**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The weather was perfect for an athletics carnival on Thursday and our students had a wonderful day. It was excellent to see all our students giving their best, displaying good sportsmanship and enjoying themselves. We had many spectators who came along to support the children and who entered into the spirit of the day by wearing the faction colours.

I am proud of the manner in which our Year 6 faction captains rose to the occasion and demonstrated admirable leadership on the day by assisting staff and organising the students in their faction. I would like to express my appreciation to Mr Debowski for organising the carnival and to all the staff and parents who assisted on the day. The winning faction was Blue faction and Green faction won the participation shield.

**P&F MEETING**

Parents are reminded that the P&F meeting will be held this evening in the Library commencing at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

**3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN 2015**

The school is currently investigating the level of demand for one full day of 3 Year Old Kindergarten commencing in 2015. If any parents are interested in their child attending a full day of 3 Year Old Kindergarten and have not put in an application for the usual half day session please contact the school office to advise us of your interest in the full day session.

**INDONESIAN BUDDY SESSION**

This term our Year 4 students are studying the Indonesian language and culture. As part of their studies they will be meeting with Yr 8 Corpus Christi College students this Wednesday to participate in Indonesian puppet making and games, watch an Indonesian gamelan performance and enjoy some Indonesian food. I would like to thank the Corpus Christi College Indonesian teachers, Mrs Sue Cooper & Mr Neil Geuer for organizing this wonderful incursion.

**WEEKLY FOCUS – PERSISTANCE**

In the following information on persistence Michael Grose suggests that the ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success skills that you can teach a child. He believes that parents and teachers can develop persistence in children.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties particularly those he or she doesn’t understand completely right away. They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the ‘stickability’ to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way.

Just as adults can promote persistence they can also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there. Parents who allow children to stop work when it gets too hard, stay home from school for a minor reason or give up on a sport because they are not succeeding straight away are not doing their children any favours. They are depriving children of opportunities to develop persistence.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

**Try this...Put it into practice**

To promote persistence in your children try the following four strategies:

- Develop a vocabulary for persistence. Words like “you can do it”, “work hard” and “hang in there” need to be part of their everyday vocabulary.
- Point out to children when they stick at a task. Let them see when they have been persistent and that persistence generally pays off.
- Help children to remember times when they experienced success by ‘hanging in’ when they were younger.
- Talk about hard work with your children. They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

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God bless and have a good week.

**CARMEL COSTIN**

Principal

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS 2014**

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P&F NEWS

Scholastic Book Club Issue #7 - Due Wednesday 22 October

If you are planning on buying Christmas Gifts and want the order held from your child please write OFFICE in the classroom space on the order form and your CONTACT NUMBER, so that we can contact you when the order has arrived. Thank you for your support, remember every order helps the school library with new books for your children. Coordinators, Rebekah Ernst and Diana Munro

Entertainment Book

Discounted books to other states/NZ are at a discounted price and great for travel these Christmas holidays, go to their website and check out the great deals.

P&F MEETING

Reminder - P&F meeting will be held tonight Monday, 20 October at 7.30pm in the Library.

AGM MEETING

Mark in your calendar the up and coming P&F Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday, 12 November at 7.30pm in the Parish hall. Everyone’s attendance is appreciated towards a supportive and successful planning for 2015.

LIBRARY NEWS

Soon it will be time for our Christmas Book Fair. It will be on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November. As usual it will be held in the library with sales before and after school and at lunch time. Parents who want to buy Christmas presents, without their children looking on, are welcome to come and browse during class time on Thursday morning.

In the past many parents have shown great patience in waiting to be served once they have selected their purchases. More volunteer helpers would help speed up the buying process. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the list on the library door.

Remember not only do you get to buy great books for your family; the school also gets points for purchases. More volunteer helpers would help speed up the buying process. If you would like to volunteer please add your name to the list on the library door.

Cheryl Lopez
Teacher Librarian

YEAR 3 PARENTS - 2015 Y4 IPAD PROGRAM

As discussed in our last meeting, the ICT Subcommittee has collected the parent submitted questions. We only received one question which queried how we will monitor OHS use of iPads in a class of over 30 students. Teachers address this in a variety of ways which will be covered in the Parent Information Night at the start of 2015.

Due to there being only one question submitted, we have decided to cancel our proposed Term 4 Parent Meeting. The next meeting will be held in 2015 in the week before school starts.

Later this term, a note will be distributed, reminding parents of the iPad model and accessories they will need to purchase for next year. Please note that parents are expected to purchase the iPad model chosen by the school. The decision of which model will best address learning needs also takes into consideration school curriculum priorities, OHS best practice and administration logistics when dealing with a whole class of devices – therefore, the decision has been arrived at after careful deliberation of all these factors. Only in extreme circumstances, after discussion with the Assistant Principals, will parents be able to provide something other than what the school has recommended. Thank you.

ICT Subcommittee

CONGRATULATIONS

Ella’s Willans 4G has been accepted into the Australian Ballet School’s Interstate/International Training Program. Ella will travel twice a year to The Australian Ballet School in Melbourne for intensive training. This is a huge accolade and we are extremely proud that Ella has been able to achieve step to realising her childhood dreams.

Jett Ng 6G received one of two All Star awards for the 2014 WABL season on Sunday 28 September. The Willetton Tigers U12 Div 1 Boys team won the Grand Final, and was undefeated for the season.

Well done Ella & Jett!