Monday, 13th October, 2014
Term 4 Week 2:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
Welcome back to school after the two-week holiday. The staff hope that each family enjoyed spending time together during the break. Term Four is an eleven week term packed with many events – High School Orientation, End of Year Reports and special events including the Back to Badgerys Creek Picnic Day. Listed in the bottom right hand corner of each newsletter will be important dates for the term.

WELCOME:
Welcome to Lynn Manning who will be working with us during this term in the role of School Administrative Manager in the office.

STAFF UPDATE:
Ms Ritherdon:  K-6 teacher (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) Admin – Thursday & Friday
Mrs Psilos: STL teacher (Monday & Wednesday)
Mrs Petrovski: K/6 teacher
Miss Murray: General Assistant & SLSO (Monday to Friday)
Mrs Manning: School Administrative Manager – (Monday, Wednesday & every 2nd Thursday)
Mrs McGuire: Instructional Leader – Wednesday & Thursday

Note: Miss Pace will be working at John Warby PS from 13th October to 14th November and then returning to Badgerys Creek PS

KEMPS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL SPRING FAIR:
The Kemps Creek Public School Spring Fair will be held in the school grounds on Saturday 25th October between 10am to 4pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBERS:
Please notify the school immediately if there is a change in address or telephone numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Books in Homes Program:
During Wednesday’s library lesson the students will be previewing and ordering their last set of books for the Books in Homes Program. The orders will then be processed and when the books are delivered to school, the students will be presented with their labelled books at a special Book Giving Assembly on Wednesday 26th November. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. On Wednesday the students will also be receiving their competition entry forms. Entries in the Books in Homes competition can be returned to school by the due date and Mrs Psilos can post them or they can return them to the address in the order booklet.

BOOK CLUB:
Book club orders need to be returned to the Office with payment by Wednesday 22nd October.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Ms. Ritherdon will be attending a three-day Principal Conference.

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM:
There are several important dates concerning the transitional program to Luddenham PS. Please refer to important dates below. The students have also been invited to the Luddenham School Concert and School Disco. A detailed note will be sent home at a later date.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Wednesday 22nd Oct: Book Club orders due
Monday 17th Nov: Transition to Luddenham PS
Wednesday 19th Nov: Luddenham PS Concert
Wednesday 26th Nov: Books in Homes assembly
Monday 1st Dec: Reports sent home
Wednesday 3rd Dec: Full day transition to Luddenham PS
Wednesday 3rd Dec: High School Orientation Day
Wednesday 10th Dec: Presentation Afternoon
Monday 15th Dec: Luddenham PS school disco
Wednesday 17th Dec: Last day for Term 4

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On Friday, 12th September, our school hosted the District Infants Gala Day within our school grounds. Participating schools included Austral PS, Bringelly PS, Leppington PS, Middleton Grange PS and Rossmore PS with 400 students in attendance. The students were divided into grade groups and participated in a variety of sporting tabloids suited to their grade level. Some of the activities included dancing, obstacle courses, ball games, novelty races, Frisbee skills, soccer dribbling, parachute games, skipping ropes, oz tag game, tennis mash up and hockey skills. At the conclusion of the activities the students were presented with a participation certificate. Thank you to the students and staff for a wonderful day!
INTERNET CORNER:

Getting organised for Term 4:
Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They're easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities.  http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Public speaking made easier:
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use:  http://bit.ly/Kr3uk8

Motivating “laid-back” children:
Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more:  http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas:
Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches.  http://bit.ly/qsfDOE

Reduce, reuse, recycle:
Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games:
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You'll find links to both here:  http://bit.ly/oSREYV

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