PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

YEAR 5 CAMP
Year Five campers will be arriving back today. The last 5 days have been an exciting time of learning just what they are capable of. I was very proud of our students’ behaviour and willingness to give things a go. If you had a child at camp this week, I’m sure you’ll get a kick out of the stories and even outrageous tales which will no doubt emerge over the next few weeks. The children had a fabulous time and this was due to the exciting program of activities and the dedication of the teachers who gave up their time with families to help provide this opportunity. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Hosking, Miss Adams and Miss Hiron for all that you have done this week.

DEBATING
More debating success. Congratulations to our debaters once again. This week they were successful against Jasper Road Public School, a team recognised as accomplished debaters. This win now puts them into the quarter finals of the debating competition. Let’s hope they can go all the way.

UNSW BAND COMPETITION
Good luck to our Training and Concert bands as they compete this Sunday. I hope their extra tutorial sessions with our special guest conductor pays dividends and they bring home the gold – no pressure. Special thanks to Miss Ramsey and our parent committee who give up their time to support the children.

Craig Brown
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

YEAR 5 CAMP
The buzz as the children got off the bus this afternoon was amazing. Some very tired looking students and teachers which always sends a clear signal that they have had a fabulous week. Congratulations to all involved in the organisation. I know Mr Brown has thanked the teachers for their efforts, but I’d like to thank Mr Brown also, he gave of his time to ensure the children had a great and educational time.

PAYING AT SCHOOL ON CREDIT
Please be aware that while the school offers credit facilities for payments for excursions and the like. Payments can only be accepted for amounts of $10.00 or more. The bank charges on lesser amounts is cost prohibitive. Slips sent for processing for an amount less than $10.00 will be returned and will need to be replaced with a cash payment. Thank you for your understanding.

FITZWILLIAM AND BINALONG ROADS
It is again time for reminder that these roads are extremely busy at any time of day but particularly so at the beginning and end of the school day. Please take a few extra minutes to walk to the lights or the crossing with your child. While it may be convenient to cross directly to the IGA car park, the consequences of a misjudgment could be fatal. Please use the marked crossings.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME?
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time.

WHEN LUNCH COMES HOME..... AGAIN
Almost nine out of ten Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.


Bruce Francis  DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
Our breakfast will be held on Friday September 5 the Friday before Father’s Day. There will be two sessions, 7.30am and 8am. On the menu will be juice, coffee or tea and egg and bacon on fresh bread. We also have the option of cereal and toast for those whom do not eat meat. The cost of the breakfast is $5.00 per person and orders are to be placed by Thursday 21st August. Please note orders are to be handed to the canteen.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL – Wednesday 20 August
The canteen will be holding a special Hamburger Meal Deal day on Wednesday 20 August. It will be a hamburger and popper for $4.50. Please place your order on a brown paper bag and hand it to the canteen before Tuesday 19 August. No late orders can be accepted. There will be no other hot food available on that day.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking for students will now be held twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. The next banking day will be Wednesday 20 August.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK
Book week runs from Saturday 16 August to Friday 22 August. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading’. Over recent weeks students have been perusing the short-listed books and have participated in some competitions. Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Book Week with the performance of ‘Tiddalik’ for K-2 students and author Justin D’Ath’s visit for years 3 to 6.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This year’s PRC concludes on Friday 22 August. Years 3 to 6 students participating in the Challenge, need to have their books entered online by this date. Kindergarten to Year 2 students complete the Challenge with their teacher. For information on the PRC please visit: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book Club brochures will be distributed next week. Orders are due to your child’s class teacher on Thursday 28 August. If paying by cash, please enclose the correct amount of money. Alternatively, please use the cheque or credit card options.

P & C FAMILY PORTRAITS
The P & C has booked the photographers to take Family Portraits on 15 November. Full details and booking forms will be sent home next week.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY – ASTRONOMY NIGHT
On Saturday 23 August from 7pm – 9pm there will be a Galactic Archaeology presentation. This will show the ongoing adventures in our Milky Way corner of the Universe. This evening will include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15 – 20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes.

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