



BILPIN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 2 Week 6

Monday, 3rd June 2013

Dates to Remember

Term 2	
4th June	P & C Meeting - 3.30pm
5th June	AASC - Athletics
5th June	UNSW Science Comp
5th June	Longneck Lagoon Enrichment Day Stage 3
10th June	Public Holiday
12th June	AASC - Athletics
13th June	Multicultural Public Speaking Local Area Comp - Comleroy Rd PS
14th June	Book Club Orders due back
17th June	UNSW Writing Comp
18th June	UNSW Spelling Comp
19th June	AASC - Athletics
24th June	Uniform Order due back
27th June	Year 4-6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion
28th June	Year 4-6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

P & C Meeting

The June P & C Meeting will be on this Tuesday 4th June at the earlier time of 3.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Longneck Lagoon Enrichment Day - Stage 3

Four students, Aleesha, Anika, Sally-Anne and Jack will be attending the Enrichment Day at Longneck Lagoon on Wednesday 5th June. The program is designed to develop skills in the use of a topographic map, compass and Global Positioning System (GPS). The program will also explore environmental issues and develop problem solving and teamwork skills.

Assembly

Our next school assembly will be this Wednesday 5th June at 2.45 pm in the Library.

Multicultural Public Speaking

Four students will be competing in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Comleroy Road Public School on Thursday 13th June. The students selected from our school are Kelsea, Lexie, Claudia and Mali. We wish them all the best for the competition.

Year 4/5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

Thank you to those parents who have sent back their information forms for the excursion, as well as their money. Parents are reminded that all monies need to be finalised before Friday 21st June.

Completed information sheets need to be returned immediately. So far we have only received 6 out of 36 completed forms.

Uniform Order

A uniform order form has been attached to this newsletter. If you wish to order winter uniforms please complete and return the form NO LATER THAN 24th June. Please make cheques payable to the Bilpin Public School P&C Association.

District Cross Country

We had 7 representatives at the District Cross Country on Friday 31st May at Cattai. Our runners participated with enthusiasm and determination and gained the following placings:

Xavier	2nd
Kaelin	15th
Annabelle	15th
Laura	16th
Saya	34th
Lily	35th
Tyson	40th

Well done to everyone. Xavier was selected in the Hawkesbury team for the Sydney West Carnival to be held on Friday 14th June.



P & C Meeting

4th June 2013

The Staff Room 3.30pm

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

President	Darryl Carle	4567 1018	<i>Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss</i>
Vice President	Heidi Wilson	4567 0070	
Treasurer	Nicole McEvoy	4567 1351	
Secretary	Nikki Wheen	4567 1154	

Frozen Soup

There are frozen soups available for sale for \$5.00 per container. Zucchini and Leek, Curry Cauliflower and Potato, Pumpkin and Pea and Ham. Please contact Nicole McEvoy ph 4567 1351 or Kelly Haines ph 4567 0246 for orders. The soup will be available for collection on Friday afternoons from the school office. Payment can be made at the school office. Please place money in an envelope, recording your name and total on the front.

Woolworths Vouchers

The Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' 2013 program has commenced. This year Woolworths will be giving out stickers which need to be placed on cards supplied at the school. Completed cards can be placed in the collection box in the office foyer. The program closes on 9th June 2013.

Canteen News

Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to assist in the school canteen for the remainder of Term 2;

Thursday 6th June	Michelle Leer
Monday 10th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 13th June	Kelly Haines
Monday 17th June	Louise Saarinen
Thursday 20th June	Cheryl Baird
Monday 24th June	Sabine Koch
Thursday 27th June	Michelle Leer

Potato Bake is now available to purchase at \$2.60. An updated Canteen Menu has been attached to the newsletter.

We are also currently selling warm Apple Turnovers for 80c each and Sippah Straws for \$1.00.

Angie Pirie

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their special day in June;

Tarla (10) and Dion (5).

Class News

Kindergarten/Year 1 News -

This week Kindergarten's new sounds will be th, qu, ou, oi ue. This will be followed by a week of revision next week.

Year 1 Maths homework is Units 12.1, 12.2, 12.3.

For news in Week 8 (beginning 17th June) we would like all of K/1 to prepare and recite a nursery rhyme. We will be listening for clarity, expression and accuracy.

Mrs J. Shields and Mrs S. Carroll

Year 2/3 News -

Year 2/3 have been completing some fantastic work in our 'History of My Family', HSIE topic. Thank you to all the families who have given the students information to help with this topic. We will now be able to look at the similarities and differences of life now and then, as well as the changes in family and school life.

The students have been working with ipads to create animated family trees, including sounds and pictures.

Maths homework for this week is pages 28 and 29 for Year 2 and pages 32 and 33 for Year 3.

Mrs N. Oram and Mrs K. Pearson

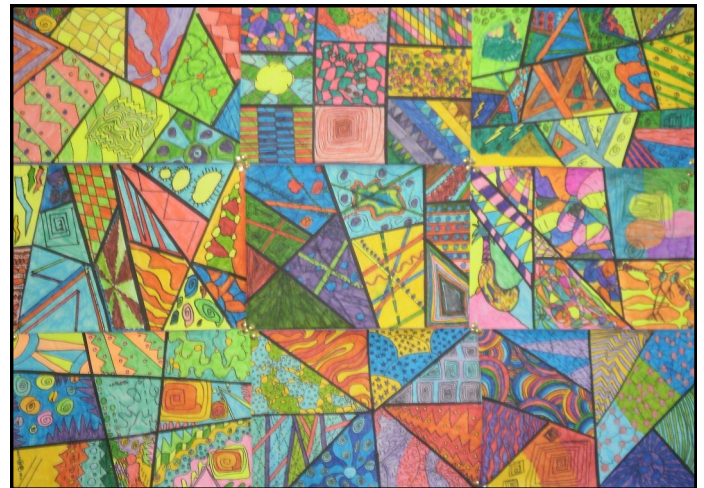
Year 4/5 News -

The students have been looking at lines in our art lessons. They have been producing wonderful artwork using a variety of lines to make patterns. They are a colourful addition to our classroom.

