

Outback Report

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The rollercoaster begins its climb

Student's make a great start on our craziest term

Our busiest school term has begun and our students as always have begun with a great attitude and lots of hard work. Our senior students have kicked off their new unit on the 'Rainforest' and the 'Human Body' and our juniors are beginning the units 'Wet & Dry Environments' and the 'Five senses'. Everybody is very excited to begin exploring these themes in depth.

Another exciting development our kindergarten students have begun learning about diagraphs, this is when two letters side by side create a common sound like 'th' or 'sh'. These kindy's of ours continue to astonish us with how clever they are. They have also begun their first spelling list this week, good luck practising your words guys.

We are also beginning to harvest the first of our vegetable crop this year, with more radishes then we know what to do with and very soon some yummy beans, beetroots and carrots to add to the dinner pot.



Welcome KIT's

Wave hello to the Kindergartens In Training

Wednesday the 27th, week 3 sees the beginning of our kindergarten transition program. All children who are able to begin primary school next year are invited to attend the Euabalong West transition program. Thank you to all those families who have already returned their notes. If you have a child you would like to attend the program but you did not receive or have misplaced the information and permission note please give the school at your earliest convenience so that we can ensure we have everything ready for them to begin.

We ask that the children taking part in the program arrive at school by 8:50am. The transition program is a whole day program but parents who feel this may be too long for their child are welcome to pick them up any time after 1:00pm. If you would like to use the school bus to transport your child to and from the transition program we ask that you contact Wendy and Don Brett our bus drivers on 6896 6779 so that any necessary arrangements can be made.

The program will involve a wide range of school readiness skills along with familiarising our new students with this strange and exciting new environment. It will also involve quite a lot of paint, play dough and singing.

At the end of the transition program participating students and families will receive an end of transition report as well as a scrapbook containing their children's work and a disc with photos taken of their child and their friends during the program.

Calendar of upcoming events

What's happening?

Week 2

Tuesday	19 th /10/10	P&C meeting, 3:30pm start time
Wed	20 th /10/10	Yr 6 orientation begins at Lake Cargelligo Central School
Wed	20 th /10/10	Kids Club begins, held in the school hall, led by Mrs Brett

Week 3

Tuesday,	26 th /10/10	Best Start leaders day, Miss J in Griffith, Miss L replacing
Wed,	27 th /10/10	Kindergarten transition begins
Wed,	27 th /10/10	Mr Pellizzer will be visiting the school for Miss J's PAR's day
Friday	29 th /10/10	Yr 6 orientation day at Lake Cargelligo Central School

Year 6 Orientation

Year 6 students begin exploring high school

This Wednesday our year six students and their families will attend an orientation day at Lake Cargelligo Central School. Follow this day the year six students will attend Lake Cargelligo Central School each Friday for 6 weeks.

We know our year six girls are going to enjoy this experience and we wish them luck as they begin exploring the next part of their school careers. We also understand that even though it is a very exciting time parents and families can sometimes have concerns about the new challenges facing their children, please feel free to contact Miss Jackson with any questions or concerns or direct them to the Central School if you feel that is more appropriate.

Kids Club

Painting and stories and fun, Oh my!

This Wednesday Kids Club begins again in our school hall. Any children aged 4 and above are welcome to come and join in the fun. There is no fee we are just asking that if you can afford a gold coin donation it would be appreciated to help offset the cost of the resources that we use.

Club will start at 4:00pm and go until 5:00pm; we would ask that kids wear clothes that they can get dirty in as they may be doing a variety of activities from painting to gardening.

I would also like to offer a big thank you to Mrs Brett who has given up her own time to make Kids Club a possibility for our students and local children, any parents who would like to help out or join in with the activities are more than welcome to come along.

Little Athletics

Start stretching the hammies Little A's is starting back up

Little Athletics begins again this week on Thursday the 21st of October at the Rec ground from 5:00pm. Good luck to all our aspiring Olympic champions, we got our fingers crossed that you beat your personal bests this term.

Bargain Book Sale

Old encyclopaedias are rushing out the door

From Wednesday this week families and students will be able to buy for 10 cents each any of the books being decommissioned from the school library. These books are generally considered to be either inappropriate for our age range of students, replaced by a newer copy or simply out of date. Many of them are still an excellent source of information or great for cutting out pictures for reports, projects or fun.

Each day after lunch students will be given fifteen minutes to look through and buy any of these books that they would like, if parents or families would like to look through them they are welcome at any time during the school day. At the end of the week any remaining books will be donated or disposed of.

Messages and Reminders:

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19th of October at 3:30pm. Items on the agenda include fundraising recap and planning and preparing for the end of year presentation as well as year six graduation.

Tough teeth

Protect your child's teeth by encouraging them to eat well:

- Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods
- Enjoy healthy snacks
- Avoid snacking on sugary and sticky foods and sweets between meals
- Milk-based foods help protect your teeth
- Chew sugar-free gum to help protect your teeth.

Looking for a dental health clinic? The NSW Centre for Oral Health Strategy recommends calling (02) 8821 4300 during business hours and quoting your suburb. From there, parents will be given the contact details for their local oral health service.

Sun safety - five ways to be SunSmart this summer

The Cancer Council recommends these five ways to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV alert is 3 or above:

- Seek shade
- Wear protective clothing that covers your arms and legs and body
- Wear a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face and neck
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses
- Apply SPF30+ broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen every two hours.

Find out more at www.cancerCouncil.com.au/

SPAM - How to avoid spam (junk mail in your inbox):

- Keep your email address private. Only give out your email address to people and groups that you know and trust.
- Don't reply to any emails if you don't know who they are from.

Source: www.cybersmartkids.gov.au

Practical tips for kids dealing with an online bully

- Tell the bully in simple terms to leave you alone. Tell them not to contact you again. Log off immediately and stay offline for at least 24 hours.
- Do not reply to any future mail from the bully. Do not reply to taunts, emails or gossip written about you. By ignoring taunts, you take the power away from the harasser and refuse to play their game. You are now in charge.
- Never give your password or logon details to anyone, even your best friends. It's really easy for someone to log on to your Facebook, Bebo or MySpace site and post any kind of rubbish if they know your password.
- Stay out of chat rooms where you don't feel comfortable.
- Keep all harassing emails (and any replies you've made) as evidence.
- If you feel you are in physical danger or if the bully has made physical threats against you, tell your parents immediately and they can decide if it's appropriate to contact authorities.

For more great tips on staying safe online, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Canberra Photos:

Parents and families who would like a disc of photos from the senior Canberra excursion are asked to please fill in the note below and return it to school by Friday. Discs should be ready to go out on Friday the 29th of October.



Student of the week:

Each week an outstanding student is chosen by the teachers to be honoured, this week the awards go to...



Week 1



Week 2

Student of the week for weeks 1 and 2 of term 4 are awarded to Nathan Arnold for his use of leadership skills throughout the week and Malcolm Watts for his excellent illustrations of his writing Well done to all those students.



This week's quote:

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Malcom S. Forbes

