

Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 4 – 2015 – WEEK 4

Wed 28 Oct	2016 Kindergarten Orientation 1.30 – 2.45
Wed 4 Nov	2016 Kindergarten Orientation 1.30 – 2.45
4-6 Nov	Aussie Bush Camp Year 4 and 2/6S \$275
Thurs Nov 12	Kinder Rumbalara Excursion KG & KM
Fri Nov 13	Kinder Rumbalara Excursion KD, KK, 2/6P, 2/6C
10-13 Nov	Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion \$420
Tues 17 Nov	Band Demo 3.00 – 3.30
	BVC BBQ Meet & Greet 3.30 – 5.00
Thurs 19 Nov	Band Tour
Sat 21 Nov	Spring Fair Market Day
Thurs 26 Nov	Yr 6 to 7 Orientation Day
Wed 9 Dec	Kindergarten Graduation/ Helpers Morning Tea
Fri 11 Dec	Badge Reward Day
Thurs 10 Dec	Yrs 1-6 Presentation Night
Mon 14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Wed 16 Dec	Last day for students

K-2 Assembly this week Friday 12.30pm – item by 1/2R

PRINCIPAL'S RETIREMENT

Last week I informed the staff that I intend to retire at the end of this year. I feel this is fair to the school as training for the new finance and administrative systems being introduced will begin in earnest in Week 7 of Term 1 next year and will take some time to implement fully. My retirement will allow a new principal to be appointed from the start of the year. Both Joanne Thoseby and the new Principal will be able to undertake all of the training and then support each other through the change process over the next two years.

I have enjoyed my ten years at Chittaway Bay because of its friendly tone and the strong home-school partnership which underpins everything we do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the support and trust you have given me and to congratulate you on the wonderful job you have done and are still doing in raising your children. They are delightful students and I wish them happiness and success in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the staff and to publicly thank them for their professionalism and hard work over the past ten years. All of them go well beyond the basic requirements of their job to provide the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for our students. No-one could ask for a more dedicated and efficient team!

By working together to provide quality education for every student, the staff and parents have achieved many improvements in student learning outcomes; the physical learning environment; teaching resources, and school practices. For instance, very few schools have such an abundance of literacy and numeracy resources; such a

small percentage of students below minimal literacy and numeracy standards; air conditioning, interactive whiteboards and Wi-Fi in every classroom; sets of i-Pads for class use; such a well-equipped playground and such modern well-maintained buildings. We could not have succeeded in our improvement goals without the outstanding support of our P&C and the broader community.

Our Music RFF program has been a particular success, and this year, we have noted pleasing improvements in student learning and engagement through the most recent new programs:- L3 In Kindergarten to Year 2; The Real Game in Years 3-6 and AVID in Years 5 and 6. I hope the *Music Bus* and *Sports in Schools* we are introducing this term will further enrich our teaching and learning programs.

I am sure the school will continue to implement many changes in its pursuit of educational excellence because society is changing rapidly (not always for the better) and the needs of our students change accordingly.

I have been teaching almost continuously since 1965, and have loved the challenges and opportunities to be creative that the teaching profession offers, so I know I will miss my job and I will particularly miss Chittaway Bay, the best of the many good schools I have served in.

I have told staff I do not wish to have a formal farewell or retirement function, so this is my "goodbye speech". I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous future.

CHILD PROTECTION REMINDERS

(1) Child Sexual Abuse:-An adult who shows children sexually explicit pictures or acts is guilty of child sexual abuse. The Internet (either via computer, I-Pad or mobile phone) gives children very easy access to such pictures and information. Parents therefore need to be very vigilant about what their child is viewing either deliberately or accidentally via the Internet.

Many teenage boys are now developing their concepts of sexual relationships from what they view on pornographic sites and therefore they don't understand the importance of mutual love and respect. Their concepts place inappropriate expectations on themselves and girls. I believe high school teachers try to correct the misperceptions about interpersonal relationships. I urge parents to take the matter seriously and try to do the same.

(2) It is illegal to leave a child under the age of 14 alone. If you are a working parent who leaves early or arrives home late, could you please organise child care with friends or neighbours or utilise the Before & After Care service available at school.

RINGWORM

We have had a couple of cases of ringworm at school. Please be aware of the following requirements:-

Ringworm is an infection that is caused by a fungus. It is very contagious and can affect the scalp, face, body, feet or nails. Ringworm affects both humans and animals.

