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Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the infants class who all completed the PRC! What a terrific achievement for you all. For all your hard work Miss Vaughan has organised a pizza party for you next Thursday. Hopefully this might work as an incentive for the primary class for the next Challenge. Miss Vaughan tells me that every Wednesday the K-2 class would come into the library after lunch, pick up some books from the shelf

and sat quietly to read. They have continued this even after the PRC has finished for the year. Miss Vaughan has already sent home reading logs with students for the next PRC. Each student received it this week and for every book a student reads they need to fill out the log with the name of the book and the author. With nearly 6,000 books on each PRC list, there's a good chance you'll read some of them at home from either the school

or the town library.

The hope is that many of the books students are reading at home are books that are on the PRC lists and will count towards next year's challenge. If you would like to check the lists you can access them at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Please keep the folders somewhere safe and make sure you are regularly updating the list. The more books that are read the better.

Library News

Dymocks Children's Charities are also making plans for an MS Read-a-thon style sponsorship program for the 2012 PRC. Children can collect money from sponsors for every PRC book that is read and the money is donated to that child's school library to purchase new books

and titles from the PRC. When more information is available we will pass it on but please keep it in mind for next year's challenge.

Many thanks to Mrs Watson who has been tirelessly adding new titles to the library system. This week we

had around 30 of the new books that have been donated make their way onto the library shelves and many of them have already been borrowed. If families would like to donate any old books please speak to Miss Vaughan on a Wednesday.



School Calendar

- **Friday 16th September** - Footy Fever Mufti Day (gold coin donation)
- **Tuesday 20th September** - P&C Meeting in the library at 3:30pm
- **Wednesday 21st September** - SPaCEXpo at Carr Confoy Park
- **Wednesday 21st September** - Years 5 and 6 speakers in the Eisteddfod
- **Thursday 22nd September** - Year 4 speaker in the Eisteddfod
- **Friday 23rd September** - 7 yr old and 8 yr old speakers at the Eisteddfod

SPACExpo

SPACExpo is next Wednesday. In previous years students have had many and varied experiences with different sports (laser tag, triathlon, wheel chair basketball) and cultural activities (Water Works Museum, the Men's Shed) and this year looks to be no different to any other year. Students will travel to

Goulburn by bus next Wednesday 21st September. The bus will leave school at 9:20am so please be aware that if students are late to school you will need to arrange transport for them to Carr Confoy Park as there will be no supervision at school.

A BBQ lunch will be provided for

students but you will need plenty of water to drink and recess to eat. It is vitally important that students not forget school hats as we will be out in the sun all day and we will take sunscreen for the students as well. If a school hat can't be located on the day please ensure students wear a broad-brimmed hat.

Coles and Woolworths

Thanks to some very generous donations as well as your support we are doing quite well with our Coles and Woolworths points. We shot up from 2900 to 3660 Coles points in a week and from 957 Woolworths points to 1254 points in just one week. Given our small school, such a jump in points is incredible!

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Eisteddfod

Seven of our students are taking part in the eisteddfod next week. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck to

- Michelle de Ruyter
- Emma de Ruyter
- Emily Clark
- Jordan Babic
- Cheyanne Baxendine
- Gemma Seymour
- Melissa Williams

The students got some advice from previous competitors this morning. Be strong speakers and be proud of your efforts.

Banking

Just a reminder that student banking day is Thursday. It's very easy for students to sign up for a bank account. Come in, see Mrs Watson for a form, fill it out and start sending your bank book in with a few dollars each week and watch your savings grow!



Items of Interest

Spring holidays

The last day of Term 3 is Friday 23 September. With warmer weather hopefully upon us, here are some ideas for enjoying the holidays with your family:

www.nsw.gov.au/school-holidays
<http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/>
www.kidspot.com.au
<http://ourkidz.com.au/content/view/1>

[961561langen/
www.visitnsw.com](http://961561langen/www.visitnsw.com)

Building self esteem

It's never too early to help build self-esteem and resilience in a child. Self-esteem builds a solid foundation for people to deal with life and the many challenges it can pose. The

Department of Family and Community Services has a good publication on this subject, as well as more for grandparents who are caring for young children, step families, single parents and coping with grief. Go to:

www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting/general_tips_for_parents_and_carers

Special Swimming Scheme

It's that time of year again. Week three next term is the first week of swimming lessons. The lessons are on offer for students from year two to year six. There are 23 places available and 31 students who fit in that year range so as usual it will be a case of students who are the less-competent swimmers will get the first posi-

tions and any spots after those are filled will be given to the students who return notes first. I realise that this comes on the back of camp for years 3-6 and so every effort has been made to keep the cost of swimming lessons as low as possible. Diane has kept the bus price the same for us for the last four years and she does not

charge us for the driver only the cost of the bus. With money coming from council, and the school the cost to parents will be \$15 for the bus and \$20 pool entry for the two weeks. This gives us a total of \$35 per student for two weeks worth of swimming lessons.

Child Approached

The following police report was sent to me yesterday and given the rural setting we live in I wanted to alert you to this and remind you all how important it is not to leave students unattended at bus stops

Child approached – Penrose
Tuesday, 13 September 2011
01:27:08 PM

Police are reinforcing the safe people safe places message to parents and children following an incident in the state's Southern Region yesterday.

About 4.30pm (Monday 12 September), a 12-year-old boy was walking home after school on Kareela Road in Penrose.

A white vehicle, possibly a sedan, stopped next to him and the male driver asked the boy to get into the car, threatening to harm him if he didn't.

The boy dropped his school bag and ran into a nearby golf course and hid within the grounds, while the man in the car drove into the golf course before driving away.

Police from Bowral Police were contacted about the incident and have gathered descriptions of the man and his vehicle.

The man is described to be in his late 30s to early 40s with short brown hair and wearing a white t-shirt. His vehicle was clean, had light coloured tinted windows and a white and blue fabric

covered the steering wheel.

Anyone with information that may assist police is encouraged to contact Bowral Police Station on 4862 9299 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Please use this opportunity to discuss the importance of safe people, safe places with your children.