Learning For Life

Term 3 – Week 5

**Assembly Roster**
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 4/5RP. Assemblies commence at 2.30pm.

**Public Speaking**
Congratulations to Quinn Denniss who won the stage 2 Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition last week. Quinn now goes on to represent the school in the next stage of the competition in September. We wish him all the best!

**Playground Storm Damage Repair**
We have equipment in the school repairing the hole left by the storm in term 2. Hopefully all will be finished ready for students to play on next week.

**10 signs of over parenting**
A recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald caught my attention and below is a summary. Dr Wendy Mogel, clinical psychologist and author of the book, The Blessing of a B-Minus, says that over parenting is a new normal for today's mums and dads who, as dedicated as they may be, still succumb to overindulging, overprotecting and overscheduling their children.

1. You forbid activities that scare you
2. You panic when your child gets a bad grade
3. You find it hard to say no
4. You do everything for your child
5. You try and ‘fix’ your child
6. You talk more than you listen
7. You leap quickly into alarm mode
8. You let your child quit quickly
9. You constantly compare your kids with others
10. Your child has no time to play

Mogel says that parents who try and smooth the road for their children are missing the point, it's the self-reliant and resilient children who will be better prepared for the road ahead of them. Here is a link to the whole article

**Important Dates**

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**Kindergarten and Year 1 Spelling Bee Finals**

Last Tuesday, students from Kindergarten and Year 1 watched class representatives battle it out for the chance to be crowned ‘Spelling Bee Champion’. The Kindergarten finalists were Zaliah Spencer and Vu Quang Duy Do from KW, Sofia Stojko and Wade Clarke from KJ and Mali Shotton and Nyima Dorsett from KA. After a close contest, Mali Shotten was crowned ‘Spelling Bee Champion’ of Kindergarten. The Year 1 finalists were Allie Dickinson and Rylie Dunne from 1B and Chelsea Lange and Senyo Agbola from 1C. It was another close contest with Allie Dickinson taking out the Year 1 ‘Spelling Bee Champion’ honours. A big thank you too all the students for their participation and behavior during the finals. Congratulations to our finalists and overall champions.
Quality Kids

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Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The PRC 2015 is almost finished! Students have until Friday August 21st to complete their online reading records. If you would like to borrow some extra books to complete the challenge, please call into the library.


Book Week 2015
This year CBCA Book Week will be celebrated from 22nd – 28th August and the theme is “Books Light up our World”. Book Week will be celebrated this year with library competitions. We have a colouring competition, a word target competition and a Book Week quiz. They will be available from the library next week.

Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News

Wednesday 12th August   Jess, Kirsty, Nat
Thursday 13th August    Bec
Friday 14th August      Mandie, Sarah
Monday 17th August      Kirsty

Mad Hatter’s Day
Mad Hatter’s day is being held on Thursday 14th August, all orders have been counted. This is a recess item and will be delivered your child’s classroom.

You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!
The Pre-School Red Group has been learning about the tale of “The Gingerbread Man”. On Monday, the children had a turn of making their own Gingerbread Men. Thankfully, when we opened the oven, these Gingerbread Men DIDN’T run away! The children were very pleased with their beautiful, creative and tasty artworks.

We would love to share them with you, except… we’ve already eaten them!

Children’s Book Week

High Tea with author Belinda Murrell
A special mother/daughter event with Belinda Murrell, author of the Lulu Bell series (for younger readers) and historical time slip novels (for readers in upper Primary).

Wed 26 August 4pm
Age: 6-12 yrs.
Cost: $7
Wallsend District Library

Bookings essential
Ph 4974 5340

Books will also be available for purchase and signing