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Living to Learn

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We are Learning on Biripi Land

«Students_Name»

«Street_Address»

Term 2, Week 4, Thursday 13th May, 2021

Dear «ParentCarer_Name»

In the past fortnight all students in the primary class have participated in online assessments. Students in years four and six completed two 'Check in Assessments' for reading and numeracy and the years' three and five have participated in the four NAPLAN assessments – writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. Check in Assessments outcomes will be available soon, with NAPLAN results being released later in the year.

Over the next few weeks Andrina and I will be conducting in school assessments in readiness for writing the first semester student reports. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 22nd June.

Last week the P&C Committee held their AGM, all positions were declared vacant. However due to the lack of numbers, the same committee members remain. Nina as president, Venessa as secretary and Nadine as treasurer. The school appreciates the time and effort you put in to provide funding so students can access and participate in extracurricular activities.

After the AGM there was a brief meeting held, one of the topics discussed was the need to enable families to make direct deposits into the P&C bank account for canteen payments. This was due to some families having a lack of cash available on canteen days or to have the opportunity to pay up front for canteen throughout the term. P&C members will be monitoring the account and will work with the school to ensure there will be no need for credit. The committee will let everyone know when this service is available. Canteen is the only regular means of fund raising the P&C have so please put your support behind these healthy delicious lunches, made by Sheridan, every Thursday.

Towards the end of term three the primary class will be joining Mt. George and Bobin School students for an excursion to Sydney, unfortunately Canberra has to be booked one year in advance, perhaps next year. The P&C have committed to helping out financially as will the school and cost for families will be kept to a minimum. However as with other major excursions it is expected that families pay the full (subsidised) amount before the excursion. A payment system will be available to enable families to budget for the costs. We are in the early stages of planning so more information will be available soon.

Some housekeeping reminders:

- ✚ With the cooler weather upon us please ensure your child has adequate warm clothes each day. The conditions can change very quickly and with cold symptoms circulating at present a mild case can quickly become more severe.
- ✚ Student absences need to be reported to the school, preferably on the day and if your child is away for more than one day definitely the next day. If the school has not been informed about a student's absence we will be in contact with you. All students, six years and older are legally required to attend school every day, unless unwell. If your child is unwell for more than two days it is preferable that you obtain a doctor's certificate. All absences are scrutinised centrally and students who have continued irregular attendance patterns will be monitored and families will be contacted by the Home School Liaison Officer.
- ✚ Lunch boxes – It has been noted that there is an increased amount of sugary type foods being included in students lunch boxes. Sandwich fillings with sugar-based spreads, sauces or biscuits do not provide enough nutrition for growing bodies and healthy brain development. What it does do, through our own observations, is it causes students to be easily distracted, lack concentration, be hyperactive or hypoactive. This makes it very hard for them to learn, recall and/or retain information.

Kind Regards,
Jo Boland

Term 2, 2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	10 th Jo Andrina Bec	11 th Jo Andrina Bec	12 th Jo Andrina Bec	13 th Jo Mirjam Jake	14 th Jo Andrina Mirjam Jake
Week 5	17 th Jo Andrina Bec	18 th Jo Andrina Bec Mirjam	19 th Jo Andrina Bec	20 th Jo Jake	21 st Jo Andrina Mirjam Jake
Week 6	24 th Jo Andrina Bec	25 th Jo Andrina Bec	26 th Jo Andrina Bec	27 th Jo Mirjam Jake	28 th Happy Healthy Harold @ Bobin Jo Andrina Mirjam Jake
Week 7	31 st Jo Andrina Bec	1 st Jo Andrina Bec	2 nd Jo Andrina Bec	3 rd Jo Bec	4 th Jo Andrina Mirjam Bec
Week 8	7 th Jo Andrina Bec	8 th Jo Andrina Bec	9 th Athletics Carnival P&C Meeting 3.15pm Jo Andrina Bec	10 th Jo Mirjam Bec	11 th Jo Andrina Mirjam Bec

School Attendance

Office

Bernie Mondays
Tuesdays

Brigitte Thursdays
Fridays

Note:

