Whooping Cough: Information for Childcare and Schools

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

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK

Friday, 6th November
CAPERS Performance at the TRECC in Tamworth – EXCURSION CANCELLED
Mrs Jones & Mr Leayr will be at school

FROM THE OFFICE:-

Jack Newton Permission Notes
Please return permission notes to the school office by tomorrow, Wednesday 5th November.

Capers Tamworth – Friday 6th November
Please note that due to changing circumstances, our excursion to ‘Capers 2015’ in Tamworth has been cancelled.
School on Friday will be as normal!

You must be joking

Why did the rooster cross the road?
To show he wasn’t a chicken!

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From the Little Room.........Week 5

A Peek at the Week:-
Leader - Katelyn

Sounds -
  K - ll, zz, s
  1 - sn, sp
  2 - silent letters

Sight words - revision for assessment next week
Maths focus - Time
Grammar focus - Direct Speech

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and understanding last week, especially Mr Leayr and the big guys. It was a big undertaking to add the little people to your days and I appreciate your help. It is hard to believe we are nearly halfway through the term already! Assessments begin next week so please spend some time revising those sight word lists.

Many thanks,

Much Mrs Campbell

Student of the Week:

Emily Grainger – A warm and welcoming friend to our visitors.

Achievement Award:

Jarryd – Beautiful presentation skills.

3,4,5,6 STUDENT AWARDS – WEEK 5

Student of the Week:

Harry Mamone – For working solidly in class.

Achievement Award:

Cody Grimes – For working well in class.

School Camp Snapshot
In 2012, the NSW Government announced its Local Schools, Local Decisions (LSLD) reform for NSW public schools. This reform places students at the centre of school decision making. It gives principals and school communities a greater say over how they use the available resources to best meet the needs of their students.

To enable the shift of resources to the school level, a Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed. The RAM provides a simpler, fairer and more transparent distribution of government school funding and changes the way resources are managed in our school system.

On 21 October 2015, the NSW Premier the Hon Mike Baird MP and the Minister for Education the Hon Adrian Piccoli announced the next phase of the RAM implementation. In 2016, $113 million in additional funding has been allocated to NSW public schools through the RAM. These additional funds have been allocated in a way consistent with the recommendations of the Gonski Review.

In 2016, NSW public schools will receive a base allocation for staff professional learning and funding for each student using a new methodology. Schools will continue to receive equity loadings for socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low level adjustment for disability.

Eligible schools will also continue to receive a location allocation in 2016 to address the additional costs faced by NSW public schools that are geographically remote or isolated.

What is Bullying and Harassment?

Bullying is the conscious desire to hurt, exclude, or put someone else down to make you feel better. Bullying can be in looks, actions or words.

Bullying is not a joke. It is unacceptable!

Each person/student has the right to feel safe, happy, and wanted.

Bullying can include:
• being ignored constantly;
• being excluded from the group;
• having rumours spread about you; and
• being made fun of.

You are helping a bully by:
• providing an audience;
• not supporting someone who is being bullied;
• passing on harassing notes;
• spreading rumours; and
• laughing at a bully's actions.
Upcoming Dates For Your Diary
TERM 4 2015

Thursday, 12th November
Lunch Order Day

Thursday, 19th – Friday, 20th November
Invermein meeting
Mr Leayr attending

Thursday, 19th November
World Vision Morning Tea

Tuesday, 24th – Thursday, 26th November
Kinder Orientation

Monday, 30th November – Friday, 11th December
Intensive Swimming
9am – 11:30am each day

Tuesday, 1st December
Mark Young will be visiting the school

Thursday 3rd December
Lunch Order Day

Friday, 4th December
Presentation Night

Wednesday, 9th December
Yr 6 Dinner at Ahh Pizza Bella, Scone

Thursday 10th December
Lunch Order Day

Monday, 14th December
Student reports to go home

Wednesday, 16th December
Student’s last day
Class parties/end of term activities

Thursday, 17th December
CPR/Asthma Training for staff at Blandford PS

END OF TERM 4 2015!

 Regards
Mr Leayr

More School Camp Snapshots – Not much fun was had, as you can see!