School yard blitz

I would like to apologise for omitting and to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mia Chilcott at our blitz day during the holidays. Mia very skilfully cooked the sausages for our lunch and we thank her for her efforts.

Youth Drama Festival

Congratulations are extended to Mrs Kettle’s Grade 4 students who performed at the Youth Drama Festival last week. They received very positive comments about their performance.

Homework

We have had some enquiries from parents regarding how long children should spend completing homework. As the children have been working hard all day, we would recommend that children spend between 20 minutes and half an hour only on homework. Larger projects are given with ample time for children to spend time completing them over a series of nights.

Collecting Children

Teachers in the Grades 1 and 2 area ask that parents remain outside the buildings at the end of the school day. It is disruptive to the classes to have adults standing around inside the classrooms and causes congestion when parents wait in the very narrow corridor. A part of developing independence is having the children collect and pack their belongings into their own bag at the end of the day. This is difficult when parents have already collected their bag for them. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

School Banking Bendigo Bank

Earlier in the year we mentioned that Bendigo Bank would be offering students the opportunity to open a school bank account with them. We now have application forms available from the office and would like to encourage those who participate in school banking to consider supporting the local bank. All children who open accounts receive a bag of goodies and an ongoing annual surprise! The school also receives a commission for each new account. Monies would be collected by Bendigo Bank staff after the Breakfast club on Wednesday and books returned to the school by 3.00 pm. Please consider supporting our generous local bank who are very generous supporters of our community and the school both financially and through their staffs’ regular assistance with the Breakfast program.

Education Forum

The TPA in conjunction with the Tasmanian State Schools Parents and Friends Association (TAS P&F) are delighted to be hosting an Education Forum with our local Federal election candidates.

Parents and community members are invited to attend the forum.

This is OUR chance to ask our political candidates questions about Education.

Date: Wednesday 14th August
Time: 7.00pm start
Venue: Newstead College, Launceston
**Book Week**
Book week begins on 19th August. Our Parade will be on 22nd August. Students who come dressed up in costume must come as a character in a book and have the book with them. We have an awesome tradition at Deloraine Primary School that we wish to keep up with over 95% of our students dressing up for the Parade. We greatly encourage the students to use their imagination and to be as creative as possible in regards to their costumes. For ideas they can check out google or look through costume books and of course talk to clever parents and other creative friends and students. Op shops are great places to find items for dressing up. Spotlight have a range of accessories and whatever you can find in cupboards at home. The books can be borrowed from any library, friends and family or can come from home.

**Whole School Assembly**
At our next whole school assembly tomorrow, we have some delightful performances. Grade 2 Choir will be singing to us for the first time. Our Grade 5/6 Choir will be performing “Chasing the Sun”. Please come along, you are very welcome. Please be seated by 2 pm.

**Canteen News**
Monday Specials - Kinder - G6
(Normal menu also available for lunch)
Monday 19th August
Wedges with Sour cream or BBQ/Tomato/Chilli Sauce— $3

**Change of Personal Details**—Please advise the office if you have recently changed any of your details eg address, email, phone, mobile, contacts or medical information. Thank you.

**Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2013 Closing Date**
Applications for Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2013 will not be accepted after 6 September 2013.
STAS assessment processing closes on 6 September. This includes those applications where applicants have not provided the department with requested income information needed to make an assessment.

**Professional Learning Days**
Thursday, 17 April 2014
Monday, 21 July 2014
Friday, 24 October 2014

**40 Hour Famine**
Rochelle and Fayth from 6AS are doing the 40 Hour Famine. They are giving up furniture and electronics and would appreciate it if people would donate a gold coin on 15th August. All money raised will go to children living in poverty.

**Uniform Sale—New Hall**
**Next Thursday, 22nd August**
(straight after Book Parade until 2.45pm.)
Sunrise Bakery orders can also be collected from the new Hall during the Uniform Sale.

**Lost**—pink Samsung, Galaxy Y mobile phone. Please contact the Office if you have any information.

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