There is no one in the office Wednesdays.
Panky is in Monday and Wednesday mornings.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

ELANDS P&C MINUTES OF AGM 05/05/2021

Present: Jo Boland, Jane Watson, Venessa Franckin, Nadine Tuck
 Apologies: Nina Gardner

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting opened	3:20pm	
Minutes of previous meeting	Read and accepted	Accept: Jane Sec: Jo
<p>All Positions declared vacant.</p> <p>Nominations:-</p>	<p>Jane nominated Jo as Returning Officer for AGM. Seconded by Venessa. Jo accepted. Jo declared all positions to be vacant.</p> <p>Venessa nominated Nina as President; Seconded by Jane, accepted by Jo on behalf of Nina.</p> <p>Jane nominated Venessa Secretary; Seconded by Nadine, accepted by Venessa.</p> <p>Jo nominated Nadine as Treasurer; Seconded by Venessa, accepted by Nadine.</p>	
<p>2021 subscription of \$3 Paid by:-</p>	Jo Boland, Nina Gardner, Nadine Tuck, Jane Watson, Venessa Franckin	
<p>Audit:-</p>	<p>P&C books have been audited by Jane Watson on 31/3/2021. Annual Financial Statement Year end 2020 prepared by Nina Gardiner.</p>	
<p>AGM closed:</p>	3.40pm	
<p>Minute taker</p>	Minutes taken by and typed out by Nadine Tuck	

ELANDS P&C MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: 5/5/2021

Present: Jane Watson, Jo Boland, Venessa Franckin, Nadine Tuck
 Apologies: Nina Gardner

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting opened	3:40pm	
Minutes of previous meeting	Read and accepted	Accept: Jo Sec: Nadine
Correspondence IN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P&C Student Injury Cover Renewed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venessa has completed and sent cheque payment.
Correspondence OUT	NIL	
Business arising from the minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Billabong Zoo Excursion cancelled due to road closure from flood damage. 	
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing Balance, Commonwealth P&C Bank Account stands at \$4,020.80. 	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework Policy to be revisited at next P&C meeting. - Harmony Day lunch was limited to only teachers and students attending due to Chicken Pox outbreak in community. - Major Excursion for years 3-6 still to be confirmed. Looking into travelling to Sydney as Canberra is booked out. Trying to make it in Term 3 week 8. Date and details to be advised. - 2020 Annual Report tabled - 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan tabled. Copies are available at school office and website for anyone wanting to read. - Happy Healthy Harold will be on Friday 28th May at Bobin if the road is open. - Online Naplan assessments for years 3 and 5 are next week. Students have completed practice test and are all competent. Year 3 writing assessment will be completed by hand. - Jake is going on prac at end of term. Rebecca will be filling in his days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jo to advise of date and details of excursion.

<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P&C's Cake Stall was cancelled due to flooding. P&C are looking to reschedule in Spring. - P&C to hold a takeaway hot dinner night fundraiser. Date to be confirmed by P&C. - P&C are looking into setting up online direct deposit for canteen payments. Letter to be sent to parents with details when this will be available. - Venessa has contacted local community member Eino about the possibility of teaching Aikido to the children during sport time. Dates and time to be confirmed if this goes ahead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Venessa to organize suitable takeaway containers. - Venessa to contact P&C Federation regarding appropriate Covid plan. - Jo to talk to Bernie regarding how to set this up. - Venessa to contact Eino.
<p>Next P&C meeting/ AGM</p>	<p>Wednesday 9th June 2021.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed</p>	<p>4.45pm</p>	
<p>Minute taker</p>	<p>Nadine Tuck</p>	

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE PLAY ON A RAINY DAY

Rainy days can mean spending more time indoors and less time in active play. However, there are lots of fun activities to keep you moving indoors!

The next time you have a rainy day try these indoor activities:

- Charades
- Balloon volleyball
- Build an indoor fortress with chairs and sheets
- Hallway Bowling with toilet rolls and a soft ball or rolled up socks.
- Dance competition/disco
- Indoor scavenger or treasure hunt



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