A great place to be, a great place to learn

Manning West Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Manning Zone Swimming Carnival. Bungwahl PS, once again, won the Championship Handicap Shield.

It was an outstanding result that was achieved because of the commitment of the Bungwahl PS parents (and grandparents). So many of you have invested a great deal of time (and money) to get your children to the point where they can swim with good technique, confidence and stamina.

This investment will be rewarded tenfold, not necessarily in carnival victories but the confidence and skills they have acquired gives them safe access to our local area's greatest recreational asset - water!

The following are the place getters in championship events:

- Silver Mahony - 1st 100m freestyle, 1st 50m freestyle, 2nd Open medley, 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke;
- Lilly Stack - 2nd 50m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Butterfly;
- Ginger Harrison - 1st 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 11yrs Backstroke;
- Nathaniel Kennedy - 3rd 50m Breaststroke;
- Jy King-Stow - 1st 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle;
- Carda Stack - 1st 50m Freestyle; 3rd 50m Backstroke;
- Sienna Cadman-Byrne - 3rd 50m Breaststroke;
- Sam Smith - 1st 50m Freestyle
- Tyler Manefield - 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle
- Bodhie Meier - 3rd 50m Freestyle
Mixed Junior Relay - 1st  Ava Beitzel, Sam Smith, 
Carda Stack and Silver Mahony

Mixed Senior Relay - 1st  Lilly Stack, Tyler Manefield, 
Bodhie Meier and Jy King-Stow

P5 relay - 1st  Lilly Stack, Tyler Manefield
  Bodhie Meier and Silver Mahony

The zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Wed 24th February. I will inform you, as soon as I am informed, who will be competing in the zone carnival.

I am very proud of all the students who attended the carnival, whether they can first, last or somewhere in between, for their effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Parent Information Meetings
I would like to remind you all that parent information meetings will be held in Wk 4. I encourage all parents to attend these meetings.

The Lower Division parent information meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February commencing at 2.15
The Upper Division parent information meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February commencing at 2.15

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)
As stated in last week’s Monday Messenger, Ms Crozier will be interviewing Yr 1 and 2 students this Friday. I will be interviewing Upper Division Students the following Friday.

Kidsmatter
As result of the analysis of the school satisfaction surveys, it became obvious that there is feeling amongst all stakeholders that there is a need for a more systematic approach to student well-being, which includes achievement recognition, behaviour management, anti-bullying and resilience. To this end, we are going to adopt ‘Kidsmatter’.

Kidsmatter is an exciting, comprehensive well-being program that has been implemented in a large number of schools across Australia. It is an initiative jointly developed by Beyond Blue and the Australian Principals’ Council. It is jointly funded by Beyond Blue and the Australian Government.

For more information regarding Kidsmatter go to www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Long Service Leave
I will be going on long service leave from Mon 29th February until Friday 18th March.
I will be going to Tasmania with my wife to celebrate our approaching 60th Birthdays.
Ms Crozier will fill the role of relieving principal, Ms Carpenter will be the Upper Division class teacher and Mrs Smith will take over as librarian.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Fees
Could all parents pay their SAKG fees as soon as possible ($20 per child).

Sporting Schools- Cycling
In Term 1, Sporting Schools will be funding an after-school cycling program. It will be conducted, once again, by Paul Dixon. It will be designed to cater for the needs of all children. At this stage, it should commence on Monday 15th February.
There are still issues to be resolved with the cycling peak body who must approve programs before ‘Sporting Schools’ will provide the funding. As soon as these issues are resolved a permission note will be sent home.

Upper Division Major Excursion
Only 15 weeks to the major, those people who wish to pay in instalments should commence as soon as possible. Final price has not been established but we anticipate that it will be between $280 and $320. If you would like start making payments through direct deposit the details are: BSB : 032001  ACC 162454. Use child's surname as a reference.
Class Meetings

Yes I will be attending my child’s class meeting:

LD  Wednesday 17th February at 2:15
UD  Thursday 18th February at 2:15

Name: ________________________  Signed: __________________________

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P&C Membership

Please find enclosed my $2:00 P&C membership for 2015 to enable voting right at AGM in March 2016

Name: ________________________________  Signed: __________________________________

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Monday Messenger

Last year parents had the option of receiving their Monday Messenger by email or hard copy.

Please tick what option you would like to receive your newsletter this year.

Please remember that all excursion permission notes are hard copied to all parents.

In choosing email we are saving on ink and paper and reducing our carbon footprint.

☐  By Email  Address: ________________________________

☐  Hard Copy

Name: ________________________________

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