BADGERYS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Monday, 24th November, 2014
Term 4 Week 8:

BACK TO BADGERYS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL:
Last Saturday our school hosted the Back to Badgerys Creek Public School Picnic Day to celebrate 119 years of public education. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance – former students, parents and community members. The day gave everyone the opportunity to catch up with old friends and staff members over a picnic lunch. The highlight of the day was the cutting of the beautifully decorated cake by the oldest student, Mr George Howe, aged 87; and the youngest students, William Pope & Cody Vassallo, aged 6, surrounded by former principals: Mr Ray Jeff, Mrs Vicki Daniel, Mr Paul Davis, Miss Hallie Baxter, Ms Sandy Juleff & Ms Ritherdon. This day would not have been possible if it were not for the tremendous support given to Mrs Psilos in helping organise this event. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the many volunteers for their wonderful assistance, before and on this very special day.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:
You are invited to attend two meetings this week. The first is with the School Education Director tomorrow at 2pm in the staff room for updates and the second is a parent morning tea with the school counsellor on Wednesday at 9:30 in the staff room. Come along and enjoy a cuppa!

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM AT LUDDENHAM PS
Next Wednesday will be the second transitional Program to Luddenham PS. It is whole day visit and parents are to provide transport to and from Luddenham PS. Students are to wear the Luddenham PS uniform.

OORANGA:
Orders for our annual school magazine, Ooranga, are now being taken. This colourful, literary magazine is an outstanding record of all the happenings and events that have occurred at Badgerys Creek PS during this year. The cost is $10.00.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE:
A Thanksgiving Prayer Service to celebrate 119 years of Education here at our school will be held on Wednesday 17th December at 10:30am. All former students, parents, staff & community members are invited to attend. RSVP: Friday 12th December to the School Office.

BOOKS IN HOMES BOOK GIVING ASSEMBLY:
All parents are invited to attend the last Books in Homes Book Giving Assembly, where the students will be receiving their selected books. The assembly is this Wednesday at 2:30pm in the school library. In attendance there will be Susan Amiri, the representative from our sponsors - The University of Western Sydney as well as Hayden Fryer, a Blue Mountains based cartoonist, illustrator, writer and founder of the comic publishing initiative, Siberian Productions. His most recognised work is Billy Demon Slayer. So come along and show your support for this very worthwhile program, which our school has been associated with for the past three years. The students and Mrs Psilos have also made two thank you booklets for the Books in Homes Organisers and the University of Western Sydney and these will be forwarded to them next week.

STEWART HOUSE:
All library books need to be returned by Monday 1st December so all resources can be finalised before the end of the school year.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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Back to Badgerys Creek Day – Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November, 2014

Ms Ritherdon making a speech

Jill & Wayne - descendants of James Badgery

The cake

The Vassallo family

Kim Murray with Caitlyn, Allison & Jake

Mrs Psilos, Ms Ritherdon, Mrs Daniel, Mr Jeff, Mr Davis, Miss Baxter, Miss Juleff with George Howe (aged 87) & Cody and William

The Pope family

Mrs Hughes, wife of a former principal & her family with Mick Heinisch

Mrs Vukovic with Maryanne & Natalie

Mr Psilos with Mr Taylor at the BBQ

Mrs Taylor & Mrs Waddell

Maggie & Lesley

Kim with her daughter Caitlyn in the canteen

Tyrone setting up the jumping castle
INTERNET CORNER:

Managing your child's weight:
It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight

Creative reading:
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

Little Aussie Songsters competition:
An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster. The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school:
Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

Comprehension help for teens:

Kids, homework and lies:
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework. Homework tips: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies

Maths at home:
Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume

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