**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson**

**Principal’s Message**

**PBL Focus**

“Use manners and calm kind words”. This is our PBL focus for Week 8. This should be something we do everywhere and all the time. Speaking nicely to others, ensures others will speak nicely back to you. I believe most of the children at Fassifern PS already do this, and teachers are only using the occasional friendly reminder in some cases.

**RAW Art**

Today our students are busy working away with the experts from RAW Art to create some clay masterpieces. I am sure parents and caregivers will be surprised at the talents of their children when they finally get to see these marvellous creations!

**Saving Santa Sleigh**

Today you will receive a permission note for the Fennell Bay PS school play ‘Saving Santa’s Sleigh’. There is no cost to students and it will be a great end of Term activity for our students. Those student not attending will be provided a suitable activity at Fassifern PS.

**Bush Fire Safety**

As Fassifern P.S is considered “High Risk” in bushfire season, we are required to communicate our bushfire response procedure to the community. For this information please see letter attached.

**Star of the Week**

This week I have chosen Harvey Young as our “Star of the Week”. Harvey has made significant improvement in all areas in the classroom and this week he has been chosen for his writing. Harvey is using finger spacing, correct punctuation.

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**Any Item in Term Calendar with an asterisk needs to be added to your fridge Calendar.**
Small Schools Are Fun
We Work As One

Office reminders
- Student banking on Tuesday a great way to save and develop that super habit.
  - Accompanying newsletter
  - Saving Santa’s Sleigh Note
  - Hunter Sports Centre Holiday Program and Vacation Care Leaflet
  - P and C Raffle Tickets
  - Bush fire season information

Change of P and C Meeting for December
The next meeting will be held Thursday 3rd December at 5.30pm in the Library
All Welcome!

K/1 News
K/1 are continuing to enjoy their weekly basketball lessons with Chris on Fridays. In the photo we can see the students practising their passing skills. The children are demonstrating excellent listening and are making real improvements in their techniques. Keep up the great effort, K/1!

Mrs O’Neill

Raw Art K/1

P and C News
Welcome to Week 8!
The countdown is on!!! 17 days to go!!!
- Raffle tickets for the Holiday Raffle go out today and there are some amazing prizes this year. We have a ham donated by K & C Butchery at Blackalls Park, a lovely Neirbo confectionary hamper which can be viewed on their facebook page and lots of other goodies. If more raffle tickets are needed, they are available from the office.
- Next P and C meeting 3rd December at 5.30pm, all welcome. We will be voting on our big donations to give the school for next year.
- Please keep the $5 donations coming in towards the raffle. All donations going towards great prizes!

Have a great week!
Jacqueline Lockett

Canteen News
Canteen will be open as normal from tomorrow to the end of Term!
We are selling lovely fresh salad tubs with chicken or ham for any students that are interested.

Uniform Shop
If anyone has second hand uniforms to donate for next year it would be greatly appreciated!

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**Weekly Awards**

**TERM 4 - WEEK 7**

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<td>Great effort in basketball.</td>
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<td>Ayvah Nixon</td>
<td>Improvement in writing skills.</td>
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<td>Montanna Purcell</td>
<td>Always being a settled and hard working student.</td>
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<td>Matthew Wellings</td>
<td>Working extra hard during literacy. Great work!</td>
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**ASTHMA ALERT!** (As viewed on channel nine news this morning)

One in ten Australians suffer from this condition which makes it hard for them to breathe in and out and there are rising concerns that half those with the chronic condition do not manage it properly, adding to hospital and other costs.

Asthma can be well controlled with the right treatment but survey results released earlier this year show nearly half of the 2.4 million Australians affected have poorly controlled asthma.

Our challenge is to improve all aspects of asthma care involving general practitioners, practice nurses, pharmacists and, most importantly, people with asthma. Well-managed asthma involves taking medications as prescribed, achieving control of symptoms, avoiding unnecessary hospital and GP visits, and enjoying better quality of life. Investment in research to develop targeted, practical and effective interventions will help reduce the impact of asthma,” said Ms Kristine Whorlow, CEO of National Asthma Council Australia.

**OPAL CARD INFORMATION**

Most students who already have a school student travel pass don’t need to apply for the School Opal card. A card will be automatically issued and sent to the student’s school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

An application is only needed if the student is eligible for SSTS travel, is travelling between home and school within the Opal network, and:

- has not had a travel pass before
- is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 (change to the minimum walking distance eligibility)
- is moving from Year 6 to Year 7 (change to the minimum walking distance eligibility)
- is changing school or campus
- is changing address
- as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation

To be eligible students need to live at least a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km radius or 2.3km walking distance or further
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km radius or 2.9km walking distance or further

TAFE students (under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed) 3.2km walking distance or further.

Schools can find out more about the School Student Transport Scheme at:


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**The staff and students of Fennell Bay Public School present...**

**Saving Santa’s Sleigh**

...A Fair Dinkum Aussie Christmas Musical!

*Special Matinee Performance for Community Groups*

**Wednesday 2nd December 2015**

12:30 pm

Free Admission

Refreshments provided at Intermission

Fennell Bay Public School Hall

RSVP: Lynda O’Mara

4959 2264

Limited Places Available!

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**Wangi Carols**

**SATURDAY 12 December 2015**

Dobell Park, Wangi 6.30 – 9

Pre show & markets 4pm

*Merry Christmas*

Carols from 6.30pm

BBQ by Wangi Lions

Jumping Castle

Face Painting

For further information contact 0409 902 043