

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1 2014

MOBILE LIBRARY VISTS THE RISK PS	FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY
MONDAY SWIMMING PROGRAM BEGINS	MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY
SCRIPTURE LESSONS BEGIN	THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY
COLOURSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL: KYOGLE	FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
COLOURSS COMBINED CULTURAL PERFORMANCE—AFRICAN DRUMS: WIANGAREE HALL	FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY
MOBILE LIBRARY	FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL: LISMORE	THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH(2.30PM)

CLASS AWARDS

INFANTS CLASS



Charlie, Quinn, Cassandra & Georgia - all Kindergarten students have made a fantastic transition to 'big' school!

PRIMARY CLASS



Anika, Zara, Hamish, Hayden & Jack : all Year 3 students have made a fantastic transition into the primary classroom!



The Risk Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 5 February 2014

Term 1 Week 2

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS FOR 2014

The new school year is under way and at The Risk Public School we welcome 5 new students to our classrooms.

In Kindergarten, we have Casandra, Quinn, Georgia and Charlie whilst in Year 1 we welcome Isabella.

The 4 Kinder students are all siblings of older students already at the school so they are quite familiar with the school. Isabella and her family have recently moved into the area and she is fitting into the routines of a small school beautifully!

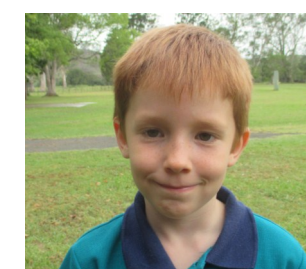
We wish everyone a warm welcome to an exciting academic year of effort, progress and success at the best little school on the river!

What's in this week's Newsletter

- School Attendance
- Scripture Lessons
- Swimming Program for term 1
- COLOURSS Swimming Carnival
- Homework
- Breakfast Club
- Friday lunches
- Community News

Attachments

- Permission to publish notes
- Ghosted enrolment forms
- Bookclub
- School Banking



P&C NEWS

P&C MORNING TEA - NEXT WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY. All families are asked to donate a plate of food to sell next Wednesday at 11.10am

WELCOME TO 2014 P&C BBQ: Friday 7th March 5.30pm

Ice Blocks on sale every Wednesday lunch time—50c

AGM - 3rd March 3.15pm. All families need to pay \$1 to be financial members.

TOGETHER WE LEARN

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Education researchers throughout the world have shown in many studies that regular school attendance equals better prospects for further education and employment later in life. Why? Because children have learnt to get up every day and go to ‘work’. They cope with a daily routine better than other children who are late to school or have days off.

Some international studies have shown a minor link between poor school attendance and unemployment, poverty and criminality.

The state average absence rate for all of NSW public schools in 2013 was 10.6 days absence per student for the year. The school average for The Risk Public School was 19 days absence per student for the year. This is almost a day off per fortnight per student.

As a school community, we have to take action.

What the School Will Do

- Students who are absent for less than 3 days per term will receive a certificate
- Students who attend every day of the term will be publicly recognized in the newsletter and will receive a certificate
- Regular information will appear in the newsletter regarding the importance of regular attendance at school.
- Parents will be informed of how they can reduce absences
- Discuss attendance strategies at P&C meetings

What parents are asked to do

- Avoid any absences that are avoidable
- Send in a note to explain each absence

What students can do

- Be at school every day!

SCRIPTURE CLASSES TO RESUME AT TRPS

Every public school in NSW has a mandatory obligation to provide the opportunity for students to attend non-denominational religious education lessons (known as Scripture).

The Dept’s policy on Scripture provision can be

found at -

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/spec_religious/PD20020074.shtml?level=

The school has agreed to have scripture lessons every second Thursday at 10.30am starting 12th February. Mrs Claire Jarratt will coordinate the lessons for both classes with an assistant. The scripture teachers are approved SRE teachers and have wide experience in Kyogle and surrounding small schools. The lessons are based on Christianity and are non-denominational. The lessons each day will include a prayer, singing, bible stories and completion of workbook activities. All students will be included in Scripture lessons but parents may withdraw their children on religious grounds. If you have questions, please contact Mr Mac.

