WEEKLY SCHOOL AWARDS

Week 6

CLASS MERITS

K/1 – Kohan
3/4 – Jenna
5/6 – Alana D

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS - Congratulations to Austin, Sicily, Bella, Layne and Nicholas for receiving the Principal Award’s last week.

BEE AWARDS - 16 Bee Award Certificates for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) were handed out at our weekly Assembly. Congratulations to Kyle who achieved his 16 Bees Award last week.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Only 3 week till the end of Term 2 and holidays begin.

Next week is a short week in the classroom with Monday being a public holiday and Friday 12 June with our Athletics Carnival.

Teachers have been conducting the field events at the school. Students are to wear their sports uniform and correct footwear. Students are encouraged to support their sports house by wearing house colours, making signs, etc.

The Canteen will be operating on the day with morning tea and lunches for sale. Lunches must be ordered as normal on Friday morning (see P&C News). All students must bring adequate water for the day and wear a hat.

Parent volunteers will be needed to assist on the day with ribbon writing, etc. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Hall first thing on Friday morning or earlier.

I have attached a publication the Department of Education and Communities has released in regards to Compulsory School Attendance, information for parents. As it is that time of the year with colds and flus about. Please keep your child home if they are sick. By your child staying home they recuperate faster and minimise the risk of spreading their colds to others. So keep warm. 😊

Regards, Peter Pilgrim

SNAKE TAILS – REPTILE VISIT

The whole school enjoyed the Snake Tails Reptile visit last Monday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 16 June. Students are to wear their normal winter uniform (long pants, black shoes and their maroon jumpers/jackets). Individualised photo envelopes were last week with all children. Sibling order forms are available from the office. ALL ENVELOPES are to be returned by or on photo day even if you are not ordering.
P&C and CANTEEN NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Don’t forget if you are going to place a lunch order for pies, sausage rolls or pasties, can you please complete the slip below and return it to school by next Friday with what you will require. **(NO MONEY with the slip please)**
All orders are to be placed as normal on the Friday morning before school.
For morning tea we are asking families for donations of cakes, slices, etc to be sold. These can be left at the school before 9.00 am or at the showground after this.
Helpers will be needed for the day to serve morning tea (9.00 – 11.30 am) and lunch (11.30 am to 1.30 pm). If you are able to assist in either of the time slots please indicate this on the slip below or contact Kerrie McDonald. Can these slips be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 5 June.

Canteen Roster – Term 2

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Thank you for your help. If there are any problems or you are available to help on the days needed, please contact Kerrie on 0407 068 603.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - CANTEEN LUNCH ORDER

For the Athletics Carnival I ........................................ would like to order:

_________ sausage rolls  ___________ pies  ___________ pasties

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – CANTEEN HELPER

I am able to assist in the follow time slots:

☐ 9.00 – 11.30 am  ☐ 11.30 am – 1.30 pm

Name: ______________________________  Contact Number: ______________________

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADELONG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY BBQ
Monday 8 June 2015.
For a catch-up and for a chat.
All community members are invited to attend
for companionship and to maybe share ideas for town improvements.
Gold coin donation. In the car park of the old swimming pool, just over the main bridge.
All welcome.
For further details contact Stephanie Smyth at the Bendigo Bank, Adelong.

ADELONG HORSE ACTIVITY GROUP
KIDS FUN RIDING DAY
Wednesday 1 July 2014
9.00 am set-up
10.00 am start & gear check
Adelong Horse Activity Group will be holding a Kids Fun Riding Day during the school holidays.
The aim of the day is for kids to have fun and enjoy riding with others.
We will be having a sausage sizzle lunch.
All children must be accompanied by an adult, have correct riding footwear and an approved helmet.
Bookings essential. Please email or contact Rose McCormick for further enquiries & bookings:
roseyroose66@hotmail.com or Adelong Horse Activity Group’s FB page.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

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.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enroll in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.