Monday, 21st July 2014

Term 3 Week 2:

WELCOME:
Welcome back to Term 3. We have an exciting term ahead of us. To name just a few of our upcoming events – Education Week Open Day, Craig Smith Author visit, Butterfly talk, Book Week and District Gala Day. We would also like to welcome Miss Henderson, a university student, who will be working with the students and staff for the duration of this term.

STAFF UPDATE FOR SECOND SEMESTER:
Ms Ritherdon: K-6 teacher - Mon, Tues & Wed Admin – Thursday & Friday
Mrs Psilos: STL teacher - Mon, Tues & Wed
Miss Pace: K-6 teacher – Tues, Wed, Thurs & Friday
Miss Murray: General Assistant -Tues, & Wed SLSO - Thursday
Mrs Milne: School Administrative Manager – Mon, Tues & every 2nd Friday
Mrs O’Neil: Instructional Leader – Wednesday (relieving till Week 3)
Mrs McGuire: Instructional Leader – Wednesday (from Week 4)

EDUCATION WEEK:
Education Week will be celebrated across the state next week. The week is a time to recognise the wonderful work that staff, students and parents/carers do throughout the year to make public education great. At Badgerys Creek we like to celebrate Education Week by inviting parents and caregivers to visit the classrooms. This exciting open day will be held next Wednesday between 9:15 and 11:15. Parents will then be able to join their child/ren for lunch. We hope to see you all here to help celebrate our wonderful school.

TERM 3: SCIENCE:
As part of the K/6 science unit for this term a visit has been organised for students to see a presentation ‘Butterfly Skye’s Bug Show’ on Friday 1st August. An information note was sent home last week with costs and permission note to be signed and returned to school by this Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS:

BOOKS IN HOMES ASSEMBLY:
The next Books in Homes Assembly will be held in Term 4. As this is our third and final year on the Books in Homes Program, the Term 4 Book Giving Assembly will be the final assembly.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
There are only 5 weeks left for students to complete the Reading Challenge. Completed reading logs are due on Monday 25th August so the records can be finalised online. At the moment there are only three students who have completed the Challenge – Lucas Carr, Saffron Strickland and William Pope. So there is still time for K/2 students to ‘experience’ only 15 books as the other 15 books have been studied at school while years 3/6 need to have read 20 books by the due date. A reminder that students can bring in their reading logs on Wednesdays and Mrs. Psilos will update their reading records on the computer.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS:
Completed book club order forms, with payment, are due to the Office by Wednesday 30th July.

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE:
The sporting challenge concludes at the end of this week. The students’ activity time will shortly be registered online. Congratulations to the students for their active and enthusiastic participation in this program.

SCHOOL BREAK-IN:
During the last weekend of the school holidays the school was broken into and several items were stolen. If you saw anything suspicious at this time, please see Ms Ritherdon.

IMPORTANT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 1st August: Butterfly talk
Tuesday 12th August: Questacon Visit
Monday 25th August: Premier Reading Challenge logs due
Wednesday 27th August: Book Week
Thursday, 4th September: Author excursion
Friday 12th September: District Gala Day
Friday 19th September: Last day of Term 3

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On Wednesday 18th June, author James Roy and University of Western Sydney representative, Jeremy Hardy attended the Books in Homes Book Giving Assembly. The assembly was held in the school library with students, staff and parents in attendance. Claire London along with Saffron Strickland conducted the assembly and a special thank you to Saffron for doing a fantastic job with such short notice as Connor was absent. Everyone enjoyed James’ talk and the students were delighted to receive their books from the Books in Homes program and our sponsors.

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**Online tips**

Keep your children safe online:

- Spend time online with your kids. Check out good sites together. The internet can be a fun family activity!
- Help your kids use the internet as an effective research tool - learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good searching techniques
- Learn about the world out there. Kids are communicating in a diverse range of ways, from chat to IM, and from message boards to blogs. Learn how these work and what tools they offer to protect your child's privacy
- Be aware of online stranger danger, particularly in chat rooms. Set house rules about what information your children can give out and where they can go online.

**Online Safety Tips**

Worried about your child’s safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom
- Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online - cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence
- Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos
- Try to get your kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services.

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