

Dear Families

18 February 2020

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our school swimming carnival on Friday. The weather was hot and steamy but the children enjoyed being able to cool off in either competitive races or non competitive activities. The carnival ran exceptionally smoothly because of the outstanding organisation of Mrs Smith and Mrs Haynes. Congratulations to all those students who will be representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at the Alstonville Pool.



## **EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Last week saw extreme wet weather hit our region resulting in rising rivers and creeks, local roads being cut and bus services cancelled. This is often a very challenging time for schools as we make every effort to ensure that children can travel home safely. Please help us to plan for future extreme weather events by;

- having up to date emergency contacts. If you live out of town please give consideration to having at least one emergency contact that lives in town, if possible. This means if roads are cut off quickly children have a place to go to.
- keeping up to date on our Skoolbag app and Facebook page for information on bus cancellations and early departures.
- keeping up to date on weather alerts and traffic information via appropriate websites such as <http://www.bom.gov.au/> - Bureau of Meteorology <https://www.livetraffic.com/> - Live Traffic; <https://northernrivers.myroadinfo.com.au/> - My Road Info
- informing the school early if you are coming to pick up your child/children. It is not always possible to get a message to children at the end of the school day, particularly in an extreme weather event. If you are in any doubt about being able to get home safely please come to school and collect your child/children as soon as possible.

## **STAYING HEALTHY AT SCHOOL**

For various reasons children can have a lower immunity level and cannot fight infections in the same way as other children or adults (immunosuppressed). This can be because they have recently had a virus, an infectious disease or because they have been treated for a life threatening disease such as leukaemia or cancer. It is very important that the school is notified immediately if any child has been diagnosed with infectious diseases such as chicken pox, shingles, measles, whooping cough etc. For a child who is immunosuppressed it is vitally important that they be given the opportunity to take medicine that can lessen their chance of further infection.

The following is general advice on stopping the spread of germs at school which can be applied to colds, flus and infectious diseases;

### Keep children at home when they are sick.

If possible keep your child away from school when they are sick. This will help prevent spreading illness to others. See a doctor immediately if you suspect your child has chicken pox, shingles, measles, whooping cough or other contagious diseases.

### Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

### Cover your mouth and nose.

Encourage children to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or cough or sneeze into their upper arm. It may prevent others from getting sick.

### Clean your hands.

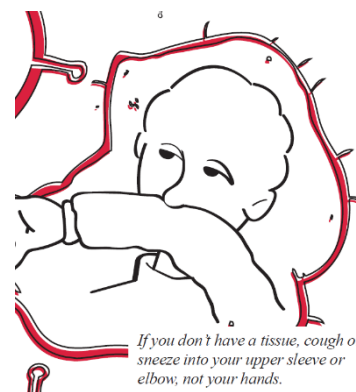
Washing hands often will help protect children from germs.

If your child is too sick to be at school, please keep them at home to rest. This may prevent others from becoming ill and helps us to ensure our children are happy and healthy at school. We appreciate your cooperation in this area.

Don't forget to add the following dates and times to your calendars.

<b>Parent and Carer Information Sessions K-6</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b>	
Early Stage One - Kindergarten	3.30pm
Stage One – Year 1&2	4pm
Stage Two – Year 3 & 4	4.30pm
Stage Three – Year 5 & 6	5pm
<b>Parent and Carer Information Session K-6 Support</b>	
<b>Unit Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	
All classes K-6	4pm

Nickie Bartlett  
Principal



### CANTEEN

Wed 19 Feb: T Coughran, R Spinaze  
Thur 20 Feb: A Arvanitis  
Fri 21 Feb: A Graveson, E Trustum



Mon 24 Feb: J Lawlor, M Smith  
Tues 25 Feb: G Philps  
Wed 26 Feb: S Blasche

**SUSHI** is available to purchase from the canteen this Wednesday, priced from \$3.50  
The canteen does not take calls from parents to order school lunches.  
Students must order their lunch before 9.05am each morning.  
The canteen does not book up children's lunch orders.



### EARLY LEAVERS / CHANGE OF AFTERNOON ROUTINE

If you will be picking your child up early for an appointment etc., please **send a note in to your child's teacher** letting them know, so that your child can be sent to the office by the teacher ready for you to collect.

If there are any changes to your child's afternoon routine, please **send a note in to your child's teacher** letting them know. As it is not always possible for messages to be delivered to students on time, we ask that parents try to avoid phoning the office (except in emergency situations). Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

### UPCOMING:

**Wednesday 19 February:** Book Club Issue 1 orders due by 9am  
**Tuesday 25 February:** Northern Rivers Swimming Carnival - Alstonville  
**Friday 21 February:** Year 4 Midginbil excursion to be paid in full by today  
**Wednesday 4 March:** Year 4 Midginbil excursion departs

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

### UPDATE OF INFORMATION

Paperwork was sent home last week regarding the information about students we have at school. It is very important that we have the correct information on our system. Please check carefully, make any adjustments required and return to the school office as soon as possible.

