

LUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Monday 10th August *** Week Five *** Term Three *** 2015

Principal's Note

Welcome to the newsletter for week 5.

This week we will be introducing PBL to school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). It is a recognised initiative which helps to support a calm and productive environment at school. Check the snippet for more information.

A few weeks ago we sent home a shoe box from the organisers of Operation Christmas Child. We hope to collect the shoeboxes by the end of August, ready for dispatch to the collection depots. We appreciate all donations towards the collection. If you don't feel you can fill a shoebox, then maybe you could contribute by sending in one or two items which could go into a shared shoebox. Students will watch a video clip about the program at school today.

In week 3, several senior students participated in a debate via video conference against Glen Alice Public School. Speaking for the team were **Emma Wisser**, **Zac Stewart** and **Matthew Elkins**. They did a great job and Lue won the debate. We have another chance to debate this coming Wednesday afternoon at 1:40pm against Goolma Public School. This weeks team will be **Felikss Sander**, **Jake Nugent** and **Bryce Robinson**. Their topic is 'That the world is better today than in 1915' and Lue are arguing the affirmative case. We wish them the best of luck!

Caron McDonald (*Relieving Principal*)

Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL is an initiative which is used in hundreds of schools across NSW at the moment. Its aims are to explicitly teach desired behaviours in order to enhance the learning of everyone. For example, it's easy to tell students they must behave sensibly but what does that exactly mean? What does it look like/sound like? Students bring their own personal experiences to school from home and all homes are different. What is considered acceptable behaviour in one home, may not be so in another. At school, we need to ensure students understand what is expected from them at school and to do that involves explicit teaching. If a student struggles with reading, we teach skills to address that. If a student struggles with mathematics we teach skills to address that. If a student struggles with behaviour we must teach skills to address that too!

Our three words for success are **SAFE**, **RESPECTFUL** and **RESPONSIBLE**. Students who demonstrate these positive behaviours will be rewarded with 'catch me being good' slips to go into a weekly draw. You will be hearing more about PBL in the coming weeks.

Desire to Inspire

Last Wednesday students were treated to an athletics workshop at school by Youcef Abdi. Youcef is an Australian athlete who specialises in the 3000m steeplechase. He represented Australia in the 2012 Olympic Games held in London. The students had lots of fun and learned many tips to improve their skills. If students are interested in finding out more about athletics, then they are welcome to join Mudgee Little Athletics. Have a look at the attached flyer for more information.



School uniforms

A number of students have been coming to school lately wearing clothing which is not part of school uniform. There is documented evidence which suggests that the wearing of a uniform creates a feeling of belonging and encourages positive feelings towards others wearing the same uniform. The same research identified that students who regularly wear 'street clothing' as opposed to school uniform came to school with a less positive attitude. At Lue, we encourage students to wear their uniform with pride and will reward those who do with 'catch me being good' slips. Our 'uniform shop' has plenty of new and good quality used uniforms for sale if you would like to purchase further items.



Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our junior relay team, **Rhys Robinson**, **Rafferty Fisher**, **Paxton Fisher** and **Matthew Robinson** for making it through to Western. They will head off to Dubbo on 28th August to compete. Well done boys!

Fundraising 2015

We have sent home a fundraising catalogue for you to have a look at. Any orders from the catalogue are for you to do personally and not through school. There is no obligation for you to purchase anything at all but if you do, please nominate Lue Public School on your order form or online and our school will receive 20% of the value of your order in learning resource vouchers.

Just a reminder:

Monday Canteen is lunch ordering only. Children will need to bring their recess every school day.

P&C News

The P&C will be holding a cake stall this coming Friday outside the CRT in Rylstone. We would appreciate donations of cakes to sell at the stall. Please send your cake donations to school by Friday morning.



Live Life Well @ School

As part of our commitment to the Live Life Well @ School program, our students have fresh fruit every morning after fitness to give them an added bit of energy before they go into class. We are encouraging our students to bring an extra piece of fruit and/or vegetable to school for recess and/or lunch each day too. Fresh fruit and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet, provide energy and vitamins and come in their own healthy packaging.

The Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids, Eat Fresh and Win campaign is a competition running in schools from 10th August to 18th September. The aim is to encourage students to bring a piece of fruit to school each day.



Students are rewarded with prize slips, stickers and character pencils. Completed prize slips will be sent off to Sydney to go into a draw for major prizes, including a home entertainment package, iPad minis and school gift packs.

For more information on the competition, including some great recipe ideas to try, have a look at their website:

<http://www.freshforkids.com.au>



Khylarni Docherty

Khylarni has been making a real effort to improve her reading at school. Well done, Khylarni

Important Dates

August/September 2015

| 17 | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| Wk 5 | 10 August | 11 August | 12 August | 13 August Stage 3 students to Mudgee -Emily Rodda Science with Mrs Curtis Guitar lessons | 14 August | 15 August | 16 August |
| Wk 6 | 17 August | 18 August | 19 August | 20 August Mrs McDonald at Principal's Conference in Dubbo Guitar lessons | 21 August → | 22 August | 23 August |
| Wk 7 | 24 August Book week and book fair all week | 25 August | 26 August | 27 August Guitar lessons | 28 August Dress up as a book character day Last day of book fair WESTERN ATHLETICS | 29 August | 30 August |
| Wk 8 | 31 August | 1 September | 2 September | 3 September Guitar lessons | 4 September | 5 September | 6 September |