Dear Families,

All students were treated to a wonderful performance yesterday from the Balgowlah PS Concert Band who were on their tour of the Central West. The visiting band played some wonderful pieces that had the students engaged throughout the performance. When possible we welcome such opportunities and it encourages our own school band to continually improve, while also being a valuable opportunity for all students to hear and watch live music being played.

I know our 28 members of the School Choir who will be heading to perform at the Opera House this Friday are super excited. Some are even counting the ‘sleeps’ down. Thank you to Mrs Chiaramonte and Mr Bowman for supervising this excursion/event.

Just about all students from our Stage 1 classes will be attending Calmsley Hill Farm this Friday. It will be a long day for these students so please make sure they are tucked in bed nice an early on Thursday evening.

Due to these excursions there will be no Assembly this Friday 30th October.

I will place Facebook notifications on our School’s page on Friday to inform you of more precise arrival times back at school for both excursions just in case they are running early or late.

It is now less than a month until the hugely popular Year 6 Mini-Fete. Some advertisements for stalls including their prices are included on the back page of this newsletter. As we have done in previous years, students are to bring in their money prior to the day and will receive a ‘tally sheet’ to this value for use on the day. This avoids money/cash changing hands on the actual day.

**Forward Notice - P&C Meeting Monday 9th November at 5.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!**

**Keep on Track – Winner**

Our ‘Keeping on Track’ winner for this week was Ivy Houston. Ivy received a $4.00 canteen voucher as her prize. Well done!

Yours sincerely,

Greg Cross
Principal

**CANTEEN CLOSED THIS**

Friday 30th October, 2015
Term 4 2015 Calendar
Thursday 29 October – AECG at Bathurst High Campus 1.45pm
Friday 30 October – Choral Concert ‘Opera House’ performance
Friday 30 October - Calmsley Hill Farm Year 1- Year 2 excursion
Monday 9 November - P&C Meeting
Tuesday 17 November – Greg at Principals meeting
Monday 23 November – Beach to Bush session for Kindergarten - Year 6
Monday 23 November – 2016 Band testing for new Primary students and Year 2
Thursday 26 November – AECG at McKillop College
Thursday 26 November – Year 6 Mini Fete
Wednesday 2 December – Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Friday 4 December – Volunteers Morning Tea
Tuesday 8 December – Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 10 December – Presentation Day
Friday 11 December – Adventure Playground/Class Parties
Monday 14 December – Term 4 ‘On Track Day’
Wednesday 16 December – Final day of 2015 school year

Whooping cough information for 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 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
**MERIT AWARDS**

**Merit Awards**
Alex Coetsee, Owyn Coetsee, George Kentwell, Alivia Litchfield-Osborne, Christina Hay, Zoey Wade, Kobi Salway, Ronald Taylor, Oliver Press-Travalos, Lily Houston, Riley Carter, Poppy Channing, Kaylee Bateman, Indigo Lyte, Te’amo Luck, Imogen Farmer, Savannah McDaid, Evie Hawkins, Emily Collins

**LARGE AWARDS**
Jesse Limon, Imogen Kentwell, Jai Andrews

**WELL DONE!**

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**P&C NEWS**

**Clothing Pool** The Clothing Pool has second hand uniforms available to be purchased. Donations of second hand uniforms are also welcome.

**Tea Towel Fundraiser** Don’t forget to keep your tea towel order forms coming in. These tea towels make great gifts. Orders and money must be returned to the front office by Thursday 5th November. Late orders cannot be accepted.

**P&C Meeting** The next meeting is Monday 9th November at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.

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**PBL News**

The three expectations that we have at our school are Respect, being a Positive Learner and being Safe. This week students will be continuing to focus on and following school wide expectations when they are at their desk.

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<td>All four chair legs on the floor</td>
<td>Listen to and follow instructions</td>
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<td>Chair tucked in</td>
<td>Work place organised</td>
<td>Participate in the lesson</td>
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<td>2 feet on the floor</td>
<td>Stay in your personal space</td>
<td>Start work promptly</td>
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All students received ten minutes extra play on Monday at recess as part of our whole school reward system.

Michelle Chiaramonte
**PIT STOP**
Milkshakes $2
Spiders $1.50
Cans of drink $1

**Animal Farm**
Enter $2.00
Photo $1.00

**Design & Dine**
Buy a cup cake and decorate!
You can have your cake and eat it too
$1 for each cup cake

**Ghost House**
Pay just $2 to be scared out of your skin!

**Lucky Dip**
Test your skill and win a prize
1 hoop = 50c
3 hoops = $1

**Hoopla**
Take on the pillows and a friend
$1.00 a go!

**Hair Spray**
$1 for streaks
$2 for whole head

**OOZE DIP**
Dip your hand into the slime if you dare!
See if you can win a prize!

**Pillow Fight**

**Slot Cars**
Challenge your friend. Who is quickest?
Come try your luck on the race track!
$1 for 5 minutes

**Sumo**
Become a Sumo Wrestler and challenge your friend.

**Water Fights**
$1ea

**Maze of Doom**
Enter if you dare!
$2.00

**Throw a Sponge at Me!!!**
50c a sponge or 3 for $1

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**YEAR 6 MINI FETE 26TH NOVEMBER 2015**