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Wanted

Students to learn bagpipes and drums
Full tuition supplied.

Barossa & District Pipe Band
Contact: Peter 0401 260 726
or tanundapiper@gmail.com

Newsletter Email Address

If you have any community announcements that you would like to place in the school newsletter please email:
twps.newsletter842@schools.sa.edu.au

Scholastic Book Club

The school is participating in the Scholastic Book Club.
All orders will need to come to the front office. It would be appreciated if book orders are handed in an envelope with the money and order. The child’s name and class written on the front. Issue four will be available soon for ordering.

Diary Dates

24th May
Walk Safely to School Day
27th May to 31st May
Reconciliation week
29th May
Governing Council Meeting
30th May
Reconciliation Celebration Day.
3rd June
Parents and Friends AGM 9.30am.
5th June
World Environment Day.
7th June
Pupil Free Day.
10th June
Queen’s Birthday
7th July
Grandparent’s Day
Last Day of Term 2

TWO WELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Term 2, Week 4, 2013
Demonstrating the values of
Honesty **** Caring ****
Persisting **** Respect ****
Responsibility
Principal - Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
Deputy Principal - Ann-Marie Ellis
Counsellor - Judy Sanders
17 Gawler Road TWO WELLS SA 5501
Phone: 85 202 277 Fax: 85 202 583
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Email: dl.0444.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Pupil Free Day
7th June

At this stage of the term most students are really settled into the routine of school. It is great to see so many students demonstrating our school values as well as taking pride in wearing the correct school uniform.

I would like to congratulate all the year 3, 5 & 7 students who sat the NAPLAN test last week. We had 100% of year 3 students in attendance, with minimal absences in year 5 (2) and year 7 (3) due to illness. Although NAPLAN is just one indicator of how your child is performing at school, it does provide us with useful information for future planning and programming.

Many new Reception students started school this term and I have enjoyed spending time with the students and talking with their parents. Some parents have voiced concern about the change they have noticed in their children in the last few weeks. It is important to remember that it takes at least a full term for new receptions to settle into the more structured routine of school where they are expected to attend five days a week. Receptions will be very tired and possibly ‘grumpy’ when they come home from school as they are taking in so much new information during the day. They are required to be far more independent as there is only one teacher in the classroom and at times an SSO. You can support your child to cope with the changes by making sure they are in a good routine before and after school and getting plenty of sleep. Encourage your child to do simple tasks at home related to school such as packing their own bag, dressing themselves etc. Talk to your child about their day and if they voice concerns about what is happening at school please see the classroom teacher or make a time to chat with a member of the leadership team. Often students only tell parents about others inappropriate behaviour and ‘forget’ to mention their involvement. It is important to get both sides of the story.

We have a whole school assembly next Friday at 9.15pm in the Gym. Hopefully it won’t rain as the roof still leaks! We are expecting to have the roof fixed by the end of week 8 as we will be having our Grandparents Day concert on the last day of this term instead of during term 3 when we have Science and Book Week.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are looking at running another Jolly Phonics parent workshop. Unfortunately the presenter we use is booked up for most of this term so we are currently trying to negotiate a later date or another presenter.

The mornings are certainly getting much cooler and I am amazed at the number of students coming into school in shorts and t-shirts. We have plenty of good quality ‘recycled’ jumpers if anyone is interested.

Thank you
Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
YEAR 7-8 TRANSITION

A reminder that all Application for Year 8 Enrolment Forms are due back to the front office urgently to ensure your child is given a place at their zoned school. Please return regardless of whether you are going to private or public as the information is also passed onto private schools. The transition pack also included forms for “Enter For Success” and “Science School”. Please return these if they are relevant to you and your child.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

If your child comes home with an issue on the bus, could you please direct them to the office to report it to Mrs Ellis. Lately there have been a number of incidents where children have been extremely noisy and disruptive on the buses. This makes it difficult for the driver to concentrate and unpleasant for the children using this service. Unfortunately we cannot address the issues if we are not aware of them. We have processes to manage behaviour on buses, including time out of the yard, bus behaviour notifications and if necessary, suspension from the bus.

THANK YOU KERRY

After eight years of hard work keeping our school clean, Kerry Chapman is retiring today. We would like to thank her for dedication and wish her all the best for the future.

RECEPTION TRANSITION

Transition starts in week 7 Tuesday 11th June 8:50 to 10:30; week 8 Tuesday 18th June 8:50 to 12:30; week 9 Tuesday 25th June 8:50 to 1:30.

A new reception class will be starting in Term 3, Melissa Warren will be the teacher and will be available for the transition visits.

If you are aware of any families who are enrolling children at our school, could you please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible if they have not already filled in an enrolment form.

