Monday, 8th December, 2014

Term 4 Week 10:

LAST NEWSLETTER:
Welcome to the final newsletter for the 2014 school year and for Badgerys Creek Public School. Firstly we would like to wish each and every family a safe and happy Christmas holiday filled with joy, family and friends.

Our school is very proud of the fine educational tradition for the past 119 years. The school has provided quality education for all the students who have walked through our school gates. After over a century of education here at Badgerys PS, we are finally closing our school doors.

The staff would like to thank everyone who has contributed in some way or other with the educational and social programs here at our school. Over the years parents have contributed in many ways – assisting in the class, taking reading groups, manning BBQs and cake stalls at election days and special days, transporting students to and from excursions, attending over night excursions, photocopying, binding Ooranga, working in the school canteen, assisting with working bees and the list goes one. The staff would like to wish everyone all the very best for their future and the future of their children.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY:
Just a reminder, that our end of year presentation assembly is being held this Wednesday 10th December at 9:30 in the school hall. We look forward to the parents and community joining us to celebrate our students’ achievements in 2014.

LUDDENHAM PS DISCO:
The students are invited to attend the Luddenham PS disco on Monday 15th December at Luddenham Progress Hall between 5 – 7pm.

OORANGA:
Ordered copies of Ooranga are currently being printed and will be distributed later this week.

CLASS PARTIES & SANTA VISIT:
Next Tuesday, Santa will be visiting the students at 11am to distribute his Santa bags and have their photos taken by Mrs. Psilos. The class party lunch will then follow his visit. Students are asked to bring to school a plate of party food to be shared. Drinks will be supplied by the school.

WATER PLAY DAY:
Next Monday, the students will be participating in water activities, so students will need to bring in their swimmers, towel, sunscreen and a hat. (Weather permitting).

PRAYER SERVICE:
Parents and community members are invited to attend a prayer service with the students on Wednesday at 10:30 in the school hall. This service is being organised by Father Zvonimir from Luddenham.

SCHOOL SECURITY:
We ask that everyone keep a safe eye on our school over the January break. If you observe any unusual or inappropriate activity occurring on school grounds please report it to Green Valley Police on 9607 1799 and School Security on 1300 880 021.

2015 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES AT LUDDENHAM PS:
All staff returns to school on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

All students from Year One to Year Six are to return to school on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

All students in Kindergarten start school on Thursday 29th January 2015.

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10 | 8th December | 9th December | 10th December | 11th December | 12th December
 | | | Presentation Assembly 9:30-10:30 | | |
11 | 15th December | 16th December | 17th December | 18th December | 19th December
 | Water Play Day | Santa Visit & class party 11 am | Prayer Service 10:30 Last day of Term 4 School closes | School Holidays start | |
On Wednesday, 26th November, the school hosted the Books in Homes - Book Giving Assembly in the school library with Hayden Fryer, our role model and Tiana Podinic, from the University of Western Sydney (our sponsors).

Hayden, a cartoonist, illustrator and writer presented an interesting talk and demonstrated how ideas are turned into cartoons with input from our students. William Pope enjoyed offering his creative ideas and was given the opportunity to add to Hayden’s cartoons.

Following his presentation, the students received their library bag with three new books. Our school has been on this wonderful program for three years and this was the last assembly for this program. The students each wrote a thank you note to the organisers and sponsors and these were bound into booklets and forwarded to them.

Mrs Psilos
Books in Homes Co-ordinator
INTERNET CORNER:

Choosing a book for your child:
What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.


Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?


Summer holiday fun:
Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.

For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the love of science:
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science; encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.


Pleasures of free play:
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.


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