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Newsletter

Term 4 Week - 1
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From the Principal's Desk

TERM FOUR

Welcome back for our final term and at this stage there are no new or leaving students from term three. Mr Stewart from Tarcutta will be teaching Year 4/5/6 every Thursday from next week, he will also do a little music with Year 2/3 on the same day. I will be using each Thursday to complete a number of administrative tasks for the new Principal next year. Please make Mr Stewart welcome and I know he will be a great asset for our school.

NEW PRINCIPAL

Mrs Cathy Crick has been appointed new Principal of Uranquinty Public, commencing duties on day one next school year. Mrs Crick is currently Principal of Wakool Public and accepted the position through the transfer system. I only met Mrs Crick in the holidays but I know you will be extremely happy with your new Principal, the reasons are very apparent: Firstly Mrs Crick demonstrated great commitment to drive over from Barham to visit her new school and discuss relevant issues with me. Secondly, Mrs Crick was a literacy consultant for the Department for a number of years and you don't obtain these positions unless you're an exceptional teacher. The teaching aspect is still the most important aspect of our Principal's position. Thirdly, she is a vastly experienced Principal in the small school setting having been a Principal in three different schools. Fourthly, I was greatly impressed by the questions she asked about our school, clearly showing great professionalism and experience in the Principals position. Fifthly, she demonstrated a lovely nature and obviously cares a great deal about kids and has three daughters of her own all past the primary schooling stage.
When you are Principal of a school for eleven years, you obviously care a great deal about it and want the next Principal to improve it further. I have complete confidence that Mrs Crick will achieve this. As I said to staff yesterday, I couldn't be more impressed with my replacement. I know our great community will get completely behind Mrs Crick to make our school even better. I know merit selection was the preferred option but our community has "hit the jackpot". Mrs Crick would have definitely applied for this position if it became available through merit. In my brief dealing with her she would have been very hard to beat through the merit system. I'm already exchanging information with Mrs Crick and we will continue to work together to ensure an extremely smooth Principal changeover.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Remember only years three and five sit for these national exams and all results were sent home last term. I was delighted with our results with both grades being above the national averages in all aspects of these tests. A number of our students were in the highest bands and more importantly, no one was in the lower bands. Please remember this is only one assessment test and not the sole criteria for your child's current progress. Please see your child's teacher if you wish to discuss their results in greater detail.

SCHOOL AUDIT

The school auditor will be here tomorrow and Mrs Manning will be very occupied by this process throughout the day. Could you please avoid unnecessary conversations, phone calls, requests etc until Thursday. By all means see Mrs Manning if needed on Wednesday and I thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We are still chasing a number of permission notes for photo shots. If we don't have your permission note by the end of the week, your child will not be photographed.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Mrs Forrell has been working extremely hard on this exciting new communication process for the school. Again we need your permission to include information/photos etc to be placed on our website. This note will be sent out later this week and needs to be returned quickly.

FOOTY FEVER

We had a terrific last day and I'm sure all singing and chants helped get the Swanies and Storm across the line for their premierships. I wonder how many times Blake Jones sang the song on grand final day?

CIRCUS SPLENDIDA

Don't forget this is definitely on Thursday 1st November, 2012 (Community Hall) commencing at 7pm. More details later and costume requirements will be sent out after the audit. We are already looking for a black suit to fit Lalenya. We also require clown costumes, wigs, pants, braces, colourful shirts etc. Please see Mrs Manning if you can help out.

Regards

Maurie

Maurie Hogan
Principal

Canteen

Canteen will commence on Friday 19th October.
Term 4 Canteen roster will be sent home today.

Junior Netball End of Season Get Together

At McDonalds Edward Street at 10.30am, Saturday 13th October.
Please let Katherine Rodham know if you are able to attend by contacting her on 0407 259459

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at the last assembly:

Kinder/1	Year 2/3	Year 4/5/6
Luke Worth	Zac Streatfield	Ella Streatfield
Harry Sleeman	Lachlan Reid	Blake McNamara
Rhiannan Moore	Tanis Menzies-Bartlett	Ben Lewington

CALENDAR –TERM 4

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Term 4 Week 1	08/10/12	09/10/12	10/10/12	11/10/12 NO STUDENT BANKING	12/10/12 No Canteen
Week 2	15/10/12	16/10/12	17/10/12	18/10/12 Student Banking Day	19/10/12 CANTEEN
Week 3	22/10/12 WRAP DAY CANTEEN	23/1012	24/1012	25/1012 Student Banking Day	26/10/12 CANTEEN P&C Shopping Trip Canberra 27/10/12
Week 4	29/10/12	30/10/12	31/10/12	01/11/12 Student Banking Day SCHOOL CONCERT	02/11/12 CANTEEN TOUCH FOOTBALL TARCUTTA
Week 5	05/11/12 WRAP DAY CANTEEN	06/11/12 P & C Meeting – 7.30pm Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am-3.30pm	07/11/12	08/11/12 Student Banking Day	09/11/12 No Canteen K-6 Excursion Burrumbuttock PS
Week 6	12/11/12	13/11/12 Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am-3.30pm	14/11/12	15/11/12 Student Banking Day	16/11/12 CANTEEN