First North Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held tomorrow at Alstonville pool. Students are to be at the pool by 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Transport is by private vehicle with all students in Years 3 to 6 attending. Students in Year 2 who can swim 50 metres are welcome to attend if they are accompanied by an adult.

School will be as normal for K/1 students as well as students in Year 2 who are not attending the carnival.

I look forward to Eltham continuing our long tradition of participation at the First North Swimming Carnival, with the focus being on participation and supporting your school mates to do their best.

Assembly

Our first school assembly for 2016 will be held next Thursday 18th February, commencing at 2.50pm. Family and friends of students are welcome to attend and acknowledge the achievements of our students.

A special invitation is extended to the parents, carers and friends of our new kindergarten students who will be introduced to the school and community by their Year 6 buddies.

Happy Birthday

12th February – Ebony

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday. May you have a wonderful day!

Calendar

Term 1

Week 4
Thursday 18th Feb Assembly 2.50pm

Week 6
Tuesday 1st March P&C AGM 7pm
Friday 4th March Welcome BBQ
**Northern Rivers Zone Cricket Trials**

Good luck to George and Kai who will be participating in the Northern Rivers Cricket trials in Lismore on Monday. Best of luck boys!!

**Interest Groups**

Thankyou to parents who have volunteered to conduct interest groups at school on Friday afternoons. Expressions of interest are due tomorrow so it’s not too late if you are interested! After we have finalised the groups which will be on offer volunteers will be contacted to confirm final arrangements.

Stage 3 students will be participating in wellbeing sessions with Kristy Wood during this time in Term One.

**Tuckshop**

Recess tuckshop resumed this week. Year 6 students will open the canteen at recess Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday with veggie chips and flavoured milk being available. On Wednesdays there will be cake, vegie chips, fruit yoghurt ice blocks, date and coconut rolls, macadamia, yoghurt and apricot bites, sesame snaps and flavoured milk available for purchase. A price list is attached.

Ashlee (Kai’s) mum has offered to provide a gluten free, dairy free banana cake which will be available for students to purchase on Wednesdays at recess. Ashlee and her partner Matt have taken over the Eltham Pantry so any parents who would like to sample some of the other fabulous food baked by Ashlee can call in at the pantry! We appreciate Ashlee’s support as all funds raised from recess tuckshop is used by the Year 6 Leadership Team to purchase resources for the school and subsidise the Year 6 farewell dinner in December.

**Headlice**

We have had several cases of head lice reported at school. It is important that parents are diligent in checking their child’s hair and treating as appropriate if necessary. There are several options with regards treatment. If you have any questions regarding these options please contact the school. Using preventer spray is also advised.

**Whooping Cough**

There are currently a number of cases of whooping cough being reported in our area. We are asking all families to read the attached advice regarding whooping cough and be aware of the symptoms should students become unwell.

**Kindergarten “My First Year” Northern Star Supplement**

The Northern Star newspaper will be publishing it’s supplement titled “My First Year” which will feature photographs of Kindergarten students over the region on Wednesday 23rd March 2016. This year they have asked for students full names to be published with the photos. Attached is a permission note to be completed by Friday 19th February 2016.

**Book Club**

Hi everyone, just a reminder that book club orders are due next Tuesday 16th February 2016. There are some spare copies of the catalogues in the office if needed.

Thankyou, Louise

**Student Banking**

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Attached to the newsletter is an Information Pack for Kindergarten families and a flyer informing of this year’s current promotion for all families.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

**Statement of Account**

Attached to the newsletter today is a statement of account which includes Maths, Handwriting and Spelling workbooks that students have been issued with this year. Payment can be made at the front office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this payment or make arrangements.

**Community News**

Please check the community noticeboard for all the sport sign-on details.

“Helping Each Other Grow”