Principals Message

Students reports for Semester 1 will be sent home on Friday. The report is aligned with the new NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum for English and Mathematics. If you would like a Parent / Teacher meeting, please ensure the form you received last week is returned to school ASAP with your 3 time preferences. Teachers will try their best to allocate one of your chosen times. Have a great week.
Regards,
Carmel Doyle

WESTERN REGION PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Lauren who came an impressive 9th in her Western PSSA Cross Country Running Event last week in Wellington. This is a wonderful achievement.

NATIONAL BETTER BUDDIES DAY

Last Friday, students celebrated National Better Buddy Day by participating in activities with their buddies. Activities included cooking and fun games and sporting activities which members of the students committee organised and ran. All students had a great time and demonstrated their caring abilities with their buddies.

SCHOOL CHOIR - FORBES EISTEDDFOD

Today, Wednesday 18th, our choir travelled to Forbes to participate in the Forbes Eisteddfod. The Choir participated in the Small Schools Section and have continued their winning streak taking out FIRST PLACE in this section. Congratulations to the students and a big thank you to Miss Adams for her efforts in preparing the choir. Also thank you to parents for transporting students to Forbes.

UNIFORM ORDER

If you need uniforms—please have orders and money to the office by Friday 20th June for delivery at the start of Term 3.

Years 3 – 6
Don’t forget your excursion notes.
Uniform Orders Due 20.6.14
## Student of the Week: Week 7 Term 2

**Year 3 - 6**  
Darcy Merchant

**K - 2**  
Lillian Austin

**Miss Auld**  
Khya Drew

### Assembly Awards:
- **13 June 2014**
  - K - 2: Sanjay Buttle, Macey Greenhalgh
  - 3 - 6: Jed Matheson, Mitchell McMahon

### Sportsperson:
- **Primary:** Haydan McCarthy
- **Infants:** Ben McMahon

### Term 2

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### Happy Birthday
- **Toby Matheson**: 16th June
- **Alec Maclean**: 19th June
Reading your child’s report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. So avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   
   Self-confidence is a prerequisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

**Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

**Take note of student self-assessment**

Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

**Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
FORBES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

HOLIDAY FUN!!!

2014 Winter Fun!!!
Mon 30th June - Fri 4th July
Mon 7th July - Fri 11th July
Open 8:30am - 5:30pm

Mon 30th June
Tues 1st July
Wed 2nd July
Thurs 3rd July
Fri 4th July

Mon 7th July
Tues 8th July
Wed 9th July
Thurs 10th July
Fri 11th July

Open Day
Family and friends please join us for morning tea

Week 1

Week 2

- Recess and lunch - Sunscreen
- Water drink bottle
- Hat

Children must wear enclosed shoes.

What to bring:

- Suitable clothing

Come along to our Holiday Fun program and enjoy the huge range of exciting activities! Enjoy games, sport, craft, party treats and exciting excursions!

Eugowra Preschool invites prospective enrolments and community members to an Open Day on Wednesday 25th June, 2014 from 10:00am

Children can participate in the preschool activities and familiarise themselves with the environment. Parents and other community members can come along and view the wonderful service and facilities provided at Eugowra Preschool.

Eugowra Preschool offers:
- Enrolment for children from the age of 2 years
- Experienced and trained staff
- Very affordable rates
- Low enrolment numbers
- Excellent child to staff ratio
- A quality educational program
- A well-resourced centre
- Occasional care
- Positive relationships and interaction with local primary schools
- A positive, warm environment for all children to prosper, learn and enjoy

If you would like your child to stay for morning tea please bring along a healthy snack for them.

A DEBUTANTE BALL WITH A TWIST!

the TWISTED Ball

SAT. 26 JULY 6.30pm - late
EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND HALL

BIG DADDY’S Woodfire Pizza Menu

Cheesy Bacon Smoky Bacon topped with Mozzarella
BBQ Beef Smokey BBQ Base topped with Beef and Mozzarella
Vegetarian Baby Mushrooms Fresh Herbs Capsicum and Olives on a herbed tomato base
Margherita Freshest Basil, creamy mozzarella on herbed tomato base
Hawaiian Sweet Pineapple with Ham and Cheese
Pepperoni Sizzling Hot Pepperoni on tomato base topped with Mozzarella

Show Size $8
Big Daddy Size $15