CAR PARK

Some concerns have been raised about the speed cars are travelling in the parent carpark (at the back of the oval). Drop off and pick up times are very busy with lots of parent/caregivers and children in and around cars so please be mindful of your speed for everyone’s safety. Also some parents/caregivers are walking their children in and out of the school on the driveway rather than using the footpath. A number of parents have been driving in to the staff carpark and dropping children in front of the hall or parking in the canteen car park. This is extremely dangerous with buses and cars moving in and out of the school. Please use the footpath and set a good example to our students. Also a reminder that the car park in front of the office is for staff only.

A well deserved pat on the back for our Years 3, 5 and 7 students in completing the NAPLAN tests last week.

Today is WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY. Although our school location makes it necessary for many of our students to access the bus / car, it is pleasing to see quite a number being able to walk or ride each day. Perhaps an extra brisk walk during the weekend can make up for the vehicular travel during the week.

Road Safety reminders:
• Always look both ways to check that the road is clear before crossing
• Use the Gawler Road crossing in the mornings / after school
• Always check for traffic before opening a car door to exit
• Wear your helmet when riding

Today is also NATIONAL SORRY DAY— to celebrate the journey of healing for our stolen generation.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE—School jumpers / jackets are needed now that the weather is becoming colder. There are plenty of second hand ones available from lost property with no names. Please label your child’s clothing as this makes it easy to return misplaced items.

Our Parent Club also stocks rain jackets which are very good value.

RECONCILIATION WEEK—WEEK 5

A variety of class and whole school activities are planned for the week, including a school balloon release on Friday during assembly.

A note about our damper/roo burger has been given to all students today.

A warm welcome to our recent new enrolments. It is wonderful to have you joining our classes.

Leonne Hewson ACEO has worked hard on making this an enjoyable week full of activities.

THANK YOU LEONNE

THANK YOU Parent Club for another WONDERFUL MOTHERS’ DAY STALL -from the students.

Hand, foot and Mouth Disease.

This is a mild viral illness and has nothing to do with animals diseases with similar names (e.g. Foot and mouth disease in livestock).

Symptoms include a slight fever, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear. Affected young children may refuse to eat or drink.

Hand, foot and mouth disease is spread through contact with the fluid in the blisters. This is most likely to occur when the virus becomes airborne during coughing, singing, talking etc.

Allow the blisters to dry naturally, do not deliberately pierce the blisters.

Follow good hand washing and cleaning procedures.

Incubation period

Usually 3—5 days.

Infectious period

As long as there is fluid in the blisters.

Exclusion period

Students are not to return to school until all the blisters have dried.

Canteen News

New Fruit Stack Icy Poles 60c

Pizza now available in: Meat lovers Supreme Ham & Pineapple

Parent and Friends

AGM on the 3rd June, 9:30am in room 5a. All welcome to come and join us.

A big thank you to everyone that supported the Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to all of the volunteers and students who helped on the day.

Spare Clothes

We are after donations of black track pants. We require a range of sizes. Sometimes our students require a change of pants especially in the wet weather. Please drop off any donations to the front office. We would also like some donations of NEW (for hygiene reasons) underewear.

THANK YOU for your co-operation.

Resource Ramble

FUN – SHARE BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD

Sharing books together is one of the most powerful ways for children to develop a love of reading.

Children love to spend time with their important adults and reading together is a time when they are anchored together.

Reading books can introduce children to a wide vocabulary.

It also helps children learn about the importance of print in their lives and all the different ways in which we use it.

Reading signs and words around us shows children that print is important and why.

Reading together can help build bonds between families.

It also helps with routines, such as rest times or bed times.

What families can do together:
• Make a reading time every day if you can. This could be five minutes or half an hour depending on your child’s interests and attention span;
• Reading can happen anywhere and anytime. Children love bedtime stories and reading can be a great routine for settling children. Make sure you choose a calm book for bedtimes. Funny exciting books are great for other times of the day.
• Children often like to hear a book over and over again. You might be tired of the same story but repetition helps children learn the rhythm of the story and to predict what will happen next. Favourite books are very special for children.
• Make books at home about your family and the things you like to do. Children love stories about themselves.
• Read labels, point out signs and tell children what you are writing. This all helps them see the importance of print.
• Let older children write shopping lists or cards to people.
• Encourage your child(ren) to borrow books from their school library.
• Help your child(ren) complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge each year.
• Visit libraries often. They have lots of fun activities.

Log onto www.thelibbiebigbookclub.com.au for suggestions on good books for different ages.

(Information from The Advertiser, 20.05.13)

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild To pick up a good book and read to a child”

(Dr Seuss)

Anna CTM White – Teacher/Librarian

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Well done everyone.

THANK YOU LEONNE

Counsellor