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Term 4 Week 4

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"Look, listen and think"

Hard to believe we are almost halfway through Term 4. As I sit to write this edition I am encouraged by the survey results that we had in yesterday from the *Tell Them From Me Parent Survey*. I have just glanced through it at this stage, however, 100% of respondents are graphed as showing the newsletter as very useful. I am pleased that it does get read or used. Thank you to those who took the time to give us feedback. It will be used to evaluate our school performance and help us move forward into 2017.

State Athletics Stars

Congratulations to our fine team of athletes who competed recently at State. 2 seems to be our lucky number as our P5 relay team of George W, George P, Hamish and Lachie finished 2nd in the state, as we did earlier in the year in swimming. A truly remarkable effort. Rumour has it that the parents may have lost their voices from cheering so loudly, we have no doubt you were. Trish sent in a video of their run and we took great joy in watching it as a school. Hamish, Isabella and Sam also competed individually in events and performed incredibly well. 2016 will certainly go down as one to remember as far as sporting success is concerned.



Lachie, Hamish, George and George – the P5 relay team

Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

This year we worked with School Council and Parliament to discuss how we could award those students as they progressed through our behaviour system at school. It was decided that food rewards were not always the best and that something more

long term was desirable. We purchased badges that have colours available to fill in. Each student will receive their badge this week and on it will be the colours they are up to. It can be kept for a number of years and added to. Children may keep it at home and will be asked to bring it in when they need another colour added. They may of course, wear it to school with pride, at any time. It has taken 2 terms to finally get them produced and have them arrive. Gold awards are presented at Speech Day to students who have made it to this level. This year our system is tracked through Sentral and so students are aware of where they are tracking. This year they are responsible for collecting and handing in 5 white slips for entry into the system. If badges need to be replaced as they are lost, you will be able to purchase them at the office.

Transition Information Session

Next week we conclude our Transition program for 2016. I would like to thank Mrs Smith and Miss Mooney for their hard work in preparing our children for school next year. They appear to have had a wonderful experience. An information session for parents of these children will be held next Thursday, 10th November at 2.30pm. It is an opportunity for us to go through with you the school handbook and answer any questions you may have. If there are things you would like to ask, I am sure you are not alone. Please ask them and we will answer them as best we can.

Yearbook Progress

Our yearbook is currently in the process of being edited and getting ready for publication. All articles need to be in BY THIS FRIDAY please. Once we have everything finalised we will let you know how to order and the cost. What a great book it will be celebrating all our achievements, and contributed to, by all families 2-6.

Remembrance Day Assembly and P&C vote.

Next Friday, November 11th we will have a Remembrance Day assembly. The ceremony prior to the silence will be led by our Parliamentarians. Each person present at the ceremony will receive a poppy to wear, marking the importance of this day. This

will replace our afternoon assembly. We invite everyone to attend. We will commence at 10.45am.

Following the service the P&C will vote on the following motion that *“The P&C move to contribute \$40,000 to sustain the existing 4 teacher school model. Moved: Kate SS, 2nd Helen Smith”*

Speech Day Trophies

Can we ask those people who have a perpetual trophy from speech day last year to please return it to the school office? We will soon need to send them off to be engraved, to have them back in time for speech day.

Pool Membership

We will start using the pool for sport and swim school in the coming weeks. If you are yet to pay your membership forms were attached to the last newsletter. A form is emailed out with today's newsletter if you need another copy. Please return this ASAP.

Working with Children Check

Thank you to those who have responded to our request for working with children check documentation. The form is attached again in case it was missed at the end of last term.

Emergency contact details

Please remember to update your contact details and emergency contacts with Jenny if your circumstances change.

Just for a bit of fun, our staff love dress ups. We came to school for Halloween as the wicked witches of the west.



Crazy BJPS staff

Have a great week,
Kate Slack-Smith

Important Dates for BJPS

Term 4

November

3rd - Transition

4th – School Magazine deadline

10th – Last transition day, parent meeting 2:30pm

11th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am, followed by P&C mtg

28th – 9th Dec – Swim School

December

12th – Yr 6 lunch

15th – Speech Day 9:30am

16th – Last day for students

19th – 20th – Staff Development Days

George competes at Inter-school Horse Extravaganza

Despite some tough competition, George and his ever reliable horse, Savannah performed well at the Inter-school Horse Extravaganza (ISHE) which was held at AELEC, Tamworth from 14-17th October. On the first day of competition, George competed in the working horse challenge against 57, 10-12yr old competitors. He placed 8th in the time trial and was 13th overall in the challenge. Against 23 riders in the 12 yr old sporting competition, George placed 2nd in the bottle race, 2nd in the diamond flag and 3rd in the bonfield bounce which placed him 6th overall in sporting. George also won 1st place in the accumulator show jump which was held on the Sunday and then on the final day of competition at the gymkhana ring events George was awarded 1st places in the boy rider, pleasure hack and bareback.



George on Savannah