Small schools swimming carnival

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Where are they now?
A lot of our former students will have finished their external studies at the end of last year and we would love to receive a copy of their qualifications to hang in our foyer.
Please remind people in the community that we collect anything from former students that we can display to encourage our current students to continue with their education and studies. Letters from former students describing where they are and what type of work they do can also be displayed.
We can make copies of certificates at the school.

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Casual position available
We are looking for someone to fill in a casual position as an Aboriginal Support Worker in our school. This role would include working alongside Aunty Annette and teaching staff at school.
Please submit a one page letter/resume with all your details by the end of this week (Friday, 22 February).

Students are finding it difficult to meet schooling costs such as uniforms, shoes and stationery.
A reminder that help is available for families who are finding it difficult to meet schooling costs such as uniforms, shoes and stationery.
All you need to do is put a request in writing if you can't drop into the office to see Sally or Mrs Mitchell.
Most students are wearing our new sports shirts now and assistance is available if you haven't purchased one yet. Remember though, only one shirt and one hat per year are available with this assistance.

Ambulance cover
The Department subscribes to ambulance cover for all students and staff in case of emergency whilst at school or on excursions. This includes the ACT for our Canberra excursion.
Should an emergency arise, it is important that we are able to contact either the parents or nominated emergency contact. Please make sure yellow envelope is returned with any updated information we requested last newsletter.

We are looking for someone to fill in a casual position for operating communities.
Our 3-6 class this term are studying reptiles and co-operating communities.
K-2 are studying meeting needs.
Mr Dickinson will be working with both classes on personal identity and music.

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Raffle tickets are attached for our Easter raffle. Tickets are $1 each for three yummy prizes. More tickets are available once the first book is returned to school.
The P&C are always looking for new members and fresh ideas for fundraising. They meet every first Tuesday of the month in the school library at 3.15pm.
If you are interested in holding a position, please put the date on the calendar at home.
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 April 2013 where all positions will be declared open and new position holders voted in.

Media permissions
We still have some families who have not returned the consent to use children's photos in media. This media includes the Babbler which is uploaded onto our school website each fortnight.
Please make sure consents are returned this week.

Community garden
Mr Fly will be the co-ordinating teacher this year for our community garden project. Each week children will get the opportunity to garden or cook with fresh produce from our garden.

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We're drowning in information and starving of knowledge.
Friendship, responsibility, long-term learning
School & Community News

Willawarrin School Markets are on next Saturday, 23 February starting at 8.00am. If you would like a stall site for $5, please phone Maree Tyne on 6567 1507.

Kempsey Library Van
The van visits our school on Monday fortnights around lunch time for an hour. The van is for the community as well as children. Dates this term are 25th February, 11th March and 25th March. Library members can also reserve books on-line and collect them from the van.

PCYC Thursday Afternoons
This program is being held at the school this year now that our undercover area is usable. Please see PCYC staff on Thursday afternoons if you would like more information about the program. Please note there are no staff on duty after 3.40pm so please make sure children are picked up promptly from PCYC on Thursdays at 5pm.

Wow! What a start to the year - Week 4 and already we have some champions amongst us. Well done Bonny and Max.

It is great to see everyone wearing their school uniform everyday. It makes us all look so good and we feel so proud. Shirts and hats are available at the front office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We also have two SRC members attending a Leadership day at Kempsey High this week. Darby and Emma, who are both SRC and Honour Students will be representing BPS with Mr Fly. We hope they have a good day.

Allison Mitchell, Principal

WHAT’S ON

Term 1

Week 4
Thurs 21 Feb  MECS Leadership Day KHS
Fri 22 Feb  Macleay Swim Carnival (Max/Bonny)

Week 6
Tues 5 Mar  School Assembly 2.30
Wed 6 Mar  P&C Meeting 3.15

Week 9
Fri 29 Mar  Easter Friday Holiday

Week 10
Mon 1 Apr  Easter Monday Holiday
Tues 2 Apr  P&C AGM & Meeting 3.15pm
Thurs 4 Apr  Dog Education Visit

Week 11
Tues 9 Apr  School Assembly
Fri 12 Apr  Last day Term 1

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr  Staff Development Day
Tues 30 Apr  Staff Development Day
Wed 1 May  Students Return
14-16 May  NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
11-16 Aug  Canberra Excursion

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