P & C news

All raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 27 March even if they are not sold. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 28 March.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 April 2013 where all positions will be declared open and new position holders voted in. If you are interested in holding a position, please put the date on the calendar at home.

SRC message

As the weather has cooled off now, there will be no more slushies sold on Wednesdays. Thank you for supporting us.

We raised $24 on Friday to go towards a new totem tennis.

Woolworths earn & learn points

We have recently received the items picked out from all the points earned last year. Thank you everyone for supporting our school. We have some more great books for the library as well as some new cushions to curl up with a good book.

Ride2School day

On Thursday, 28 March 2013 we are participating in National Ride2School Day. We are planning bike and road safety activities as well a finishing the day with a ride along Toose Road, weather permitting.

Every student who brings a bike to school must have a helmet and safe footwear. Bikes can be dropped off at school before this date if needed.

A reminder that going on excursions is a privilege and only those children with good behaviour will be allowed to participate on the bike ride.

Any parents who would like to join us are more than welcome.

Newsletter survey

We would appreciate all families completing the enclosed survey. This will help us improve communications with the community.

Homework heroes

Ellie Nemani Mary-Rose Nikia
Marney Jaren Riley
Hannah Lea-Ann Jarell Isimeli
Gracie Genevieve Elenoa
Emma Tyliqua Chrystal

Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction

Why was the computer cold?
Because it forgot to close its windows.
School & Community News
Junior Squash for all school aged children -
coaching and social games - Wednesdays at
Kempsey Indoor Sports, 4pm to 5.30pm. $5 per
child. Phone: 6562 1225

Kempsey Annual Eisteddfod Speech & Drama is
on 17 - 23 June 2013. Syllabus available at
school. Entries close 5 April.

Nikia, Nemani and Ellie for outstanding effort with
challenging maths tasks.

These students attended school everyday so far this
term:
Hannah Gracie Elena
Isimeli Genevieve Anthony

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more
engaged in their learning. So teaching your child
about the importance of making friends is as vital as
learning their ABCs.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-
child’s-learning

Bellbrook Babbler

Term 1 - 19 March 2013

Friendship, responsibility, life-long learning

WHAT’S ON
Term 1
Week 8
Tues 19 Mar  Principal’s Conference Coffs
Week 9
Wed 27 Mar  Book Club orders due in
Thurs 28 Mar  Ride2School Day
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 Days - National
Tues 30 Apr  Curriculum Training
Wed 1 May  Students Return
14-16 May  NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
Week 4  BPS Athletics
11-16 Aug  Canberra Excursion

Anti-Bullying Day
On Friday we had an anti-bullying/violence day. We
participated in different activities like puppetry, painting
bandanas and made a whole school banner. We had to
dress in our brightest colours.

Mahteece, Priscilla, Darby and Emma won best dressed.

We finished the day with a game of tee-ball. I had a great
day.

Genevieve, SRC

Fun Swimming Carnival
Last week I went to the swimming carnival. I played heaps
of games in the pool. I had to run in the water. It was hard
but I didn’t give up because I had to do it. I also had to ride
a noodle. It was like riding a horse. I hopped out of the pool
with Imogen and she held the towel for me. When I finished
I held my towel for Imogen so she could get dressed. Then
I went home.

Hannah, K-2

Last week our school had a swimming carnival. I played
egg and spoon races. Then we played noodle races and
bullrush. I had lots of fun with my new friends.

Nemani, K-2

Our 3-4 class recently had a class party for maths.
Students had to calculate catering costs.

Importance of Family Mealtimes
- Eating meals together provides children with
structure and routine, which can improve behaviour.
- Children often copy parents’ behaviour, so by setting
a positive example for your children at the dinner
table, it may increase their intake of fruit and
vegetables and decrease fussy eating.
- Meal times are a good time to communicate with
your children. Use this opportunity to have family
conversations and as a time for open
communication with your children.

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Family Mealtimes
- Encourage good manners and behaviours. This
is a good time to teach your children to use cutlery
and to say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ at appropriate
times.
- Turn off the television during meal times to help
facilitate conversation.
- Make mealtimes fun! Don’t confront children about
their eating patterns at this time, ignore their fussy
eating and have light conversation.
- Involve children in the preparation of meals; this
will teach them vital
cooking skills and should be fun as well.