**From the Principal**

Thank you everyone who has volunteered to help at our **working bee on Saturday**. There’s room for plenty more to help! Please check the school website for more information. It can be found in the CALENDAR. Click on Saturday 2nd May and the information sheet is attached.

Please check the school website and the School APP on Saturday morning in case I have had to cancel the Working Bee because of the weather! A storm is predicted but the morning may be OK.

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**Parents Online Payments**

This service has been installed for your convenience. All school payments (except weekly PSSA) can be made online via our school website.

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A **Term Planner** has been provided this week for your fridge or noticeboard. Sometimes the dates change so keep an eye on the calendar in the newsletter each week. The school website calendar is another place to look.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

We are now requesting enrolments from those children who will start Kindergarten in 2016. There have been many enquiries from out of area families already. We need to know how many children from Padstow Heights we can expect so that planning can commence.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or sent home with an older brother or sister at your request.

Please let neighbours, friends and relatives know that the enrolment process has begun. Children may start school if they turn 5 years old before July 31st, 2016.

Lindy Bryant

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**Dance lessons this term**

Every class will have a weekly dance lesson led by a trained dancing teacher. The cost is $25 for 10 lessons. There will be 8 lessons this term and 2 more at the beginning of next term. Those grades with excursions on Mondays will do double lessons as a makeup. (Stage 2 Week 10 and Stage 3 Week 3)

**Does your child have to take part?**

Yes! Dance is a compulsory part of the Physical Education/ Health/Personal Development syllabus. Using teachers with expertise maximises the learning. Dancing provides physical exercise and develops gross motor skills and coordination which is why it is part of the syllabus.

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**Calendar of March events**

- **Apr 27th**: Dance program yr 3-6; Drama Kindy, 1H, 1C
- **Apr 28th**: Dance Yr 2 & Kindy
- **Apr 29th**: Dance Yr 1
- **Apr 29th**: Dist netball trials
- **Apr 30th**: School cross country (on site)
- **May 1st**: PSSA Round 6
- **May 2nd**: Confirmed date for our Working Bee!
- **May 6th**: Mothers’ Day Stall
- **May 6th**: P & C meeting
- **May 8th**: last day Stewart House envelopes
- **May 13th**: Last day for return Stewart House clothing bags
- **May 12th**: No scripture because of NAPLAN
- **May 12th**: NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Lang/Grammar/ Writing
- **May 13th**: NAPLAN Reading
- **May 14th**: NAPLAN Numeracy
- **May 15th**: PSSA Round 8
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The K-6 Cross Country Carnival will take place in and around the school grounds this Thursday April 30th if the weather holds! Please keep an eye on the school app and the website for information.

K-2 will complete laps around the school oval while 3-6 will complete laps around the school. The first 6 competitors in each age division (8-13 yrs) will compete at the District Cross Country Carnival.

All children are encouraged to take part and gain points for their house groups.

Students are to wear their sports uniform on the day.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend. The races start at approximately 1:00pm.

Stewart House Bags Reminder

These bags of clothing will be collected on Thursday 14th May (Week 4). Please place your contributions on the back verandah of the old school hall.

If you require more bags please see Mrs Johnstone in 4J. However, you can send clothing in a regular garbage bag.

Thankyou for your support of this worthy organisation.

Mrs Johnstone

WORKING BEE

Can you spare a few hours on Saturday 2nd May to help improve our school grounds?

Four major tasks are to be tackled.

1. Planting and spreading mulch behind the brick classrooms on Henry Kendall Ave side.
2. Clearing the area around the sandpit and removing debris
3. Removing existing garden beside front entrance pathway and replacing with masonry block garden borders
4. Completing the painted wall mural.

Please see the note for more detail. The note is also attached to the calendar on the school website. Please let Mrs Bryant know that you can help.

Drama Lessons

This term KC, KG, KB, 1C and 1H will have a one hour drama lesson each week as part of the RFF program. The program costs $32 for 8 weeks of lessons.

Drama lessons have been developed to build skills in self-expression. They also help to develop resilience and coping strategies by building confidence to ‘have a go’. The lessons are run by Veronica from Let’s Shine Drama. As well as being trained in drama, Veronica is a qualified school teacher.

Mrs Payne will invoice families for the program shortly.

ANZAC

Photos from our ANZAC commemorations have been uploaded to the website. Have a look at the Photo Gallery!
This year’s Mothers Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6 May. This is a great opportunity for the children to purchase a gift for their mother or significant mother figure in their life. Thank you to all that have already donated gift items for our stall. If you would still like to donate please leave your gift items in the Mothers Day Stall buckets in the Office area. Gift ideas include body products, coffee cups, candles, jewellery, gift vouchers, chocolates (NO NUT PRODUCTS), frames, key rings, plants etc (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE)

We will need Parent Helpers on the day to assist the children in purchasing and wrapping their items along with assistance next Monday 4 May to cellophane wrap the gift items.

All children wishing to buy should bring a plastic bag with their name clearly marked on it and money to purchase a gift – gifts will be priced between $2 and $5.

If you are able to assist as a parent helper on Wednesday 6 May or help with the wrapping on Monday 4 May (morning) please contact

Daniella 0416 198 315 or Jacqui 0414 495 095