**Playground Reward Days A Success**

Students really enjoyed the 2 reward days held last week. Students enjoyed using their scooters and devices at school as well as the many other activities that were available for students to use. It was good fun for all those involved and we congratulate students on great behaviour and attitude. We hope student behaviour continues in this positive manner so that we can have more reward days next term.

**Soccer Gala Day on Wednesday**

Our school will play a gala day at Lochinvar Sports Field this Wednesday. They will play 3 games of soccer against 3 other small schools. Iona, Hinton and Kitchener will join us to play 2 rounds of the Small Schools Soccer Competition and then we will play a friendly game. We hope to do well and we have about 22 children keen to be a part of the teams that will play during the day. We wish them well and thank Tony Williams for his time as coach. Games will start at 9:45 and we will finish by 2:00. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer teams on. A canteen will also operate that day. Information was sent home last week to soccer players.

**Athletics Carnival Next Week**

We are looking forward to our annual Athletics Carnival. It will be held next week on Friday, 13th June, 2014. A note will go home today with the Bulletin with lots of details for parents. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to be a part of the day. We have a number of running races and novelty events for all students. We also have team ball games as well as tug of war and relays to finish the day. We ask that students come in school uniform but are welcome to bring streamers in their house colours. Please ensure your child has at least one jumper and long pants over shorts, as it can be very cold outside all day. A good idea for extra warmth is to send along a rug or blanket. In the past students have come dressed in shorts and a shirt with no other warm clothing and they were very uncomfortable during day. Please check your child is dressed sensibly for the day before they leave the house. Parent helpers in the canteen and on the field would be very helpful throughout the day. Please remember to bring along your folding chair and rug. It is a great day and it commences at 10:00 am with our House March Past. First points for the day will be earned in the march and the war cries. It is a great day and students look forward to it each year.
**SUSHI SAMPLERS AT SCHOOL ON THURSDAY FOR STUDENTS**
Mr and Mrs Heo have kindly offered to prepare some sushi rolls for students to try. With the help of some students, they will prepare fresh sushi for students to try at 11:00 for lunch. Students should still bring their own lunch but this could be a healthy addition. We hope students take the chance to try some sushi if they haven’t had it before. This is a great opportunity to try something from another culture and I know it is already a popular choice for many students. We thank them for the time and trouble they have taken to purchase the ingredients, planning and preparing the rolls and for sharing their culture with the students at school. I am sure they will be yummy!!

**MATHEMATICS PARENT SESSION SURVEY**
We are considering holding a couple short sessions for parents around several topics in mathematics. Included in this Bulletin is a short survey to help us to plan appropriate meetings at a time that suits parents as well as to ascertain your interest in us holding these sessions. We would like to assist parents to understand the language of mathematics as well as share our methods and processes for teaching various concepts and skills. Please complete these and return them to school or drop them in the box provided.

**PIE DRIVE VERY SUCCESSFUL**
Thank you to all the families that purchased pies, cakes etc. as part of our pie drive this year. Almost $3000 in orders was taken and these were distributed on Friday afternoon. Sharon Fletcher, Chris Joyce, Rael Carson and Natalie Hoover from our P&C spent time on Friday sorting the orders and distributing them during the afternoon. We thank them for their efforts it was appreciated by the many families that purchased goodies. The P&C did make some money from the drive and this will go towards the purchase of a new projector for the white board in Year 2/3/4 classroom. This has been ordered and we hope it will be installed soon.

**P&C MEETING**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th June at 2:15 pm in Year 4/5/6 classroom. We are hoping to plan a new fundraising activity so your contribution to the meeting would be very welcome. If you have any fundraising suggestions then let us know so we can discuss them. We hope to see you there.

**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL COMING SOON**
Our students have been invited to Rutherford Technology High school on Tuesday 17th June to view the matinee performance of the musical, Bye Bye Birdie. This performance will give our students in years 4, 5 and 6 the chance to see the performing arts faculty of the high school showcase their skills in singing, dancing, instruments and costume design. Information for interested students will be sent home early next week. Cost is very affordable at $2.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE**
You can purchase your new 2014/2015 Entertainment Book now for just $60 at the front office. Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more….receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers. A display book is available to look at in the front office.
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Kindergarten**

- Jett Sanderson - trying hard in all areas
- Jake Guest - a fantastic effort in Long Jump
- Madison Sowter - great work with sight words
- Jack Williams - an entertaining class presentation
- Lucas Coffey - great work with numbers
- Darcey Fuller - taking care when writing numbers

**Year 1/2**

- Patrick Fletcher - awesome stamina when reading to self
- Lahtia Platt - improvement in her editing of her own writing
- Josh Heiligman - being an awesome independent worker
- Ryan Swan - excellent writing during literacy groups
- Holly Long - a huge improvement in her reading
- Sierra Philp - improvements in her sentence writing
- Jayden Fogg - huge improvement in his reading
- Deegan McLoughlin - huge improvement in his reading

**Year 2/3/4**

- Taj Jones - effort and application when completing subtraction problems
- Jackie Weissel - working to improve fluency in reading
- Joel Heiligman - improved effort in handwriting
- Cynthia Gibbs - excellent results in spelling tests
- Alison Kalverla - excellent effort in Reading Groups
- Callum Priestley - outstanding effort in class discussions

**Year 4/5/6**

- Lacey Matthews - great effort in learning 24hr time
- Laila Kirtley - great effort in homework writing tasks
- Xandah Hoover - excellent work in handwriting
- Purusha Gibbs - application during maths groups
- Noah Hogan - some very good convincing paragraphs
- Emmie-lou Philp - always an excellent helper in all activities
- Reef Stocks - improved effort and results in spelling

**Best Boy**

- Tom Joyce, Jack Williams, Ryan Carson and Logan Williams.

**Best Girl**

- Niomi Crawely, Laila Kirtley, Kiara Platt and Letisha Fernance.

**Best Class**

- Kindergarten.

**Assembly Item Presented By:**

- 4/5/6 - Volcano Artworks and Leaders Games.
**Branxton Greta Little Athletics Centre**

Branxton Greta Little Athletics will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 25th June at 5:30 pm in the Athletics storage room, at the back of the amenities building at Miller Park.

The purpose of this meeting is to see if we can muster enough support for Little Athletics to run over this coming summer. A minimum of 5 enthusiastic adults are needed to enable the club to function. We have a few interested people, but need more support.

Any questions, please contact Michelle on 0404 495655, or at michelle.woodhouse@newcastle.edu.au

Thank you,

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