and Isaac C.