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Term 3 Week 1

19th July 2017

COMING EVENTS

Friday 28th July

National Tree Day

Tuesday 1st August

Education Week Open Day

Tuesday 1st August

5 cent coin round up begins

Tuesday 22nd August

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August

Stage 2 Excursion

Tuesdays

Student Banking

Fridays

PSSA Sport

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Stage 2 Excursion - Outdoor Education Centre \$255

\$50 deposit Overdue

Final payment due by 7th August

Stage 3 Excursion - Milson Island

\$50 deposit Overdue

General School Contribution \$44 per child

Mathletics \$20

Overdue

P & C Meetings
7pm in the staffroom
 Our next meeting
8th August 2017

(Preceded by Canteen Meeting 2.30pm)

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

We hope that all our children are returning to us feeling relaxed, invigorated and ready to learn.

Staff is aiming to have all children at a level that will allow them to move on to the next year with all the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

This is why our staff continually engage in professional learning, we utilise our funding for Early Action for Success, Bump It Up!, Instructional Rounds, Speech Pathology support, our Learning and Support Teacher and School Learning and Support Officers. Just part of the team dedicated to moving your child forward, no matter what level they are on.

Don't forget, the most important member of the team, (after your child), is you. Please communicate with your child's teacher to see how you can be part of the team. **See-Saw** is a simple way to maintain your input. If you haven't become part of See-saw, see your class teacher for assistance. We are receiving "rave reviews" of its effectiveness.

Education Week

While at Cardiff North Public School, we consider every week "Education Week", and encourage and welcome parents and community into our school at any time to discuss your child's progress.

Having said that, the Department of Education has allotted a special week where we encourage as many parents as possible to come into our school and spend some time with their children and wards celebrating their achievements.

Education Week this year is in week 3, this term, and our "open day" will be on Tuesday afternoon, 1st August.

The theme for this year is "I Learn, We learn" and we anticipate having an opportunity for parents to spend time in their child's classroom, perhaps a picnic afternoon tea somewhere in the playground, (the Bush Tucker Garden will be accessible), and then performances by the children in the hall to finish the day.

As is customary, we will again be combining Education Week Open Day with the annual Book Week celebrations, encouraging children to read quality texts.

To this end, we also encourage children to come on Tuesday the 1st August for "Open Day" dressed as their **favourite BOOK character**, (and maybe movie character if the book has been made into a film).

Children will parade their character at the performance in the hall.

We will send out an individual information flyer, but in the mean-time, "save the date"!

Stage 2 Camp, (Years 3 & 4)

Mr Piggott has asked me to remind parents of children attending the Stage 2 camp at Morisset to please bring in the medical note provided at the end of last term.

Please also continue to make payments so that the excursion is paid off before the departure date.

Student Safety

With semester two beginning, I would like to remind our parents, students and community that at the suggestion of our P&C, and concerns about new Kindergarten enrolments and accompanying risk assessments, we have continued a policy of closing our gates during the day once the majority of arriving and leaving traffic has subsided.

We have chosen to close the gates for the safety and protection of our students and those inside the school fences.

While we have currently no major, specific concerns, we feel more comfortable with the gates closed.

However, please be reminded that we welcome our visitors and the gates are not locked, simply latched closed. Opening requires a little effort to lift the latch and simply open the gate. Please remember to latch it closed once inside.

A sign affixed to each gate has the school phone number if problems are encountered.

Thank you for understanding our concern for your child's safety.

Dropping off and picking up at the correct times will mean you encounter no difficulties.

Fruit & Veg Month

"The results from the 2014-2015 National Health Survey showed that only 5.1% of both children and adults met the dietary guidelines for the number of serves of fruit and vegetables." (pp3, Teacher's booklet 2017).

Our staff and Canteen Committee have joined forces with Healthy Kids Association and the NSW Ministry of Health to again participate in Fruit and Veg Month, this year titled "**get loud for fruit & veg!**"

Staff will be rewarding children for bringing in and eating fresh fruit and vegetables, especially during our "Crunch and Sip" time. We will also be conducting special lessons and activities linked to the area of **Health**, from the PD/H/PE syllabus.

Please get behind this initiative by ensuring your child has at least one serve of fresh fruit or vegetable in their lunch box each day.

The actual "Fruit & Veg Week" starts on Monday 28 August and ends on Friday 22 September, 2017.

Meanwhile, further encouragement is being put into place via our canteen committee, with the "Fresh for Kids" program running from week 3, (Monday 31st July), where children can order fresh fruit and vegetable foods, like salads and fruit, via the canteen, or have their crunch and sip to show teachers, to receive a sticker which will be sent off to possibly win a prize. First prize is a home entertainment system, second is an Apple iPad mini, third is a gift pack, and fourth an Event Cinema voucher. Full cards, (2 stickers for this program), should be returned to the canteen for sending off.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Here's another great way to help your children and their school! Woolworths supermarkets have again teamed with Modern Teaching Aids to bring us an opportunity to obtain modern, contemporary teaching resources to assist our children with their learning. The teaching resources include items for Science, STEM, Mathematics, English, Art & Craft, PD/H/PE.

