Week 11 Term 4

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all the award winners from last Friday’s end of semester assembly and well done to our PBL Award winners. Josie Moore and Allira Campbell won the $10.00 canteen vouchers and Natalia Burgess and Hannah Clarke claimed the $20.00 iTunes vouchers. Congratulations goes to a very excited Joshua Fattore on winning the major PBL prize—an iPad mini. Also, an enormous thank you goes to Josie Moore who stood in at the last minute to sing the National Anthem at our semester assembly. Josie’s rendition was flawless and a real testimony to her performance abilities.

To further commend our students on their positive PBL behaviours over the past twelve months a tabloid sports day was held also on Friday. The students behaved in an exemplary manner during the course of the day and much fun was had by all in a responsible, safe and respectful manner.

Presentation Night Tuesday 15 December

Our major awards for 2015 will be presented on Tuesday Night during our annual Presentation Night. Thank you to the wonderful staff who have worked very hard to organise this important evening. Congratulations to all the award recipients for their spectacular successes over the past 12 months.

Proposed Stage 6 Educational Excursion 2016 cancelled

Unfortunately the proposed Stage 6 Educational Excursion to Sydney scheduled for March 2016 will not go ahead due to a lack of numbers. Deposits will be returned by cheque this week. My apologies for any inconvenience.

HSC results available Wednesday

HSC results will become available to students this Wednesday. Our thoughts are with the students who will be anxiously awaiting their results.

School Dates 2016

The last day of school for 2015 is Wednesday 16th December. School begins next year for students on Thursday 28th January except for Kindergarten. Kindergarten students will undergo Best Start testing on Thursday 28th January and Friday 29th January. Individual interviews will be conducted by Mrs Tooth during these two days by appointment to assess students Literacy and Numeracy levels on entering school. Since 2010 all Kindergarten students entering NSW public schools have undertaken Best Start. Kindergarten students will officially commence school on Monday 1st February 2016. We look forward to welcoming these new students and their families into our school community.

Thanks to Mrs Penny Sheppard

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank Mrs Penny Sheppard for her tireless involvement in the P&C over the last 22 years. Mrs Sheppard resigned from her position last week. We will certainly miss her presence at future meetings and appreciate all the wonderful things she has done for our school and our community.

Finally, please enjoy the holiday break. Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meagan Crelley
Principal
Secondary News

Students of Year 8
As all Year 8 students are participating in Careers Education classes 2016, it is required that they have an exercise book to work in. 128 page is sufficient. Thank you.

Year 10 Students 2016 - Work Experience
Work Experience will be held during Term 3, week 9 12th - 16th September 2016. Students are asked to consider what they would like to do for work experience and, if possible, approach potential employers during the summer holiday. This can be through a visit to their workplace, by phone or email, or through a family/friend contact. It is the student’s responsibility to find their placement of choice. I can assist if this isn’t possible. It is first in best dressed in cases where there is high demand.

Ema Munro
Careers Adviser / HSIE teacher

Community Announcements

Swimming Club
There will be no swimming Club this Friday night 18th December. See you next year on Friday 29th January 2016.

Junior Chess

Summer 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith
WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)
WHEN: Monday 25th January 2016 (last week of the school holidays)
TIME: 9:15 am to 3:45 pm
ENTRY FEE: $10 [ $15 for a family] payable on the day.
OPEN TO: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess
PRIZES: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U18 & U12 Possible trophies for U10 depending on numbers.
REGISTER BY: 22nd January 2016 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626 or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au
WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments [ soft drink and water for sale]
You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Australia Day 2016
Don’t forget to put in nominations for awards for Australia Day 2016. Nomination forms are available at the Coleambally MSC Shire office or can be emailed to you. Nominations close on 6th January, 2016.

The Australia Day competitions with great prizes include:
Colouring in for pre-school, K-1 and 2-3. Entry forms will be delivered to the pre-school and schools. Entries are due in by 11th December and will be collected from schools or can be left at Coleambally MSC Shire office.
Best decorated Aussie thongs - for all ages. Entries to Coleambally MSC Shire office by 6th January.
Best decorated Aussie cupcakes - for all ages - entries of 3 cupcakes on a plate in by 8.30am on Australia Day.