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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours 8.30 till Ham

> Re-open 12 noon Till 3nm.



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School Counsellor

We welcome Mr Horne to our school as the new school counsellor. He will be working at our school every Friday morning.

If you wish to speak with him regarding your child/children's education progress or welfare concerns, please contact the school office for an appointment or we can put you in contact with him.

Financial Changes in School

This week I have received the months data use of our school webpage and there is increased activity of families accessing the pages. The new POP (Parent Online Payment) system has proved popular and certainly makes the accounting in the office smoother. Please remember to still send in the signed permission slip for all activites to the office.

The activities we know that are coming up in the future have already had accounts sent out. The new financial system will begin next term, but there will be a freeze on payments and deposits from week ten. We thank you for your cooperation in this transition period.

Cowpasture Concert Tickets

An extra 50 tickets are available for the Cowpasture Concert on the 13th October 2016. Please see the school office if you wish to purchase extra tickets for your family. The tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis, so hurry in to pay for your extra tickets.

Uniform

I have noticed there has been a great improvement with students wearing the school uniform after the last newsletter to you. Thank you for your response and support. We still have students who are wearing odd pieces of clothing like their top or trousers and I would ask parents to support our uniform policy. There is a mass of jumpers unclaimed on the library verandah, many of them not named. If they are still there at the end of next week we will wash them and place them into the uniform shop as second hand items.

Dismissal

At the end of the day we have music playing to allow the students to leave their classes and assemble under the cola area. I have noticed parents taking their children during this time before the children are dismissed. The final bell is for the children to be quiet and listen to last messages. Classes will then be dismissed by the duty teacher. This is for the safety of all students and part of the school's duty of care. Parents need to be patient and not beckon their children to leave the lines before they are dismissed. This disrupts the younger children, particularly the Kindergarten students as they see children leaving.



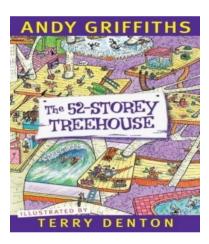
Book Parade and Grandparents Day

1st September 2016

This year the theme for our Book Parade is 'Australia: Country Story". As with every year the opportunity to dress up will see all classes and teachers participate in the parade. Prises will be awarded to the best dressed boy and girl in each class

We are combining this celebration with Grandparents Day again this year. The P&C have organised a meal deal and a special meal for the grandparents. Please return the P&C Book Week form advising the number of grandparents attending.





Book Fair will be open to buy books for your children and I'm sure if grandparents are coming they may be persuaded to buy a book as well. :)

Scholastic Book Fair

31st August — 6th September 2016

Scholastic Book Fair will be open before and after school from the 31st August to 6th September, if you wish to purchase books for your children. There is a huge range of books to choose from that are suitable for all ages. A percentage of book sales goes back to the school for us to purchase additional resources for our library.

Sharyl Scott



Elizabeth Farm and Hambledon Cottage Excursion

Last week KH, Year One and Year Two went on an excursion to Elizabeth Farm and Hambledon Cottage at Parramatta to learn about life in the "olden days". We were very surprised to find out that back then (about 200 years ago), there was no electricity in houses, no running water and no technology! They didn't even have cars.

We saw how they used to dress and some of us got to try on some clothes. To cook they had to have a fire in the kitchen and hang their pots over it. There were no fridges back then. Servants had to get the water from a well and pour it into something called a stone. It would drip through the stone into a container or bucket so people could have water for the day.

At school children had to do their work on a slate and then rub it off again. They played with simple home made toys. We had a try at writing with a feather pen or quill, as it was known, with ink. That was very tricky and pretty messy!

In the bedroom the bed was very high. The mattress had three layers and was made out of wheat, horse hair and feathers. Underneath the bed was a big chamber pot that was used as a toilet. We were very surprised to find something in it! Eeewww! We had to do some washing in a wooden bucket and hang it over a wooden rail. At night time they had to use candles and we saw how they put them out with a snuffer so the wax wouldn't go everywhere.

We all had a great day out and we decided it is much easier living now than it was back then. We are very lucky!







Get in on the action and sign your child up to play MILO in2CRICKET this summer! The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active 8-12 week program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development in every 60 min session. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong

involvement in physical activity and sport. By taking part in the MILO in2CRICKET program children will learn the basics of cricket and develop lots of other skills. Each week children will play game based activities that will keep them active, have fun and learn about cricket.

For all of your local options and more information please visit www.playcricket.com.au



Dates for your Diaries

1st September	Book Parade, Grandparents Day and Book Fair 31st Aug—6th Sept
5th—9th Sept	Swimming Scheme—Years 1-6
12th September	School Assembly—1B

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