Tuesday 20th May 2014

Principal's Report
A big hello to everyone. I would like to remind everyone that Homework Centre is up and running for the term and that it is a great place for kids to look for extra help with their work. The atmosphere in the room is fantastic and the kids really enjoy the experience. Special thanks to Mrs Newton and Deanna Hartin for running this program.

Artsmart starts today and we have students from our school and surrounding schools attending over the next three days. The skills the students develop in this program are amazing and the students produce is really fantastic. Thanks to Jamie Hoyle for his dedication in improving the art skills of our students.

Just a reminder that the cut off for attendance at the Canberra excursion was last week. Raffle tickets are available but please remember that children should not sell tickets by themselves. We do have the numbers for the excursion to proceed.

Thank you to Noel York for organising the running track, a genuine 100m running track, last Saturday. This is a big improvement on our old track. Thanks also to Mr Matthews and Mr Campbell who helped with layout and spread grass seeds.

Please have a look at the new school shirt. We will be phasing this in over a two year period. We are finalising a new logo and when that process is completed we will look at getting the first run of shirts manufactured.

Please don’t forget to ask your kids what they learnt every day. This is the best way to reinforce new concepts and keeps parents up to date with their learning. We have students off to Netball and Cross country this week. Good luck kids, do your best and have fun. All the best to everyone, Mr Taylor ~ Principal.

Parking – the bus companies have requested that parents/community do not park in the bus bays in the mornings. There are signs indicating that this is a bus zone. Fines do apply to bus zones; no stopping and no parking signs as indicated around the school perimeters. Please adhere to all road signage.

Casino High School Enrichment Program
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Wednesday 21st May the Casino High School Enrichment Program will not operate due to sports events at the high school on this day. The program will resume on Wednesday 28th May. Thank you.
**Principal’s Award**
Mahaylia V – Following school rules always
Daniel K – Being a good role model
Tallis A – Excellent student in all areas

**SRC Award**
Angela G – Always following school rules

**Playground Draw**
McKenzie L
Cheyne A
Lillian G
Sophie M

**Best Class**
3/4H – Mrs Hayward

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**2014 Writer’s Festival**
The Writer’s Festival will be held this year at Southern Cross University, Lismore on Wednesday 30th July. One of our favourite authors ‘Andy Griffiths’ will be there this year to tell us about his new books especially ‘The Tree house Series’. He is a great author and great fun to listen to. Also joining him is Sally Rippin who writes the ‘Billy B Brown Series’ that we all love reading at school.

Numbers are limited due to both authors being very popular. We need to let the Writer’s Festival organizers know how many people are coming by the 13th June. Cost is $14.00 per student which includes entry and bus fare. Permission notes have gone out today.

**P&C News**
Showbags will be on sale on our Beef Week day for $6.00 each or 2 for $10.00.

Fun Run will be held on Friday 20th June 2014. All money and forms to be back to the canteen by Wednesday 11th June. Parents and community are invited to come along and join in cheering the kids on. The following items will be on sale after the Fun Run.
- Showbags - $6.00 each or 2 for $10.00
- Sherbet straws - $3.00 each or 2 for $5.00

Please encourage kids to seek sponsorship and join in the fundraising event.

Thank you to everyone who helped work on the running track for the athletics carnival on Saturday. The bobcat spread 16 meters of soil thank you to Bugs it looks great and will be ready to run the 100 meter races on Athletics day. Thanks to Michael, Dean, Chris and Bill for their help. Regards Noel York, P&C President.

**Beef Week**
Beef Week Friday is upon us again. Our school will be having a fun day on Friday 30th May. Parents and community are all very welcome to attend. We have bush poets coming to speak and a whip cracking display.
The children will be showcasing their bush dancing abilities and there are relays that will involve students, teachers and parent’s participation. There will be a whole school verse Mr Campbell and Mr Hughes in a ‘Heroes verse Villains’ game. The mounted police will be arriving for a demonstration as well. A great day to share please come and join us. You may also like to pre order your lunch at the canteen.

Orders were sent out last week for our Breakfast with the Teachers which is a bacon and egg sandwich with popper for $4.00. Also on the day the canteen is offering lunch as well with either Package A - Beef and Gravy Roll/ Popper / Ice pole of Package B - Hot Chips/ Popper / Ice Pole. Please bring money and orders to canteen.

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**Assembly Roster for Term 2**

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Dear Parents and Guardians, we would once again like to invite you to our assemblies this term. At each assembly you will see children receive awards for Star of the Class, Sport and Outstanding Effort in Class. The host class will also perform an item for your entertainment. Assemblies will be held in the hall at 1.00pm in Weeks 4, 6, 8 and 9. Please join us to celebrate our children’s achievements. 2C will be hosting this week.

These times will only change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Kind regards, Mrs Scott, Mrs Savins, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Garnsey, Mrs Speck.
Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?

Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores. Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply "fuel" to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors.

So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter.

http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx

Our School Cross Country Winners

Cody D  Maliek K  Brayden T
Zac M  Ezekial K  Zander C
Tyreeke S  Mason B  Shanelle C
Cory T  Kirell R  Hailee H
Nathan S  Sam R  Brianna D
Isaiah F  Ashley A  Sophie M
Jake P  Zac W  Kahlia S
Cheyne A  Mia C  Maddison J
Cherakia R  Shaylee N  Jacinta C
Latasha C  Kassadee A  Ella K
MacKenzie P  Lillian G

Congratulations to all our Cross Country runners and to our winners who will be competing this Friday at Corndale in the Zone Cross Country. Please return your notes and money by tomorrow please. The bus will leave school at 8.30am, please make sure you are on time as the children will need to warm up when we arrive. Mrs Newton will travel with the students on the day.

For Sale

Snow Gear - $100 the lot (womens sizes); Jacket – XL; Pants - L; Boots – Size 10; Gloves
All in excellent condition only worn once. Phone Karen 6662 7336

Samples of the new school shirt and shorts which will be available shortly. A hat will also be available.

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