Ringworm gets its name from the raised pattern the infection forms on the skin. It looks like a circle. Ringworm on the body begins as a ring-shaped, flat rash, gradually the ring becomes larger and spreads, with the inside of the ring clearing. The outside of the ring can be either dry and scaly or wet and crusted.

Ringworm is spread by contact with humans, animals and contaminated objects.

Ringworm is difficult to prevent because it is very common and contagious even before the symptoms appear.

Ringworm can be treated effectively with most anti-fungal medications. Early treatment is important and your doctor or pharmacist will be able to advise you.

Exclusion from school. Infected students are to stay home until 1 day after treatment has been implemented and a doctor's certificate provided.

WHOOPING COUGH

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055

WOOLWORTHS TRADING CARDS

Mrs Geary's Trade Club will be running again this year. Last year over 70 students got to complete their folders. I hope to do the same this year.

Trade Club will be in Mrs Geary's room at Recess. Please have a list of numbers you need with your name and class at the top of the page and any spare/ doubles cards.

If anyone has spare cards you don't want please donate them to Mrs Geary.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are currently working on putting together a 2015 School Magazine, which will show many highlights from this school year. Order forms for the magazine will be sent home this week. To secure your copy of the 2015 Chittaway Bay Public School Magazine, please return your order form and payment of \$10 to the office by Friday 13th November.

In order to include as many school events and memories in the magazine as possible, I am seeking photos from any school events that you might have attended. If you have photos from sports carnivals (particularly the swimming carnival), parades, or other school activities that you would be willing to share, can you please send them into the office on a USB (clearly labelled with your child's name and class), or alternatively you can email them to melanie.shelley@det.nsw.edu.au

We are also holding a competition for students to design the front cover of the magazine. The winning entry will appear on the front cover of the 2015 school magazine, and the designer will receive a free copy. Entries can be either electronic, or hand drawn/painted/collaged etc. Paper size needs to be A4, and a space needs to be left for the inclusion of the school logo. Please hand completed entries to your class teacher, or at the front office. Make sure you include your name and class on the back.

'DAY FOR DANIEL'

This Friday, we will be holding our first 'Day for Daniel' in memory of Daniel Morcombe who was abducted and killed on the Sunshine Coast in December 2003.

The day is to promote educating our children about personal safety and child protection. Their motto is to "wear red and educate", so we are asking all children to wear red on Friday. This can be in the form of a red shirt or red shorts etc. students will be participating in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum on the day.

Even though it is a sad event that has brought about this day, Friday will not be a time of sadness, but a celebration of educating our children to keep themselves safe.

ART CLUB RAFFLE

Every lunch time Mrs Geary and Mrs Mac run Art club. Art Club is open everyday for all K-6 students. Activities have included water colour painting, collages, pom pom making, rock painting, self portraits, digital art and installation art.

Art Club is raising money for more resources. We are hoping to raise money to invest in Gelli plates (used to make prints), stencils, stamps, specialised paint and inks. Every dollar raised will go straight back to the students.

Open every day, (except on Kinder Orientation Days) Art Club is for anyone who wants to come in. Every day is a different art activity and 'Colour in Friday' is very popular. Students come to Art Club for all different reasons. After the major storms earlier in the year, we were extra busy with students who expressed how the storms had made them feel through their drawings and paintings.

Cost is \$5 a book or 50cents a ticket.

Please return tickets by Friday 20th November.

The raffle will be drawn at the Spring Fair on Sat 21st November
1st prize: Signed Mark Waller painting. (Estimated price for the painting is \$980.)

2nd prize: Two Adult Colouring books.

3rd prize: Art kit.

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Jo-Anne Whitelaw

Piano – Keyboard Teacher 0411388669

The lessons cost \$18 per lesson, with a small discount for siblings, and run for 45 mins per lesson.

Keyboards will be provided for the lessons, and there will be a fee for the books used in the lessons.

If you are interested in your child taking part in these lessons, please fill out the permission slip below and return to the schools office.

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ONCE UPON A SCARY NIGHT..

Friday 6 November 2015, from 5pm to 6.30pm
Join the Library Children's team in the presentation of night-time stories in Kibble Park.
Featuring readings of Scary Night by Lesley Gibbes and Stephen Michael King, Edward the Emu by Sheena Knowles, and other favourite, possibly spooky, night stories.
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SANTA IS ON HIS WAY

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S PARADE

ALL WE SEE IS JOY

14th November, 10am to 1pm

Led by the master toy maker, Santa will arrive in his sleigh accompanied by all his favourite friends including Elmo.

There will also be lots of other FREE activities as well as Christmas carols!

Go to westfield.com.au/tuggerah for more information.