Remembrance Day

Today our students participated in a small but significant ceremony to mark Remembrance Day. We also participated in a fundraising initiative where children from across the country were asked to donate a gold coin to help rebuild a dilapidated school in the village of Pozieres in France, where thousands of Australian troops died in fierce fighting in 1916.

The fundraising campaign mirrors one conducted in the 1920’s when Victorian school children collected pennies to rebuild the shattered school in the village of Villers Bretonneux, which Australian soldiers had liberated in 1918.

All participating schools will be acknowledged on a special website and on a plaque at the school in Pozieres. Building work on the seven classroom school is scheduled to begin in July next year and be completed the same time in 2017.

Thank you Beechwood for supporting this fundraising initiative!

Swimming Parent Helpers

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help with our swimming program on Thursdays or Fridays this term. Your support is greatly valued.

In the event of wet weather, please phone the school office at around 10.30am to check if swimming is cancelled.

End of School Financial Year – 30 November 2015

Monday 30 November is the last day for financial transactions in the 2015 school financial year in all public schools in N.S.W.

If you have not yet paid your School Contribution, Mrs Caller has sent reminder invoices for your convenience. Please bring payment to the office before the end of November.

Year 5 Parliament Speeches (Please note change of date) 20.11.15

Year 5 will deliver their election speeches in Week 7 on Friday 20 November. Voting for the 2016 School Parliament will take place once all speeches are delivered. All students will be required to register 2 votes for their choices. I wish all Year 5 good luck with their speeches and subsequent elections.
**Bus Safety – Parent Information**

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.

Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

1. **WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.
2. **WATCH** until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.
3. **WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:

- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:

- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus.
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver.
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.

**Year 3 & 4 Camp Program**

The 3 & 4 camp for 2015 will take place on 10 and 11 December and the program looks exciting and educationally rewarding.

The format for the camp will include visits to: Town Beach, Port Macquarie for Surf safety talks and practical surf lessons provided by the life guards; Frugal Forest workshop at the Glasshouse, setting up of tents on the school oval; dance party in the COLA and an excursion to Timbertown (steam train ride, horse and carriage ride, bullock demonstration, blacksmith demonstration, gold panning experience, tour of cottages). Details of costs and permission notes have been sent home.

**GIANT CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE**

**P & C FUNDRAISER**

WANTED!

We are seeking donations of NON-PERISHABLE food items or any other suitable items that can be placed in our Christmas Stocking Hamper. *(Please no out-of date food).* The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14 December. Please assist the P&C with this final fundraiser for 2015.

*You can drop off your NON-PERISHABLE food items during school hours anytime!*

Maurice Cook
Principal
Quality Work Awards
The recipients of the “Quality Work” award at last week’s assembly were:

Year K - Ronan Merrill, Beau Grigg, Chayse Madeley
Year 1-2 - Denny Michael, William Mullard, Brandon Rock, Flinders Bea
Year 2-3 - Lucy Collins, Myles Cooper
Year 5-6 - Keaton Reeve, Kimberly White

BPS Awards
Our BPS Awards celebrate and reward students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who consistently demonstrate the three main expectations that the students, staff and Beechwood School community believe to be important skills such as Best Effort, Positive care and respect and Safety.

The following students were recipients of the BPS Awards at last week’s assembly:

Year K - Benjamin Hall
Year 1-2 - Denny Michael
Year 2-3 - Cooper Farrington
Year 4-5 - Laicy Costigan
Year 5-6 - Chloe Cooper

Ministers Awards
These awards are only handed out at Parliament Assemblies. Each Minister selects a student who displays qualities that enhance their particular portfolios. The following students received Ministers Awards at the last Parliament assembly:

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Canteen News

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TERM 4, 2015 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER

We require a volunteer to be the purchasing officer.
Thank you to those who volunteered to work the bbq for this term.
We are still in need of a volunteer to do the purchasing of sausages and icecreams.
It’s not a huge job but it is important. The person needs to check stock supplies (usually fortnightly) and pick up from Wauchope as required. Anyone interested please contact Rachel in the office.

TERM 4, 2015

WEEK 6:  Friday 13 November  11.30 – 1.30pm  Phillip MOORES
WEEK 7:  Friday 20 November  11.30 – 1.30pm  Judith STYLES
WEEK 8:  Friday 27 November  11.30 – 1.30pm  Scott BATTLE
WEEK 9:  Friday 4 December   11.30 – 1.30pm  Amanda ROBERTS
WEEK 10: Friday 11 December  11.30 – 1.30pm  Gina AQUEL

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 6  Thursday 12 November   Infants Swimming
         Friday 13 November   Primary Swimming
         Friday 13 November  10am  Year 1 – 2 Assembly

Week 7  Wednesday 18 November  Schools Out Radio Program (Yr 6)
         Thursday 19 November  Infants Swimming
         Friday 20 November    Primary Swimming
         Friday 20 November    Year 5 Parliament Speeches

Week 8  Tuesday 24 November    Library Van
         Thursday 26 November  2016 Kindergarten Orientation
         Thursday 26 November  Infants Swimming
         Friday 27 November    Primary Swimming
         Friday 27 November    10am  Kindergarten Assembly

Week 9  Tuesday 1 December    Year K, 1, 2, 5 & 6 Surf Safety
         Thursday 3 December   Year 6 High School Orientation
         Thursday 3 December   2016 Kindergarten Orientation
         Thursday 3 December   Infants Swimming
         Friday 4 December     Swimming Carnival

BOOSH NEWS

We have one last Theme Day for the year coming up on Thursday 26th November. It’s not too late to get your child enrolled to join in the fun at BOOSH.

PLUS

If you enrol during Term 4 we will waive the enrolment fee.

Come and see me any afternoon after 2pm or call on 0400 915 844.

Sharon Palmer
BOOSH Coordinator.