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YEARS 2/6 ARTWORKS

At School

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More ducks on the dam

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New English Syllabus

Yesterday I attended a course for Principals - ‘Your School and the English K-10 Syllabus’. I have now been trained to lead the staff with our study of this new syllabus. The NSW Board of Studies has incorporated the content from the Australian Curriculum in the new syllabus. It is planned that implementation will begin in NSW Schools from January 2014. I will train the staff using Online Modules and Support Documents prepared by the BOS so that we will be familiar with the new syllabus before implementing it in the classroom. It is a very comprehensive document that sets clear outcomes and content for teaching English in our schools.

Uniforms

Unfortunately the problem of some students not wearing school uniform is getting worse instead of improving. After discussion at our staff meeting this week it has been decided to exclude students who are not in full school uniform from representing our school at official school functions. The sports uniform is expected to be worn for sporting events. This also means that if students are not in full school uniform they will be excluded from Friday Assemblies. I am sorry to have to be this strict but the school culture is suffering because some of the senior students are the main offenders. This is very negative role modelling for the younger students.

Performance – ‘A Slice of Vaudeville’

On Wednesday at 10.00am this performance will be held at our school. It is a very entertaining show using puppets, balloon animals, magic, live animals and ventriloquism. The theme of the show is to live a healthy and friendly life. The cost will be $4 per student.

Regional Principal’s Conference, Tamworth

I will be attending this conference next Thursday and Friday. It is a little sad because this will be the last conference that the New England Region will hold because this region will no longer exist after this year. Gravesend PS will become part of Barwon Region which includes schools that were in the Moree group of schools as well as schools like Inverell, Bundarra, Gilgai, Ashford and Delungra that were part of the Inverell group of schools. Both Moree and Inverell were part of the New England Region. This is just the beginning of the massive changes that are occurring in Education.

Have a great weekend.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
K/1—MOLLY ARMSTRONG
2/6—FLO ARMSTRONG

TURTLE AWARDS
MOLLY ARMSTRONG, DAMIKAH BARWICK-TAYLOR

BRONZE CERTIFICATES
CHARLIE PEACHEY, TOMMY LYSAGHT, LOLA BARWICK, FLO ARMSTRONG, TILLY BARWICK, JADE HICKS, CALEB WITHERS, SAM KIRKBY, ABBIE DUNNICLIFF, CORDELLE DUNNICLIFF, SHELBY ROBERTSON, NICOLA ROBINSON

READING AWARDS
25 NIGHTS—TILLY BARWICK, JADE HICKS, MYKALAH STAHL, CALEB WITHERS, ISAAC ARMSTRONG, SAM KIRKBY, MADDY ARMSTRONG, SHELBY ROBERTSON
50 NIGHTS—TILLY BARWICK

SILVER CERTIFICATES
DAMON BARWICK-TAYLOR, SHELBY ROBERTSON, CALEB WITHERS
WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH—VISITING PERFORMANCE
$4.40 PER CHILD

SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH—TRACTOR PULL
SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH—TRACTOR PULL

FRIDAY, 29TH MARCH—GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY, 1ST APRIL—EASTER MONDAY
MONDAY, 8TH—TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL—LANE CLARK WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 4-6
FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL—LAST DAY OF TERM 1

The P&C will need helpers for the Tractor Pull to help with serving & cooking lunches