TERM CALENDAR

A term calendar is attached to today’s newsletter. This page is very handy to stick on the fridge or a wall for everyone to see what’s on at The Risk School this term.

SWIMMING TERM 1

START MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

CHANGE TO COSTS

NOW \$2 PER STUDENT PER WEEK

A reminder that all students will participate in our annual Monday swimming program starting next week.

This year’s program will run for 4 weeks, beginning 10th February.

TIMES: Leave 1:40pm and return at 3.50pm by Watson’s Bus.

COST: \$2.00 per student per week. The bus cost has been kindly donated IN FULL by the P&C. If you have a season pool pass, give us your number and you don’t pay anything. **Bring your \$2 pool entry each Monday.**

GEAR: swimming bag for your child with towel, swimming costume, swimming shirt.

HELPERS: Thank you to the helpers who have already volunteered. A few more would be great! You will be allocated a small group under the supervision of a teacher to help students practice their skills.

NOTES: Please complete and return the permission note before Monday.

COLOURSS SWIMMING

CARNIVAL 2013

Friday 14th February 2014

10am to 2:30pm Kyogle Pool.

A reminder to please return notes for the Carnival and to organise transport for your child/children.

The swimming carnival is a COMPULSORY attendance day for Yrs 3/4/5/6.

All primary class students are expected to attend the carnival.

All students will have at least one event they can have a go at. If they are lacking confidence, we can put them in a lane on the edge of the pool.

HOMEWORK

All students at The Risk PS are expected to complete weekly homework tasks set down by the class teacher. There are significant benefits in creating a good routine for regular review of basic concepts.

PRIMARY CLASS WEEKLY HOMEWORK ROUTINE

Practice weekly spelling list - 5 min each night

Maths revision sheet - 5 min each night

Reading - 1 min of oral reading to a parent then

5-10min (or more) quiet reading per night - record details in reading diary (back of homework book)

Hand in book on Fridays.

INFANTS CLASS ROUTINE

Mrs Petherbridge has already sent home the homework routine in the ‘Book-a-night’ folder.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that for children to eat at the Breakfast Club, they need to pay \$2 per week. You can send it in weekly or pay a larger amount and Mrs Petherbridge will keep a tally.

SCHOOL BANKING

For anyone interested in starting a youthsaver account for their child/children please come into the office or call the school on 66 366 127 for an application form. For current account holders attached is this year’s banking program and a free gift.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

THIS WEEK

Home made pies	\$1.50 each
Home made sausage rolls	\$1.00 each

MOBILE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Kyogle Mobile Library Van will resume its fortnightly visits to the school this Friday at 1.30pm. Please encourage your child to bring their library card to school and borrow something interesting from the van. Items can be held for 2-4 weeks.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

Parents are asked to give permission to publish names and images of their children in the school newsletter, internet site, local newspapers, etc. Most families completed this form in 2013. Unless you have changed your instructions, we will follow the permission you gave last year. If your child is new to the school this year, please fill in the attached permission note and return to school.

UPDATE STUDENT RECORDS

We are also sending home a copy of your child’s enrolment records. Please check to see if our records are accurate. If any details need updating or amending simply cross with red pen and write the correct details and return to school as soon as possible. **It is VERY important we have your correct employment status as the government will use this information from 2015 to allocate funds to schools.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE SOCCER NOTICE

All interested soccer players can now register to play at the ‘myfootballclub’ website, just click on the player registration tab and follow the links. Registration is open to all boys and girls turning 5 this year up through to age 16.

We ask that registrations are completed by the end of February as teams need to be nominated in March to Football Far North Coast.

We will also be holding two information mornings on the 8th and 15th of February for interested parents and players in the vacant shop at the front of the memorial hall from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

If you are unable to attend on these dates or have difficulties registering your son/daughter, please call our registrar Glenn Rose on 0418264968.

BOOKCLUB

Please return issue 1 orders by the 21st of February