From Mrs Earle

Hi Everyone. I hope you have had a great holiday and children are ready to continue to work hard this term.

During the holidays we received a very generous donation from the Aboriginal Children’s Advancement Society which consisted of 12 ipads and funding to buy both software and hardware. This means that every student will have access to an ipad for use in the school. The extra funding will allow us to provide very specific computer software and hardware tailored to meet each student’s learning needs.

Staff spent yesterday looking at ways that will improve the school’s learning and teaching environment. We need to give each student the opportunity to achieve their full potential. To do this we have decided to follow best practice teaching methods and team teach. This will allow us to form small groups according to learning needs and also to provide each student with more teacher time and support where needed. We are also looking at employing a Teacher’s Aide for up to 6 hours per week to provide additional support to students.

We have also decided to trial reversing break times, that is recess and lunch. We are doing this as we have noticed students appear to be eating most of their food in the morning which may be resulting in lack of concentration in the afternoon. If you feel this change is an issue please contact me and I will be happy to discuss it with you.

Recess will be from 11.00 to 11.30 and lunch from 1.00 to 1.40. Fruit breaks will remain the same. This will allow the 3 sessions to be of similar length.

The school will be welcoming an intern starting next Monday. Megan Groat is in her final year at university and will be with us for 9 weeks in total. She will be working with all grade levels and across all curriculum areas.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the school. We are always happy to speak to parents and caregivers.

Have a great week.
Kindest regards

Rosey Earle

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End of Term 2 Assembly Merit Certificates

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Did you bring your home reader/s and library books back today?
Bring them tomorrow please!!!

**Book Fair**
Congratulations to Naomi Dunn, Marc Tero, Mel Randall, Julia Dunn, Shaun Deagan and Josh Evans for winning the colouring competition.

**OPSM Visit**
OPSM technicians will visit our school tomorrow, Wednesday, 17th July to check glasses and perform minor repairs for those students who have returned their note. There is NO CHARGE for this service.

**Beanies**
Beanies embroidered with the school crest should be available for purchase in 3-4 weeks time.

**Absences**
All absences need to be explained, either by a parent/carer phoning the school or by sending a note in with your child/children when they come back to school. If you think the absence will be for more than 3 days please phone the school as soon as possible.

**Hats**
Even though it’s winter time students are still required to wear their school hat when they are outside of the classroom. Please make sure your child has their hat in their bag in the morning.

**Volunteers at School**
Volunteers are welcome at our school and at present volunteers are needed for:
- The breakfast program from 8.30-9am
- A new lunch program to run once a fortnight, as a trial run this semester, on Wednesday. Volunteers will be needed from 12.15-1.15pm.
- Reading with students.

All volunteers will need to fill in a new ‘Working With Children Check Clearance’ form and provide 100 points of identification. Forms are available from the office.

**KICKSTART SCIENCE COMMUNITY EXHIBITION**
TUESDAY 22 JULY 6-8PM
CSIRO PARKS RADIO TELESCOPE VISITORS CENTRE
FRIDAY 25 JULY 6-8PM
WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Come and join us at one of these free public exhibitions (held at CSIRO Parks Radio Telescope Visitors Centre and the Wagga Wagga Christian College) which include fascinating science demonstrations and engaging explanations from our scientists. The exhibitions are aimed at all ages, and provide a great opportunity for the community to interact with University of Sydney science demonstrators and their work.
Register your interest:
sydney.edu.au/science/kickstart-on-the-road-interest.php
Lunch Orders at School
For the rest of this year students will be able to order their lunch every second Wednesday. Hot foods are available this term.

For Wednesday, 24th July, students can order a combination of cheese, ham and tomato toasted sandwiches and/or a cup of soup.

Toasted sandwich: plain cheese $2, with ham/tomato $3.

Cup a soup: Chicken noodle or tomato $1.

An order form is attached.

Volunteers are needed to help Mrs Webb prepare and serve lunches each fortnight. If you can help please send the attached note in or phone the school.

EIO Technology Co-ordinator
Expressions of interest are invited from persons who have expertise in managing computer files, iPads, sourcing educational apps in iTunes and educational computer programs for student use. This position is on a trial basis for term 3, 2013 with a possible extension until 18th December 2013.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the management of 22 iPads and 22 IBM compatible computers.

The position is for 5 hours per fortnight. Working hours are to be negotiated with the Principal.

A current Working With Children Check Clearance is a requirement of this position. This can be obtained through the website www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au.

EIO’s will close Monday 22nd July and should be marked for the attention of The Principal, Bogan Gate Public School.

Uniforms
A large number of students have been interested in updating the school uniform since the introduction of a formal uniform bought by the P&C for students to wear on formal or official occasions.

A school uniform is something students should wear with pride and does increase students self esteem, especially when they are mixing with students from other schools.

A sample of a possible girls school dress and an outline of the possible changes was sent home on a flyer to each family at the end of last term. Unfortunately the sample dress ordered has proved to be unsuitable. The material is too light and revealing, both in weight and in colour.

A survey will be sent home next week asking parents and community members what they think about updating the school uniform that has been in place since 1998.

The major change would be the introduction of a girls summer school dress. Other minor changes include changing the jumper to a V neck style, allowing senior students to wear a wool jumper if they choose to, replacing the polo shirt with a button up shirt and allowing boys to wear grey trousers and girls to wear navy trousers in winter.

The polo shirt worn at present will become the school sports shirt. Girls will still be able to wear a navy skort instead of a dress if they wish to.

In the meantime other samples of style and material for a girls school dress are being sourced. Hopefully, these samples will be here in time for the next P&C meeting on Thursday 1st August. The meeting will start at 3.30pm.

If the changes to the school uniform are adopted a change over period of 2 years is mandatory.

Pie Drive Orders
Attached is another Pie Drive order form. If you have orders from several people you may find it easier to use the form on the reverse. Orders and payment are due on Wednesday 24th July.

Pies need to be collected from school on 1st August. More information regarding the time for collection will be in the newsletter for Week 3.
Term 2 Assembly

having fun with the Hokey Pokey