While we don't endorse any company over another, if you already do your shopping at Woolworths, why not always ask for the stickers and a card and start collecting? Pass the word on to grandparents and cousins who might also start collecting for Cardiff North Public School!

Drop every full sticker card off to the school and we will post them off and start working on our shopping list with resources from all syllabus areas.

This year's Earn & Learn program starts on the 26th July.

Uniforms

I am informed that the Uniform Shop is fully stocked, including with the new uniform polo's as voted upon by our parents. These shirts look modern and very eye-catching.

We encourage all parents looking to replace older white polo's to purchase the new uniform, especially Kindergarten students.

Senior students, especially those going off to high school next year need not be too concerned with continuing with the "older" style shirt.

We continually compliment our children on their wearing of the uniform. We look like a real team! (Well done parents and carers for getting the children to school in full uniform).

Cyber Safety

We at Cardiff North Public are very concerned that your children get correct advice and strategies regarding "cyber safety".

While the school has a program of lessons as part of our technology syllabus, the **most important people in maintaining cyber safety are parents.**

The Department of Education has recommended websites for you to check out what's right, what's not, and what you can do about it.

There are a couple of recommended sites on our school's homepage. Here's one.....

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Please be vigilant in ensuring your child's safety whilst engaging with digital technologies.

Cardiff OOSH Bus Attendance

Please, if you have any changes to the routine where your children attend Cardiff OOSH before and/or after school, contact the OOSH and Cardiff North Public School immediately to let us know what has changed that day. The school receives a list of those children who should be on the bus during the morning, and we put children onto the OOSH bus according to that list.

Last term we had a couple of incidents where parents had come to pick up their child early, but hadn't let us or OOSH know that the child wouldn't be on the bus. This causes great concern as we try to locate the "missing" child!

PSSA Home Games

Repairs have been made to our playing field here at Cardiff North Public School, and maintenance contractors from Broadspectrum and Assets and Maintenance Unit have deemed the area safe to again play upon.

We are trying to re-grow grass on the location, hence safety fencing will remain there for the time being.

This means that the current PSSA draw, involving some "home games", can continue as originally planned.

Next Three Year Plan

School staff will be embarking upon consultation with students and parents to evaluate our current three-year plan in readiness for the start of the next, (2018 – 2020), plan.

Please assist us in making good decisions for your child's education by participating in as many evaluation and survey opportunities as possible.

Student Achievement

Sophia M, along with former Cardiff North students Emily C, Rebecca C & Kaleisha B, performed last weekend in the mass ensemble for Grease The Arena Spectacular. This involved various "boot camps" throughout 2017 and spending most of the recent school holidays in rehearsals learning the choreography to manage over 700 dancers & singers.

The performances were held last Friday, Saturday & Sunday combining the ensemble with a professional cast and crew and parent volunteers, (including Cardiff North mum Kelly Brown), to put on an amazing show. They danced well and showed great resilience to back up and perform at each show with enthusiasm.

Sophia also recently was presented with the highest honour that can be obtained within the Cub Scout movement, the "Grey Wolf". There was an award

ceremony for the members of the Cardiff Scout Troop who have obtained high honours, (including a Queen's Scout). Sophia also had to complete her linking activity to move up to be a full Scout within the Cardiff Troop, by "prossicking" up a rope to the ceiling, and looks forward to further adventures within the Scouting movement.

There are a large number of Cardiff North students at Cardiff Scouts and they are a credit to their school with the responsibilities and leadership they take on at Scouts.



Condolences

We have heard of three of our families who have suffered the loss of a close family member and loved one during the holidays.

On behalf of staff, I offer our deepest condolences and remind parents that we are able to offer assistance if required, especially counselling through the "Seasons for Growth" program, which Amy, our School Buddy, has been trained to deliver.

On behalf of the students and staff at
Cardiff North Public School,
Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Colin Firth - Principal



“Matter of Seconds” —Tuesday 18th July



National Tree Day- Friday 28th July

Cardiff North PS are once again participating in National Tree Day.

All students will be continuing to plant on our school privacy mound on the oval. Special guests attending include, the Cardiff Area Sustainable Neighbourhoods Group (CASNG), members of Landcare and Cardiff Toyota (who are the official sponsors of the day).

Students who have their own gloves are welcome to bring them, although the school has its own supply. Research for National Tree Day has shown that getting outside - beyond our four walls - and experiencing the natural world helps children grow grit, resilience, critical thinking, problem solving and emotional intelligence. Research also shows that outdoor learning and nature time fosters cognitive, emotional and physical development in children.

Plants planted on the day will be maintained by the CNPS Green Team. Parents and carers are welcome to attend or assist. Festivities will begin at approximately 9am.

Thank-you, Miss Kate Gillard



CANTEEN ROSTER	
Thursday 20th July	Teri Roberts Chrissie Boardman
Friday 21st July	Kristy Dall Monique Anderson
Monday 24th July	Michelle Burgess Chrissie Boardman
Tuesday 25th July	Donna Hatton
Wednesday 26th July	Carley Thompson

