Principal's Desk

Movie Under The Stars

Last Friday night I had the pleasure of attending our first ‘Movie Under The Stars’. It was a beautiful night with many “scary little children” having a great time eating sausage sandwiches, lollies and drinks whilst watching a very humorous movie. I am not sure if the parents or students laughed louder. Many thanks to our wonderful P and C for this great community event!

Survey

Many thanks to the numerous families who have completed our recent survey as part of our School Plan 2015-2017. Your comments, values and issues will be taken into consideration and will form the basis of our future directions. As in all surveys, some responses highlight some misinformation or the need for further clarification. One area is class sizes. I would like to point out that the Department of Education and Communities determines class sizes and staffs schools accordingly. This is not an area that the school personally has control over. The same is in regard to composite classes. These are simply formed when our enrolment numbers have a half class left over.

Another area that some parents have raised is for the formation of Ethics Classes to be an available option. I will be looking into this as soon as possible and gather relevant information for parents. It should however be pointed out that the school staff do not run these classes but parent volunteers after completion of training.

Kerry Maxwell
Principal

Science News

Congratulations to our budding young scientist Cameron Farrugia (Year 3) who received a major award in the 3-6 category for his science investigation entitled ‘Amping It Up’ at the STANSW Young Scientist in Wollongong University last Monday evening. The judges were very impressed with Cameron’s investigation and awarded him $100 for his investigation. Cameron investigated whether or not children’s brainwaves differ when they play computer games compared to when they read. This competition fosters student’s interest in science and encourages them to learn about conducting a fair test. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have the opportunity to enter each year. This is the second year running that Cameron has entered and has won major awards in this competition. In 2013 Cameron won the prestigious award of ‘Budding Young Scientist of the Year’. We are all very proud of his achievements and it is wonderful that his work has been acknowledged once again this year. Well done Cameron!

Janine Wilson
Assistant Principal
STANSW School Coordinator

TERM 4, WEEK 5

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 November
Tuesday 4 November
Year 6 Sausage Sizzle
Stage 1 Police Visit
School Banking
Wednesday 5 November
Thursday 6 November
Stage 1 Fire Brigade Visit
Friday 7 November
PSSA Round 12
Monday 10 November
Tuesday 11 November
P & C Meeting
School Banking
Wednesday 12 November
Thursday 13 November
Friday 14 November
PSSA Round 13
Monday 17 November
Year 6 – Interrelate
Tuesday 18 November
Year 6 – Interrelate
School Banking
Wednesday 19 November
Year 6 – Interrelate
Healthy Harrold
Kindy Orientation
Thursday 20 November
Healthy Harrold
Friday 21 November
CONCERT
PSSA Semi Finals
Monday 24 November
Year 6 – Interrelate
Healthy Harrold

PSSA SUMMER SPORT

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Band News

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2015 and participation is open to all students who are currently in year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a yellow Expression of Interest form ("Band Program Introduction"). Students who return this form will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This yellow Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at www.teachingservices.com.au or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au

Movember

Each year Mr Moran attempts to grow a moustache during November to raise awareness and money for men’s health issues, most prominently prostate cancer and mental health. This year he has combined forces with Mr Reid AND Mr Bradley which means one thing: some actual facial hair.

We are not seeking huge donations, but rather a few dollars from those wishing to contribute. All money raised goes towards the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Beyond Blue. To donate, go to http://moteam.co/mo-haven. On this page you can also follow our progress and leave comments of encouragement (or more likely, sarcasm). Donations over $2 are tax deductible.

Mo-Haven

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016 Government Schools

The process for any students that would like to apply for Year 7 Selective High School placements for 2016 is as follows:

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October 2014 and 17 November 2014.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

NOTE APPLICATIONS CLOSE 17 NOVEMBER AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
P & C – Canteen Capers

Big Red’s hot tip for the Melbourne Cup is the Canteen is closed all day so no orders will be available on Flexischools or in the Big Red mailbox.

I hope you’re not a loser and you have pre ordered your child’s sausage sizzle for tomorrow, otherwise you could be put out to pasture.

Be a winner and make your child’s lunch or if you’re lucky I’ve had some late mail there may be a couple of spare snags on the Barbie. So if you’re a late runner get into the Office for an early start on this one!

Some great stayers in the Canteen this week are:

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Big Red

Mufti Sausage Sizzle Day!

Please see attached Order Form for the Mufti Sausage Sizzle Day.

Tuesday 4 November 2014

- Wear Mufti
- 1 Sausage Sizzle
- 1 can of drink
- Cost $5.00

Orders must be returned to the Office by Monday 3 November.

All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you for supporting this Year 6 Fundraiser.
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Venue: Dural Country Club
Date: 15 November 2014
Time: 7.30 pm
Price: $65 per person
RSVP: 7 November 2014
Includes: 2 Course meal and soft drink (Cash bar), Trivia, Silent Auction, Great Prizes, Live Entertainment, Loads of fun.

Please complete this booking form and forward a scan via email to mark@sonnar.com.au or post it to P.O. Box 210, Galston, NSW, 2159
Name: ____________________________
Number of tickets _______ x $65 = $__________ 
Best contact details for you: __________________________________________

Cheques payable to 1st Dural Scouts or
EFT: Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd
BSB: 633108 Account number: 1317 22902

Please use your "surname - 75th" in the description/reference cell.

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2014-15

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12.30pm - 4pm

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2014
21 September Mike Hallam's Hot 6
12 October Bridge City Jazz Band
16 November Zenith Jazz Sextet

2015
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15 March Mike Hallam's Hot 6
19 April Zenith Jazz Sextet
17 May Bridge City Jazz Band

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