

### Kindergarten Orientation - Week 5

This is our fifth week of Kindergarten Orientation and Kayden, Declan, Noah, Mikayla, Marshall, Cody, Bella, Harry and Reagan have settled into their new school life very well.

They have completed many activities under the wonderful guidance of Mrs Helen Smith.

The skill that this week's activities are based on is "ignoring". The children were taught not to look at the person they want to avoid. They could look at a friend or pick up a toy instead. The children are also encouraged not to listen to what the annoying person is saying and to listen to someone else. Finally do not say anything to the person who is annoying you.

#### Peer Support

Our Year 5 group leaders led their group of children through four games very well this afternoon. While involved in the games the children were encouraged to use all the social skills we have learnt to date.

They are: Listening  
Using nice talk, saying please and thank you.  
Asking for help.  
Ignoring.

Pauline Bullock

#### Ignoring

Outlined below is a list of the strategies for ignoring for you to reinforce with your children.

**Look Away** - Tell the children not to look at the person they want to avoid. They can turn their heads away. Look at a friend, or pick up a book or toy to look at.

**Close your ears** - Tell the children not to listen to what the annoying person is saying. If they are supposed to be listening to someone else (such as the teacher) they can listen to that person.

**Be Quiet** - Remind children not to say anything back to the person who is annoying.

#### Additions and Attachments

- Some receipts
- A page of additions.

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### Kindergarten Orientation - Week 6

As the weeks pass by Cody, Bella, Marshall, Mikayla, Noah, Harry, Declan, Reagan and Kayden continue to grow in confidence both in the classroom and in the playground.

While working through literacy, numeracy and creative arts within the classroom setting they are interacting with their peers and friends, therefore also developing socialisation skills.

The children listen carefully while Mrs Smith explains the "focus of the Week" each week. Today they participated in role plays based on what we should do if we need to interrupt someone.

#### Peer Support

At 2pm the whole school gathered under the COLA for an outline of the focus of the week, interrupting. Our new Kindergarten children were very knowledgeable and confident supplying many of the answers. Following discussions and role plays the children formed their groups and then participated in four activities. The children were all keen to become involved and support one another.

#### Interrupting

**Decide if you need to.** Discuss when it is appropriate to interrupt (e.g. when you need help the person you want to talk to isn't looking at you).

#### **Walk to the person.**

**Wait.** Emphasise the importance of waiting without talking. Tell the children to wait until the person stops talking and looks at you.

**Say "excuse me".** Discuss how to know the person is ready to hear you (the person looks at you). The children can then ask what they need to.

Above is an explanation on how we teach the children this skill effectively and politely. Please practise this skill at home if the situation arises.

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The "flag party" from Lone Pine Barracks at Singleton.



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#### Welcome

This week we have welcomed Stephanie Trunk from Newcastle University. She is in her third year of study for teaching. She will spend four weeks working with 2-3 and 3-4-5-6 as she experiences working in a small community.

#### Fashion on the Fields Fundraiser

Congratulations to the SRC who ran a very successful Fashion on the Fields fundraiser last Tuesday. It was great to see both students and staff dressed in their finery. The winners of the raffle prizes were Bella Wallace and Mrs Watkins. I'm sure they are going to find their new water bombs launchers quite handy over the next few months. With gold coin donations, private donations and the raffle, the SRC managed to raise \$177. This money will be donated to the Burns Unit at the Children's Hospital. A fantastic effort.



#### Fruit Day

The P&C will be holding a Fruit Day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Students will be able to purchase a fresh fruit cup. More details to follow.

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#### Year 6 Farewell

This year our Year 6 Farewell will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the school library. Invitations and menu options will be sent home later this week.

#### Canberra Excursion

Fundraising efforts have now been finalised for the major excursion next year. A final total cost and payment plan will be sent home later this week.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day**  
**Thurs 14th Nov**

**P&C Meet 2pm** **Thurs 21st Nov**

**K/1/2 Excursion** **Fri 22nd Nov**

**Yr 6 Rotary Dinner @ RSL**  
**Wed 27th Nov**

**Last Kinder Orientation day**  
**Wed 27th Nov**

**Last Drumming workshop**  
**Thurs 28th Nov**

**Canteen Monday 18th November**  
Michelle Stennett  
Monday 25th Nov - Nicola Field

**Next Toybox**  
**Monday 18th November**

**Claim the Date**  
\* Presentation Night **Tues 3rd Dec**



### Year 6 Rotary Dinner

The Year 6 Rotary Dinner will be held at the Denman RSL Club on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Students and parents are asked to arrive at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. The meal will be free for students and available to parents at a cost of \$15 per head. The dress code for the night is smart casual. Please let Mrs Darlington know by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> if you are attending.