Maths homework for this week is Unit 12 and for the following week it will be Unit 13.

Thank you to all those students in our class who have returned their information forms and medical forms, if applicable, for the excursion.

Mrs J. Currey



Year 6 News -

Thank you to the parents who have been able to come in to help out with Reading. We are always looking for extras, so if you are able to spare half an hour on Monday through to Thursday please feel free to come in. The students derive great benefit from being able to read aloud to someone every day.

We have completed a wide range of activities in Maths this term, both in our textbooks and using computer based activities. It has been pleasing to watch my students tackle some extension activities normally covered in Year 7.

As part of our 'Digital Citizenship' unit we have completed surveys to determine the various devices used by students to access the Internet. We created a graph of the results in Maths and also a PowerPoint presentation to explain different technology devices and how we use them. Our upcoming lessons involve discussing safety practices the students need to be aware of when using the Internet.

In Music we have started to look at musical instruments and the parts of an orchestra. We will be completing activities on each of these families and listen to some famous orchestral pieces. As part of this unit the students will also get the opportunity to create some of their own music using the percussion instruments and the computer.

Mr A. Hynds



Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (for Women)

Are you looking to get back into work or to change your work direction? This course offers you a unique opportunity to review your situation, assess your skills and your options and to work out a sustainable plan to get into the job of your choice.

Proposed Timetable

Next Info Session

Thurs 27th June 2013 @ 10:00am
Rm K 1 24
Kingswood Campus, O'Connell St

Full-time for 18 weeks – starting July
9:30 am to 2:30 pm, 4 days @
Kingswood with school holidays off.

TAFE NSW fee

Free

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Ghost Hill Spring Water

Available from

Matt Hawkins Water

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3rd Annual Sydney Classic & Antique Truck Show 2013



Free amusement rides and displays.
Live entertainment on stage.

ADMISSION: Adults \$15 (includes up to three children under 16 free with paying adult)
Concession \$10 (excludes free child entry)

Open to Heavy Commercial & Specialised Vehicles over 30years
(pre entry required)

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(02) 4731 3000 www.museumoffire.com.au

Public
Show Day -
Sunday, 16th
June, 2013
8am to 3pm
at the
Museum of Fire,
Penrith, NSW
(Charity Event)

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Make sure they help at home..... without being paid

It's best to expect children and young people to help without being paid. By all means provide them with pocket money, but avoid linking it to chores. Helping out in exchange for money develops in children a notion of 'What's in it for me?', which is a self-centred view of life.



Confident kids are competent kids. Past experience has taught them that they can be successful. One way to help develop a sense of competency is to give kids opportunities to help out at home. There is no need to overburden children with jobs, but a sensible allocation of chores according to their age, study requirements and interests is not only a great help to you, but good training for them. They develop the skills of independent living when they help at home, and the notion that they are capable.

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Many parents have difficulty getting their children to help. Some spend so much time nagging children to do jobs that they often give up asking and expect little of them. Here are some ideas to encourage your children to help out at home:

1. **Keep it real:** Kids can sense when parents give them jobs to keep them busy. Make sure the jobs you apportion make a real contribution to your family's well-being.
2. **Balance the personal chores with family jobs.** Chores are generally divided into two areas. Jobs such as keeping a bedroom tidy benefits a child and jobs such as setting the table benefit the family. By doing this kids learn to contribute positively to family-life.
3. **Place the more arduous or difficult tasks on a roster.** Children can refer to it when needed, which takes the load off you and removes the need to remind them. Rotate the unpleasant tasks frequently.
4. **Use Grandma's principle to make sure jobs are done.** Grandma's principle means you do the less pleasant tasks first. That is, make sure jobs are finished before mealtimes or before starting pleasant activities such as watching television.

5. **Avoid doing jobs for children.** When children get the message that no one will do their jobs for them they will be more likely to help out.
6. **Show your appreciation for their help.** Make a fuss when they help so they know that their contribution to the family is valued. If you do it often enough they may even show their appreciation for all you do for them!
7. **Keep your standards high.** Don't accept half-hearted efforts or half-completed jobs. If you think your child is capable of putting the cat food back in the fridge and placing the spoon in the dishwasher then insist that he or she does just that, rather than leaving the cat food on the sink. A job properly done is valued in the world of work, which they will eventually enter.
8. **Rebrand the term 'chore' as 'help':** The term 'chore' definitely has an image problem. Use the term 'help' as it is easier on the ear and really does indicate what you want from your kids.

Here's a challenge: Step back and assess if your children are doing enough around the house to help. Get my free **Chores & Responsibilities Guide** from my website and use this to help you work out the helping tasks that they could and should be doing. Go to www.parentingideas.com.au/parents and get your **FREE Chores & Responsibilities Guide**.

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