PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson

Principal’s Message

Welcome to Book Week 2015!

Our Library is already a buzz with the Scholastic Book Fair. Ms Greig has reported many of our students have visited the Library and made purchases from the excellent array of books, posters and stationery items available. This year any purchases made can be taken immediately by parents or students. The theme for Book Week is “Books Light Up Our World” so it’s great to see our students showing such an interest in reading. Our Book Character Parade is all set to take place under the COLA on Friday at 2pm and many of the students have told me they are organising their costumes.

Maths Activities

A reminder to all our parents and caregivers to come along at 2.30 on Thursday 27th to participate in some Maths activities with the students. I ask the parents to meet under the covered assembly area before heading into classrooms till bell time.

PBL

This week our PBL focus is ‘Invite Others to Join in’. I believe we have a very safe and happy playground at Fassifern P.S. We owe this to the students who remember our PBL rules. Inviting others to join in our games and activities not only makes us feel better it also ensures that all students are included in the fun.

SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Day

Next Thursday 3rd September Fassifern P.S will recognise the excellent work our SASS staff do in our school. Thank you Mrs Broome, Ms Greig, Mrs Strange and Mr Norrish for all the great things you do for our staff and students at our school.

Father’s Day BBQ and Cake Stall

A reminder about our Father’s Day breakfast and Cake Stall next Friday 4th September. Please see P and C News for further details.

Student of the Week

This week Abigail Nilsson is our ‘Student of the Week’. Abigail is in 4/5/6/ and has been chosen due to her responsible attitude to her work and learning. Abigail is able to work with little assistance and produces excellent results.
Term 4
6 October - 18 December
Small Schools Are Fun
We Work As One

K/1 News
Our K/1 students have had lots of fun in the weekly Gymnastics Program. Children have participated in floor activities as well as using some apparatus. They are making real improvements and enjoying the activities that the coaches are providing. Also in the photos we can see K/1 listening intently and participating in the Matter Of Seconds water safety program. We learned about being sun safe as well as being safe at the beach. Keep up the great work K/1! Mrs O’Neill and Miss Rogers

Office reminders
- School contribution
- EOI - Sydney
- Gymnastics (each session must be paid for on the day please)

Library News
The Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the School Library this week!
We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children’s books.
Your support of this literary fundraiser helps us to continue purchasing new books and resources for our library and school.

The fair will be open Wednesday and Thursday between 8.30am and 3pm to view & purchase books.

Office Reminder
Just a reminder to be vigilant, as there has been a confirmed case of Whooping Cough in the school.
P and C News
Fathers Day BBQ and Cake Stall
Please take note: accompanying the newsletter is an updated Father’s Day BBQ price list as well as a P and C Cake Stall note.

Canteen News
Would Canteen Volunteers please contact Kaylene or leave your name at the Office regarding availability for the Canteen in Term 4!

Weekly Awards

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<td>Always being a sensible and cooperative class member.</td>
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<td>Liam Seiver</td>
<td>Trying hard in Gymnastics.</td>
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<td>Bethany Scott</td>
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To the Staff, families and Children of Fassifern School

Where do we start? What a wonderful morning we had at your beautiful school. We appreciate all of the organisation and efforts that every body involved put in place for such a fun morning. Thank you Sue and Danielle. The children’s shirts looked amazing and they proudly wore them all day.
The group leaders need a big cheer. We were all amazed at what a wonderful, mature organised group of leaders the school has.
Your instructions and encouragement to our children was first class – well done. Thank you for morning tea – how delicious. The feed back from all of our families was so positive and the children loved the outing and your school.

Kindest regards and much appreciation from Staff, children and families of Blackalls Park Preschool

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count
Event Brief – Schools
19–25 October 2015

Why ‘The Aussie Backyard Bird Count’?

- Engage school communities in the natural world while getting to know the birds in their local schoolyard through participation in a simple, fun, all-ages activity that can be done anywhere.
- A chance to educate local school communities and create bird-friendly spaces in gardens
- Connect with a wide range of Australians through national media coverage, communications partners, local promotion and any local/regional BirdLife Australia activities.

Over time, The Aussie Backyard Bird Count will become an annual national event and provide vital information on how our local birds are faring.

When

The second annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count will be held from 19-25 October 2015.

Event details

Through research we know that over 8 million Australians have a love of nature and over 1 million Australians enjoy learning more about birds. We know that many would like to learn more about the birds around them, but are too busy or feel they don’t know where to start.

With this in mind, we’re keeping it simple:

- Spend 15 minutes in your local park, schoolyard or other favourite “green patch”
- Teachers and students can participate as individuals or as a class group.
- Use the Aussie Backyard Bird Count app (available to download early September) or the form on our website www.australiabirdcount.org.au to record the types of birds you see and roughly how many.
- No prior bird watching experience is necessary. Not sure about a bird? Don’t worry, there’ll be a BirdID look-up built into the app and on the website so you can easily identify the bird.
- Once your count has added their bird sighting information into the app or website, it will be added to the information from thousands of other Australians. You will instantly be able to see live statistics on the number of people taking part and the number of birds and species counted right across Australia!
- Participants will have the chance to win some fantastic prizes!

How to get involved

- Organise your own ‘Aussie Backyard Bird Count’ class activity.
- Suggestions for activities:
  - Guided walks — if you need a guide, get in touch and we can put you in contact with your local BirdLife branch who may be able to provide one.
  - Breakfast with the birds — get the kids together for an early-morning snack and a bird watch.
  - Slot into existing English, Maths or Science curriculum.
- Let your students, parents and staff know about the event and website via newsletters and social media to encourage their participation.
- Put posters up around the school, place some promotional bookmarks in the library or hand out them out to your students.
- Put your class forward to be part of the ‘ABC Media Tales’. Frequently, local newspapers seek out schools from their local area to speak with and the more efficiently we can identify and access these people, the more likely they are to run the story.

Benefits of Participating

- Association with Australia’s largest and most respected independent bird conservation organisation
- Opportunity for students to become citizen scientists in Australia’s largest backyard bird count
- Opportunity for students to connect with the nature in their schoolyard
- Opportunity to develop broader understanding of the needs of local birds.

In 2014...

- There were over 9,000 individuals who submitted surveys for over 28,000 observers
- Over 20,000 checklists were submitted
- And over 400,000 birds sighted right across Australia!

If you would like to get involved, receive promotional materials, or for more information please contact:

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