### 2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Attendance may have been down due to the torrential rain felt across the region last week but participation was at an all time high at this year's Casino Public School annual swimming carnival. The colour beaming from the stands and the chants sung (or should I say screamed!) from the sidelines were a credit to the students from all houses. Captains and Vice Captains helped guide their houses and they should be commended for their leadership. Because of the tremendous participation from all houses the final tally of points became very close. Whether it was across the pool, novelties or zone qualifying events, all participation and place points were collated by Mrs Dollisson and helped form the close result on the day, with only 103 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> from 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Paterson who took out the carnival on the day with 351 points! Second place was Lawson on 296, third was Gordon with 261 and fourth was Kendall with 248 points.

12 records were broken this year including Jamyson Ellis (who broke 5 individual records and was a part of the record breaking relay team). Jamyson broke the Junior boys 200m Individual Medley, 10yrs 50m Freestyle, Junior 50m Boys Breaststroke, Junior Boys 50m Backstroke and Junior Boys 50m Butterfly. Campbell Hill AWD broke the 50m 11yrs Boys Backstroke and Freestyle record, Hope Moss AWD broke the 50m 11yrs Girls Backstroke and Freestyle record and Buddy Hampson broke the 11yrs Boys 50m Backstroke and Freestyle record. The Lawson Junior Boys Relay Team (consisting of Bayden Parker, Jamyson Ellis, Cohen Dietrich and Harley Milton) also broke a record in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Junior Boys Relay by almost 30 seconds! Some of these records had been held since the year 2003!

#### **Our Champion swimmers for 2020 are:**

Junior Boys Champion: Jamyson Ellis. Runner Up Champion: Bayden Parker.

Junior Girls Champion: Mariah Newstead. Runner Up Champion: Paiten Hampson.

11 Years Boys Champion: Buddy Hampson. Runner Up Champion: Patrick Murphy.

11 Years Girls Champion: Annabelle Turner. Runner Up Champion: Katea Telfer, Annalise Locke.

Senior Boys Champion: Tye Hogan. Runner Up Champion: Makiha Torrens Williams.

Senior Girl Champion: Emilee Reichmann. Runner Up Champion: Ella Newstead.

AWD 11yrs Boys Champion: Cambel Hill. AWD 11 years Girl Champion: Hope Moss.

Students who qualified for zone, which will be held on Tuesday 25/2/20, will be handed notes today.

Thank you to all staff who helped to make the swimming carnival a success as with out your contributions the day would not have been possible.

Mrs Smith – Sports Co-ordinator

### HARMONY DAY – “PICTURE A WORLD IN HARMONY”

To celebrate Harmony Day, every student will create an A4 poster linked to the theme of “A World in Harmony”.

The winning posters will become our new PBL affirmation cards and there will be representation from each year group. Twelve designs will be printed and all posters will be proudly displayed in our office foyer.

All students are invited to **wear orange on Friday 20 March** to celebrate Harmony Day.

### LIBRARY NEWS

If you would like to make a purchase from Issue 1 Book Club. Please clearly fill in order forms and return to school along with payment no later than 9am tomorrow, Wednesday 19 February.

#### **Library Timetable**

**Monday:** 3C, 3T, 3S, 2D, KM & KG

**Tuesday:** 3/4D, 4C, 4H, 2G, KC & KT

**Wednesday:** 4K, 4/5CW, Preschool, K/3M, K/5T, 2H, 1C & 1SW

**Thursday:** 5G, 5T, 5/6F, 2/6S, 1S & 1W

**Friday:** 6R, 6S, 6W, 2S & 3/6F

### P&C NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday's 9am to 11am. Hats are available every day from the Canteen at \$10 each.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 10th at 6pm in the Staffroom. Next P&C Meeting will be held afterwards. All welcome. If you would like to be involved but unable to attend, please jump onto our Facebook Page or email us at [casinopublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:casinopublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) and we will help you out.



Our amazing Canteen is run 5 days a week by Danielle and we are always on the lookout for more volunteers. So if you have 1 day a month or fortnight free and would like to help please go and see Danielle or contact us above and we can have Danielle contact you.

P&C Committee

### COMMUNITY NEWS

<b>KYOGLÉ CINEMA</b>		Session Times Available On Our Website and Facebook		www.kyoglecineamas.com.au			
TICKETS \$12 WED \$10		Phone: 6632 1888		facebook.com/KyogleCineamas			
<b>Like A Boss</b>	<b>Midway</b>	<b>A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood</b>	<b>Birds Of Prey</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>The Will To Climb</b>	<b>The Biggest Little Farm</b>	<b>Sonic The Hedgehog</b>
							
Now Showing				Premieres 29/2		Starts 27/2	