TERM 4 – WEEK 7

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Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)

Congratulations to all students for following our school expectations and earning mini merits. Last week the Lucky Dip winners were:

- RESPECT – Jaydon Gooley
- RESPONSIBILITY – Ethan Loveys
- PERSONAL BEST – Riley McShane

Assembly Roster

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Kindergarten Orientation

You and your child are warmly invited to come along for a taste of 'big school' during Term 4. This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the school and make friends with other pre-Kindy children, ready for starting school in 2015.

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To attend these events please call the office to register - 9905 4168

Christmas Combined Scripture Service

The Scripture program will close for the year with a combined Catholic and Protestant Christmas celebration service. This will take place on Thursday 4 December at 12:30 pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Maria Kortekaas
Scripture Co-ordinator
Helpers’ Morning Tea

When: 11 am Monday 8 December

Where: School Library

To say a big thank you, we will be hosting a morning tea in recognition of all those parents, grandparents, friends and members of our local community who have helped to make our school the best learning place for our students that it can be. Whether it is parent help in the classroom, assisting in the garden, the library, band, sport programs, working as a tutor to provide additional support for particular students, organising fundraising or attending excursions…we thank you for your time and interest in contributing to the education of our young people. Together we make the biggest difference!

Free!...Learn to Swim Lessons!

Collaroy Turtles Learn to Swim Program will be commencing on Sunday 7 December 2014. We will be holding our registration day on Sunday 30 November at 8am at Collaroy rockpool.

The cost for the season is $25 which covers for insurance for the participants, our seasons commences on Sunday 7 December 2014 and concludes on 29 March 2015. Lessons are conducted each Sunday morning from 8am to 9.30am and are given on a one to one with an instructor for around 10 to 15min.

Our aim is to provide lessons to families in our community who are unable to afford the cost of swim lessons, new arrivals from overseas, children and adults who cannot swim.

For further information our contact details are below.

Tanya Carmont (President, Water Skills for Life Inc.)

Ph: +61 (0)438 828 725
www.waterskillsforlife.org.au

Kindergarten Cake Stall - Friday, 28 November 2014

- Are you a baker? Here is a chance to show off your culinary skills!
- We need cakes, slices and cupcakes for Kindergarten’s Cake Stall at the Year 6 Fete.
- Please deliver to the staffroom on the morning of the fete.
During Literacy last week, 3/4D were learning about procedures and instructions, using a short extract from George’s *Marvellous Medicine* to inspire our writing. We then made our own Marvellous Medicine instructions.

## Vivian’s Marvellous Medicine

**You will need:**
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 bottle of blue nail polish
- 1 whole bottle of shampoo
- 1 jar of oil
- 1 can of hand lotion
- 4 bottles of hand sanitiser
- Car fuel
- Super spicy chilli
- Rotten apple juice
- Onions

**Instructions:**
1. Fetch a large pan from the kitchen.
2. Pour all ingredients into the pan except the onions.
3. Stir until all brown and bubbly.
4. Boil the brown medicine until it reaches the top of the pan.
5. If it does not reach the top, then pour more water in it.
6. Chop the onions into extremely small pieces.
7. Boil the onions until they melt into a liquid.
8. Pour 5 table spoons of onions into the mix.

By Vivian, 3/4D

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**Ever wondered if your child’s vision needs checking?**

OPSM present ‘Penny the Pirate’ – a storybook that allows parents to screen their child’s vision to determine whether a thorough eye test would be beneficial.

This storybook uses three key eye screenings and covers common vision issues found in children such as: distance vision, colour vision and depth perception.

A copy of the paperback book, ‘Penny the Pirate’, is in on display in the school office. If you are interested in acquiring a copy, please inform Mrs Brent or Anne-Marie in the office.

This opportunity is also available as a free app from Google Play or the Apple App store.


*Maria Kortekaas*
WHAT’S ON!!!

BROOKVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
CAR BOOT SALE
(Old Pittwater Road, Brookvale)
Saturday 29 November 2014
10am – 3pm

To reserve a pitch, please come to the school office, or call on 9905 4168

$30 per pitch
(Must be pre-booked)
Vacation Care is available for all school aged children. Our programs include excursions to the movies, Flip Out, Imax and also activity days at the centre.

Programs and bookings forms are available now from Brookvale ELC (building located at top of school carpark)

Please contact Ashley (9905 9564) for more details.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER**