Principal’s Message

Although we have had quite cool weather recently, when the sun does come out, it is strong. All students should be wearing hats when they are playing to ensure their skin is protected from the harmful rays of the sun. School hats should be worn rather than free choice. They are available from the uniform shop on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings.

There has been a marked improvement in the wearing of uniforms in the past few weeks. Thank you to all our parents who support us by ensuring their child is in the correct uniform each day.

A reminder to always ensure that the school has the latest contact information for you. If we need to contact you in the event of an emergency, we need our records to be accurate at all times. It is important also, that the other emergency contact numbers are people other than yourself. In an emergency, parents are always contacted first. If that fails we ring the person you have nominated as an alternate contact. Please keep these numbers up to date as well.

If your child is in Year 2 or higher, and is not a confident swimmer, enrol them into the Swim School. There are still places available and it is such an important skill for them to have.

Leonie Pearson

Awards

Well done to all the students receiving awards at assembly last week.

Listening Award: 3/4B, 4/5A


Certificate of Conduct


Class Awards

3B: Xavier, Jeremy, Morgan
3/4L: Blake, Charlotte
4/5A: Laura, Taleah, Flynn
4/5W: Summah, Thomas, Kiana
5/6G: Josh, Isharni, William, Isabella
### Calendar Term 4

#### Week 3
- **Mon 19th Oct**
- **Mon, 19th & Wed, 21st**
- **Tue, 20th & Thurs 22nd**
- **Fri, 23rd Oct**

#### Week 6
- **Mon 9th to Fri 13th Nov**
- Swim School

#### Week 7
- **Mon 16th to Fri 20th Nov**
- Swim School

#### Week 10
- **Wed 9th Dec**
- Presentation Night
- **Thurs 10th Dec**
- K-2Presentation Day

#### Week 11
- **Mon 14th Dec**
- Year 6 Farewell Night

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### P & C Meeting

**9th November 2015**

6:30pm

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Swim School is fast approaching so please return the permission notes with the correct money by 9th November 2015 so your child does not miss out.

Last Friday students from K-2 visited the Canberra Zoo and Aquarium. The students were on their best behaviour and represented our school with pride.
**Whooping Cough**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Do you know what Gonski is?

Did you know that this year Goulburn North used Gonski funding to pay for new reading resources for K-2, an English language support person, professional development training for teachers, the Mathletics & Fast Foreword Programs and the pre-kinder orientation program?

Did you know that it helped subsidise the school breakfast program, the Aboriginal Education program delivered by Peter Swain, and school excursions?

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education.

This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level. Schools can use the funding to hire extra staff, reduce class sizes, offer specialised learning programs, or provide training for staff, for example.

That means children across Australia will be denied the resources and the opportunities they need to get a good education.

Article I.  We can change this!

Oct 26 – Nov 1 is National Gonski Week.

Talk to Ms. Pearson for more stories about how our school will use Gonski Funding in 2016 to best support our students!

Find out more about what Gonski is and what it means for Goulburn North Public School by visiting www.igiveagonski.com.au