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to all parents and community members who attended our annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Even though it was a 'little damp', the ceremony was still well attended. Congratulations to Chelsea Borradaile who did a fantastic job running the ceremony and assisting speakers who were battling the wind. Thank you to staff and parents who assisted with organisation and morning tea.



Our guest speaker Mr Rob Thornton

### Jump Rope for Heart

This Thursday we will be holding the 'Jump Off' for Jump Rope for Heart. Ms Higgins has planned a fun morning for students to show off their skipping skills. Sponsorship forms and money can be returned to school anytime from Thursday onwards. Staff are quite confident (and a little bit nervous) that they will have to follow through with their dares if the students raise more than \$650. The dares will take place once all the money has been returned.

Christina Darlington - Principal

### What's Happening in 2-3

This term will be very exciting and busy for 2-3. In Literacy we are focusing on persuasion writing. During this time we will be looking at advertisements posters and learning the structure of the text. Children will be involved in a variety of workshop activities which demonstrate the techniques used to persuade a reader. In Accelerate Literacy we will be studying the text "The wishing well". During this time we will be focusing on grammatical features such as apostrophes and speech marks. We are also focusing on how an illustrator can convey a message in the text.

In mathematics Year 3 are completing three investigations. During this time they will be studying topics as multiplication, the distributive law, graphing, angles, maps, symmetries, measurement

In mathematics Year 2 are completing three investigations. During this time they will be studying topics as 2D and 3D shapes, graphing, addition, subtraction, multiplication, litres and money.

Mrs Parker

### Weekly Awards - Week 6

- Sebastian Owen - excellent contributions to class discussion.
- Tylana Cox - working well in reading.
- Abby Cooper - excellent achievement at State Spelling Bee.
- Jacob Marsh - trying hard in maths.
- William Stair - improvement in mental.
- Matthew Allen - wonderful singing.
- Darcy Wallace - fantastic singing.

### Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Nicholas Terrell, Riley Borradaile and Rowdy Walters.

3/4/5/6 - Codi Marsh, Jackson Stair, Corey Parkinson and Amy Thompson.

### Student of the Week



Amelia Harris - taking initiative to keep our sports equipment in good order.

### Week 5

#### Music Concert

Last Tuesday afternoon (5th), we were treated to a music concert featuring the students who have guitar and/or piano lessons with Rachel Dearnley. It was wonderful to see how far they have come, especially those who have now been having lessons for two years. Two students even composed their own pieces of music. Thank you to the parents and community members who supported the concert. Thank you to Rachel, who does a wonderful job with the students. The students will have an opportunity to play at the beginning of Presentation Night as people are arriving. If you are interested in sending your children along to lessons, please speak with Ms Bullock or Mrs Darlington for further information.

#### Updated School Policies

Thank you to the families that have returned their slips indicating that they have received a copy of the updated policies for visitors and volunteers in the school and conducting interviews. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your documents, I am only too happy to provide a copy.

#### Captain Speeches

We have listened to the speeches of the children in Year 5 who have been nominated for School Captain, Vice Captain, Sports Captain and Library Monitors. Voting has taken place, with the results to be announced at Presentation Night.

#### Weekly Awards - Week 5

- ◇ Chelsea Borradaile - citizenship.
- ◇ Jackson Stair - application in writing.
- ◇ Jacob Marsh - improvement in reading.
- ◇ Hunter Marsh - trying hard in maths.
- ◇ Beau Buswell - great effort in mathematics mapping skills.
- ◇ Cambell Hinze - fantastic reading.
- ◇ Steven Allen - working well on his reading skills.
- ◇ 2013 Newcastle Permanent Primary Maths competition - Distinction; Jackson Stair and Sebastian Owen. Merit; Nickolas, Olivia, Katie, Hugh, Simon, Amelia and Chelsea.

### Workers of the Week

K/1/2 - Dustynn Turner, Andrew Harris and Angel Blackhurst.

3/4/5/6 - Ben Nebauer, Tylana Cox, Connor Hodder and Olivia McLean.

### Student of the Week



Ayden Marsh - improvement in all areas.

### Drumming

Last Thursday (31st Oct) Issabella Berrigan visited our school for our second day of drumming workshops for all the students.

We revised and extended the first rhythm we learnt during our first session a few weeks ago, entitled "Zebra". Then we learnt a second rhythm "Tiriba".

The children are enjoying this opportunity to learn to play an African drum (Djembe). They should also be congratulated for their attentiveness and respectful behaviour.

