Principal’s Message

Crazy hair day - what a great start to the week! A thankyou must go to all the parents, who put time and effort into creating some very weird and wonderful hairdos, with intent of raising some money for our school.

This week we are sending off our Year3 and 4 students to Morisset camp. Everything is set for a fantastic experience for them all, so put away the school uniform and pull on the play clothes ready for loads of fun.

Grandparents Day

Fassifern P.S will be celebrating our grandparents on Friday 6th November with our “Grandparents Day”. We invite all our grandparents to come along at 1.00pm to watch or join in with some sporting activities on the oval. We will then like you to join your grandchildren for recess and maybe purchase from the P & C cake stall or buy one of our lovely school tea towels as a memento. At 2.10 we will ask you to enjoy our school assembly including our class musical items.

PBL Focus

I hope everyone has seen our fantastic flags that are welcoming you each day at the front of the school. These are constant reminders of our school expectations. We have had a clear improvement in acceptable behaviours this year so we as a school community should be proud. This week our PBL focus is “Use toilets in the breaks”. We, as teachers, understand that sometimes children need to use the toilets in class time, but always encourage students to go to the toilets in the breaks. The toilets are a distance and out of sight from all classrooms, so younger students take a buddy. This focus therefore serves for both safety and academic reasons. Every time a child leaves the room, during class time, they are accompanied by a buddy so both are missing school work. Often children can spend too much time at the toilets, which becomes disruptive for the teachers and the students.

Whooping Cough Alert

The N.S.W Department of Health has issued this 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.

Star of the Week

This week Montanna Purcell is our “Star of the Week”. Montanna is a beautiful young lady in Year 4 who is showing us how very capable she is. Below is a sample of a piece of writing by Montanna, showing her creativity and excellent spelling and grammar.

As I was walking down the street, the earth shook from side to side and I stopped. I glanced ahead in horror as it came out of the forest onto the road. It was the Enderdragon from Minecraft that had a baby dragon on its head. I saw it as well as a load of Minecraft Zombies, real ones. They were being led by the dragons, it was the zombie apocalypse, and the Enderdragon was actually a zombie dragon that had stolen the Enderdragon’s child. The Enderdragon isn’t real surely, but could it be, or am I just dreaming. Nope it’s definitely real and it is attacking. I ran for my friend’s house which was at the end of the street, but my friend wasn’t home. I looked out of her window and saw my friend being sent to the End by the dragon to defeat the Enderdragon. It took a few days but when the Enderdragon was defeated I was safe as well as everyone else in the world. My friend returned and we were all relieved. Life went back to normal and everything was just fine – for now.
The community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located.

We are a proud Pondee Konara Community.

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**Weekly Awards**

**TERM 4 - WEEK 3**

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<td>Working hard in writing lessons.</td>
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**P and C News!**

- As the end of the year draws near our lovely P and C are getting ready for some amazing fundraising for our beautiful school ready for the beginning of 2016.
- A friendly reminder that the P and C meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5.30pm. All are welcome! This is a great way to bring up any ideas or questions for the P and C to deal with.
- The tea towels are now in stock and are absolutely wonderful. A big thank you to the wonderful families who have already purchased their memento of 2015!

Have a great week!
Jacqueline Lockett

**Crazy Hair Day**
The P and C raised $54.30 from Crazy Hair Day, to go towards much needed school resources!

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**Uniform Reminder**

All uniform orders for 2016, need to be in by the 13th of November!

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**Canteen News**

Reminder that Canteen is open Wednesday and Fridays! During Swim school, from 9th to 19th November, the canteen will not be open at all!

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**P and C Meeting**

Monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 5.30pm in the Library
Next Meeting 12th November
All Welcome
Good for Kids good for life

Cool & Healthy Summer Snacks

The weather is warming up so here are some healthy snacks to keep you cool this summer:

- Frozen fruit such as berries, orange quarters and fruit kebabs
- Use moulds and low fat yoghurt to make frozen yoghurt shapes
- Make your own icy poles using 99% fruit juice and fresh pieces of fruit
- Make your own ‘ice cream’ using mashed up bananas (it’s deliciously creamy!)
- Use fruit, vegetables and low fat milk or water to make a delicious smoothie and top with plenty of ice. There are heaps of different combinations to try!

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