Wednesday 4th March 2015

Message from the Principal

I find it hard to believe how fast the year is going and congratulate our students on how hard they are working. A perfect example of this is the speed with which our Kinders have settled this year. Their days are filled with learning and adventure. I have noticed how busy these classes are in the afternoon but I have also noticed that sometimes our little ones become distracted as they look for family members waiting outside the classroom. As they have now settled, I would ask Kinder parents/carers to please wait and collect their children from under the sheltered area on the cement. Teachers will walk their children out to this area for bus and pick up. This will also assist in further enhancing school routines and allowing our school to run smoothly.

I would also like to remind parents/carers that if you are arriving late or collecting your child early from school that we need you to call into the office first to collect a note. Please then give this note to the class teacher for their records. This is a requirement imposed upon us by the Department to keep all children safe so we appreciate your help in making our job a little easier.

Over the last two weeks our Primary students have been competing in swimming events, from our school carnival through to the Dubbo District Carnival last week. We have two students who will now compete at Western level with Harry swimming up a storm in the breaststroke and Anorah wowing everybody with her butterfly skills. We wish them all the very best at District. We are sure that they will do a fantastic job of representing our school and the Region.

The P&C will be holding an Infants and a Primary Easter raffle this year. Families are asked to donate an Easter item to the raffle. Please send these items to the Infants and Primary offices. Funds raised by the P&C go towards additional resources to support our children so I encourage everyone to support this fundraising event.

Also from the Infants section are our special canteen days on Thursday. The next one to be held this Thursday features the colour green with special foods available on the day including Green banana smoothies, minty milkshakes, green mineral water, green mousse, green jelly, green cupcakes, green chocolate crackles and my personal favourite, green popcorn. Our children have been sampling some of these items at breakfast club and I’m told that they are a real hit. I wonder what next fortnight will bring?

Finally, our Infant’s staff will be implementing a vocabulary extension program within their classes. Parents are being asked to assist by collecting pictures from magazines in the categories which are located elsewhere in this newsletter. Your help in getting this started is really appreciated.

Enjoy your week and remember that the best thing in life that you can give your children is your time.

Eileen Day
Principal
CANTEEN NEWS

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped out in the canteen these past few weeks. This Thursday 6th March the Infants canteen is having a crazy day. The theme for the day is ‘Green’ so look out for lots of green food.

We will have green fruit, green jelly, green shakes green cupcakes and lots of other green items. Please note that this is NOT a red food day and there will be no lollies sold.

I hope all Infants get involved and enjoy their ‘Green’ food day.

Jenny Ford
Canteen Manager

THE CRAZY LADIES
AT THE INFANTS CANTEEN

COLLECTING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY

Now that school has been in for 5 weeks and children are settled, parents, carers and anyone nominated to pick children up from school, are asked to wait under the covered area in the shade. Classrooms are very busy places and this will help to minimise disruptions through distractions outside classroom windows. Teachers will walk their class to that area of an afternoon. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
We have been very busy in Kinder settling into school life. Look at what we have been up to…Making friends

Kinder Blue

- Making patterns
- Drawing shapes
- I am SAFE
- I am RESPONSIBLE
- I am RESPECTFUL
- I am COOPERATIVE

Puzzles

Playdough

Kinder Yellow
Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am trying to put together a package for teachers but I NEED YOUR HELP please!

Can I please ask you to collect colour pictures from any of the headings below? Just cut them out/tear them out and put them into a bag. I would like these back by the end of the term please.

If you come to the office (primary or infants) and collect a zip lock bag, it will have the list in it ready for you to start to collect pictures. Please just try to make them as colourful as possible and clear.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Michelle Hampson

The categories are

- **Shoes** – men’s, ladies and children’s. All kinds including boots, high heels work boots etc.
- **Occupations or jobs that people do** – nurse, office worker, police, hospital worker
- **Musical instrument** – piano, guitar, violin
- **Fruit** - any
- **Sports** – soccer, footballs, people playing games
- **Insects** - beetles, spiders,
- **Kitchen things** – mix master, ovens, dishwashers,
- **Things we use** washing machine, lounges, mops, broom,
- **Toys/ play things** – hula hoop, puzzles
- **Farm animals** – sheep, cows, pigs
- **Animals** dogs, cats, birds, lizards,
- **Food** fresh, or frozen of ANYTHING that you would eat
- **Vegetables** fresh or frozen
- **Transport** cars, planes, trucks, bikes, scooters,
- **Accessories** – jewellery, earrings, rings, watches
- **Birds** budgies, cockatoos, galahs
- **Houses** – all shapes and sizes, brick, fibro, timber, tents
- **Around the house**- what is outside, hoses, letterboxes, lawnmower
- **Clothing** – gloves, hats, tops, pants, dresses winter and summer
- **Family** – pictures of families doing things, picnics, laughing, playing, games