Thursday 6th November 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Year 5/6 Camp: The students from Year 5/6 returned yesterday evening having had a wonderful time. Thank you to the accompanying adults who ensured the camp was a memorable experience for all the students, Mrs Kathy Summers, Mrs Jane Moulds and Ms Rhonda Ayliffe. We’re looking forward to finding out more about the ‘biscuit game’ which sounds very intriguing.

Snakes: Due to the warmer weather there is an increased risk of snakes being active on the school premises. Since last Thursday there have been three sightings of red-bellied black snakes. All students have been informed of this increased risk and made ‘snake aware’. All students have been instructed to remain on the paths at all times when walking around the school.

For the next few weeks, students will also be limited to the areas they are to play in so that their play does not overlap into the gardens.

Bags will be kept in classrooms and off the verandahs and all doors will be kept closed.

If students need to use the outdoor facilities during class time they will be accompanied by an adult to and from their classroom in a small group.

The chook monitors are directly supervised by an adult to and from the hen house.

The General Assistant has been employed additional hours to fill in any holes in, on, near or surrounding paths and buildings. The grass will be kept short and the gardens are being tidied and cleared of leaf litter etc. so snakes will have fewer places to shelter.

If a snake is sighted then WIRES will be contacted by one adult, whilst another adult keeps the snake in sight.

For more information about snakes:

or you can download the Australian Bites and Stings App from:

In addition to this, there will be discussion at next week’s P&C meeting about a Working Bee at the school to be held at the school to clean up the gardens in preparation for summer, possibly Saturday 15th November.

Thank you to the hard working parents and helpers who came to the school last Saturday and cleared the debris from the garden alongside the high traffic area paths. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Classes for 2015: The process has commenced with the Staffing Unit in Sydney to fill the vacancy from the beginning of next year for the position currently held by Mr Ben Grant. Depending on student enrolments, there will be four classes in 2015 with a K/1, a Year 2/3, a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6. As enrolments are not yet finalised this could have some minor changes if there is a variation of student numbers up until early Term 1, 2015.

General Assistant: The position has become vacant with the retirement of Mr Bill Kemp. The one day per week permanent part-time position was advertised on the website at jobs.nsw site today and applications close 19th November.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times, it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. In working with you, the school maximises your child’s potential.

“Education is learning what you didn’t even know you didn’t know”. Daniel J. Boorstin

Michelle Simkin
Principal

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
10 – Kinder Orientation 2:30pm
12 – P&C meeting 6:30pm
17 – Kinder Orientation 2:30pm
18 – AASC swimming
20-21 – Visual Arts Camp
21 – Book Fair in library
24 – Kinder Orientation
24 Nov-5 Dec – Special Swimming Scheme

DECEMBER
1 – Kinder Orientation
5 – Thank You Volunteers Morning Tea
Years 2/3/4 Play 10am

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8 – Presentation Morning 10am
16 - Year 6 Farewell
Student Banking every Monday

Copies of most notes are now available from the school's website.

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen helpers for next Monday are Tania Boyle, Anne Jessop and Lisa Ayliffe.
Thanks Ladies.

SCHOOL UNIFORM order forms were attached to last week’s newsletter; orders need to be in by Monday 17th November.

P&C CHRISTMAS CAKES
Thank you for the ingredients received to date, especially to the Nguyen family for the 12.5 kg of flour. To help make this fundraiser successful donations of ingredients for the cakes are still required:
- Sugar
- Eggs
- Canned Pineapple Pieces
- Mixed Dried Fruit
These can be dropped off at the School Office. Thanks.
TIME IS RUNNING OUT, SO DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR ORDER IN.

2014 Cobargo P.S. Book Fair
Where: Cobargo School Library
When: Friday 21st November
Time: 9.00 am – 3 pm

YEAR 1/2 NEWS
1/2 visited the Bush Fire Brigade Shed yesterday. They are studying “Water and how the Community uses it!”
Did you know fire-fighters don’t wash their uniforms because it would wash the fire resistant coating off! Thanks Dave for the informative talk.

LIBRARY NEWS
There will be no Scholastic Book Club this month as the library will be holding its annual book fair. The book fair is a great chance to purchase Christmas gifts with our school benefiting from every sale.

Well done to our three fantastic High Flyers for last week!

COMMUNITY NEWS
Cobargo Swimming Club.
Please join us at Cobargo Pool every Monday from 5.45pm. Sign up today. IT’S FREE.
Contact Shelley Boyle for more information on 0407185341.

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