Term 4 has arrived

Term 4 has commenced and for some of us, it was great to see a few drops of rain leading into last weekend. Whilst the rain saw the postponement of the Riverside Festival, those in need of water will, I am sure, be understanding and grateful. We hope that the term ahead sees more rain falling to fill more tanks, spring our grasses back to life and add a bit of brightness across the community.

In the modern world of education, all terms are busy, but Term 4 brings with it the focus on completing the planned learning across classes in a given year. Teachers will be assessing and reporting on student achievement and the school will start to prepare students for the learning environment they will face in 2020.

Term 4 is exciting for our Year 6 students who start to say their goodbyes and learn more about high school and life after primary school. We will have an array of celebrations to mark the end of the year and we look forward to community participation in these events.

Bushfire Tragedy

During the school holidays, one of our families unfortunately lost their family home to the fires at Bungawalbin. Our P&C Association has jumped to the fore and assisted with school uniforms and the students are back with us at school. The great news is the family is safe, despite their significant loss. The family has found some short term accommodation but are looking for something that may serve their needs longer as

Bookpacks $40 per student
Voluntary Contributions $20 per student or $40 per family. Please also ensure that your child has the items indicated on the class requirements list.
Payment can be made at the office or securely online at www.woodburn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
they set about rebuilding and re-establishing themselves on their property.

There has been strong interest in supporting the family by way of donations. I have liaised with the St Vincent’s De Paul in Evans Head and the Anglican Op Shop in Woodburn who are always happy to receive donations that may be suitable to the family’s needs. When the family is better positioned to go in and seek support, both of these agencies have offered to be supportive of them (through vouchers or the like) so they can best get what they require, rather than receive items that are less of a necessity.

Whilst the family is living out of temporary accommodation they are not as able to accept many items as they simply don’t have the space to store or look after such items. I am sure that at the next meeting, the P&C will consider other ways to support the family. This information will then be shared.

The generosity of the community is appreciated and valued. The challenge is maximising the support to best meet the needs of the family at this difficult time.

**Bus Zone and School Car Park**

During the holidays Richmond Valley Council was able to mark out the defined bus zone of our school. The area behind this is considered the Drop and Kiss zone during the designated bus hours (8:00-9:30am and 3:30-4:30pm). During the school day (9:30am-3:30pm) these areas can be used for parking by visitors to our school.

Our staff and visitor car park was also attended to with a new dual space. This area is for taxis and disabled parking. These spaces are reserved for these needs and should be left vacant at all times unless you fit these categories. This now makes our school compliant with the need to support persons with a disability as well as providing a safer space for taxis who drop students to and from school.

**Enrolments for 2020**

Now is the time to start securing enrolments at Woodburn PS for 2020. Our school has excelled in recent years, growing and flourishing as a vibrant and engaging learning environment for all of our students. Our school caters for the diverse learning needs of all students, with mainstream classes that stretch and extend the learning of students, through to support class settings that are tailored to the unique learning needs of students with learning support needs that meet support class eligibility (determined by a department placement panel).

Over the term ahead, our school will be seeking to finalise all prospective enrolments across all grades (K-6) and finalise plans for 2020. Families wishing to discuss a future enrolment are encouraged to contact the school and arrange an appointment and a chance to see what our school has to offer.

Until next newsletter...

Next week (Week 2) we will be holding our Book Fair in the school library. In Week 1, all students will have the opportunity to browse the books on selection and create wish lists to take home.

The Book Fair will be open from Monday to Wednesday (21 – 23 October) from 9:00am – 11:25am, and all day on Friday 25 October. We will also be open on Grandparents Day (Thursday 24 October) at recess time.

If you wish to make purchases or browse our books outside of these times, please see Mrs Lord in the library!

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**Canteen Meal Deal Thailand!**

Vegi Paper Rolls, rice pudding w/ mango or blueberries & water infused w/ peaches

Please write order (with name and class) on a brown paper bag, enclose $5 and put it in the box in the foyer at school. All orders must be in by 10 am Thursday morning.

Next week…

We visit Italy! Pizza, berry sorbet and juice
The Circle of Security Program is for any parent or carer with children aged 0-10 years. At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might be trying to tell us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how to secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Highly recommended for parents with babies and toddlers.

- Understand your child’s emotional world by learning how to read their emotional needs
- Support your child’s ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child’s self-esteem
- Honor the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.

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Evans Head-Woodburn Community Pre-Schools
NOW TAKING 2020 ENROLMENTS

Orientation dates for new enrolments:

Evans Head Pre-School:
Monday 4th November 2019, 9:30am – 10:30am

Woodburn Pre-School:
Friday 15th November 2019, 9:30am – 10:30am

For enrolment enquiries, or to RSVP to an orientation session, please phone 66825235 (Evans Head) or 66822993 (Woodburn), or just pop in and see us.