Principals Report

REMEMBRANCE DAY. Thank you to those who could attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Sunday 11th. We also had our own ceremony with Isaac Pinkard doing a digital presentation of a fallen digger, Thomas George Stoddart. The children responded well and I believe have a deeper appreciation of the sacrifices made in war.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. We are currently doing a trial with Reading Eggs which is a digital, on-line reading resource. The plan is to have both Mathletics and Reading Eggs in the school to help with extension, support and for families to have access to quality programs out of school hours. This is part of our overall plan to improve literacy and numeracy skills for all our students.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP. I know schools aren’t the best places for traffic in ‘peak’ times but please be mindful of providing the safest conditions possible for our children. Please adhere to the signs and general safe parking options.

ACTIVITIES. In order to help our students through these trying and sometimes stressful last few weeks we are providing dancing in the hall during Wednesday lunch time and movies on Blockbuster Thursdays.

REPORTING. Teachers are now assessing and writing report comments. It is a good time to give children a ‘pep’ talk on remaining focused and on task. It is important for students to attend school every day. (Please see back of this newsletter for school attendance) Report cards will be issued on the 11th December. Staff are always willing to talk about children progress so please contact the school if you want to discuss any aspect of your child’s schooling. Some queries have been made re: dance assessment, to clarify the following outlines the assessment. Dance students have been required to make up their own dance.

We have been looking at how to use space, different levels and formations to make simple movements interesting. Their assessment is in groups so one child is not in front of the class by themselves. All students are marked on their effort to participate individually.

DISCO. We changed the date of the disco to Wednesday 28th because the earlier date made it difficult for many parents to have their children attend because of some clashes in activities. The evening will go from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and it will be held on the basketball courts. The optional theme is ‘Beauty and the Geek. Hot Dogs, Pizza, Chips and Lollies will be available for purchase on the night. More information will follow.

BOOKFAIR. Thanks to the many who supported the Book Fair. It was the most successful ever with the library now having an additional $1200 to spend on resources for our children.
Make a Deposit through School Banking and win an iPad Mini

For the next four weeks, School Banking is giving all students with a Youth-saver account the opportunity to win one of twelve iPad Mini’s for Christmas, simply by completing a deposit through the School Banking Program.

Every student who makes a deposit between 19th November and 14th December 2012 will go into the draw to win an iPad mini.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  Does your Child have a chance of being successful?

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EVERY DAY COUNTS !!

ADMISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Please ensure that medication is brought to the school office to be given by staff. Medication needs to be prescribed by a doctor or have a pharmacy label on the medication. A MEDICATION FORM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AT THE OFFICE WITH DETAILS OF THE ADMINISTERING OF THE MEDICATION.

FAMILY DAYCARE VACANCIES

Phone Kellie 49593870 or 0403231602.

Vacancies from Monday to Friday available. I am a registered family daycare educator through Blue River Family Daycare Scheme. My address is 23 Stevic street Walkerston.

FROM THE LIBRARY

As it is almost the end of Term 4 this week is the last week for student borrowing from the library. We request that parents check with their children to make sure that they have returned all of their library books by the end of week 9, Friday 7th December.

YEARLY LITURGY

Christmas Liturgy

Concert and Christmas Tree

Monday 26th November

The Concert will commence at 1.30pm in the Hall.

Year 1’s and Year 4’s will entertain us with their singing and Year 6’s will be enacting the First Christmas.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Please bring along a non-perishable grocery item to place under the Christmas Tree. All donations will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul in the Pioneer Valley.