Principal's Report

Reptile Show – Deadly Australians
Last Friday we had a visit from a gentleman who explained and showed our students Australian animals and more importantly “Deadly Australian” animals. There was a lot of information to take in, however I hope the students understood the main message, which was, do not approach any of our local animals, especially snakes as they can be very unpredictable.

Thank you to those parents who came to watch and stayed for morning tea. We aim to do more of these community based gatherings in the future, please keep an eye on the newsletter.

Selective High Schools Application 2016
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shplacement/index.php
Please be aware that there will be no paper application forms this year, applications are only accepted online. Applications can be made between 14th October 2014 and 17th November 2014, with the Selective High School Placement Test being held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Please see the office if you do not have access to the internet for other arrangements to be made.

Girls Dresses – Stock going fast
There are a number of girls summer dresses in our clothing store that have been reduced to $10.00. Lowes are now supplying this item and we are required to sell our stock, hence the substantial reduction. Sizes vary, so get in quick to avoid disappointment. See Belinda Hopwood for further information, The uniform shop is open before each K-6 Assembly.

School Magazine
We will again be producing our own School Magazine this year. The teachers are currently very busy organising their pages, along with other interest groups within the school. We will be asking parents to pre-order their magazine, with an order form being forwarded to parents in next week’s newsletter. This year the Magazine will cost $7.00 per copy. Feel free to order as many as you like as they are a great item to keep for future memories.

Farewell Miss Rice
I would like to wish Miss Rice all the very best as she starts her maternity leave and prepares for the birth of her first child, in a few weeks’ time. Mrs Rowston will take over from Miss Rice for the remainder of the year.

Voluntary School Contributions
Thank you to those parents who have paid this year’s Voluntary School Contributions. If you are unsure of the amounts, they are as follows:
$30.00 per student
$45.00 for 2 students
$60.00 for 3 or more students
Please be aware that these fees are not compulsory, however all money raised goes directly back into educational resources for our students. If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, our Year 3 and 4 will be heading off on their excursion next week. If you haven’t yet finalised your payments or returned your medical note,
please do so in the next couple of days. I am sure the students of these years are getting very excited about going.

Have a great week

Derek Noffke
Principal

ASTHMA ALERT
Asthma season is upon us, please make sure your child always has their puffer in their bag.

BUSH FIRE PERIOD
The Bush Fire Danger Period has commenced for the Local Government Areas of Carrathool, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera. With this in mind no fires are allowed to be lit without a Fire Permit, including house hold incinerators. Fire Permits can be obtained by contacting your local Brigade Captain. If you need their contact details, please contact the Fire Control Centre on 6966 7800. Fires with a Permit can be lit from 4pm and must be extinguished by Midnight, Monday - Friday. No fires are to be lit on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays. For further information, go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact the Fire Control Centre on 6966 7800.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Can all raffle ticket books now be returned to the office, whether they are sold or not. Thank you.

YR 3/4 EXCURSION
Final payment is now due for the 3/4 excursion.
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