Gems 9/9/2014

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Dear Parents/Carers

Next Term – An Early Start
Following our advice last newsletter that we were considering change to our school start and finish times in response to concerns over the time students spent sitting and waiting for school to commence, we have considered our responses.

Information collated to date suggests a change to the school day is not a significant issue for most families. For those with firm views, the numbers of parents in favour of the change outweighs the parents who have concerns about the change.

A small number of instances indicated concerns that were complicated for parents were mostly related to having to also pick up and drop off other children to other places such as child care.

After considering the initial concerns leading to the suggestion to change the school day, and then the issues presented in response that did not support a change to the school day, we have presented the issues to our P & C and the result is that we will change our school day for Term 4, 2014 to an 8:45am start and a 2:45pm finish. Break time and timetables have been adjusted to match this change, beginning 15 minutes earlier.

Department of Transport have been advised regarding the Crossing Supervisors work times being changed to suit. The PCYC have indicated they will adjust their services also.

A letter will be sent home with students to all families to advise of the changes.

Indigenous Games Gala day
Last Friday saw our Year 4 & 5, and our Year 6 & 7 team compete against other cluster schools at Durack State School. Up until the instant elimination finals, our teams were leading everyone else. The way the finals played the teams against each other did not help us, and our teams ended overall third.

More than the results, what was very distinctive was that our community can be very proud of the excellent, game skills learned, the caring way our team members supported each other, and the way our teams presented as solid and effective teams, displaying excellent sportsmanship and team spirit. Three of our students, Emily, Ananjarrah and Ismalia, received special recognition for their outstanding contribution to the day’s events. Well done everyone.

100 Gems Awards
Today we had a morning tea to celebrate the 20 students this Term who have attained their 100 gems target this Term. Each student had the option of inviting two family members to join in this “morning tea” celebration with them as a way of thanking these students and families for their contribution to positive behaviours supporting our school expectations – “we learn, we care, we are team players”.

Disco
Thursday night will have the P & C disco from 5:30-7:00pm for Years 3-7 on a Mad Hatters theme. Prep - Year 2 will have their Mad Hatter party 1st break on Friday. Thanks to the P & C for their efforts in presenting this event.

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Positive Behaviour Day
Friday will also see 308 of our students qualify for celebrating a Term of positive behaviour. The event includes a sausage sizzle and various games. Participants and their families are thanked for their contribution to helping promote a school environment and culture for learning.

2014 Camp
During this week we have had most of our year 6 and 7 students on camp at Currimundi. Staff and students report the camp as a wonderful experience and an overall success. Students were particularly complimentary of what they saw as an improved menu and food quality – always an issue with growing energetic young folk.

Staff appreciated the better supervision the accommodation allowed. Overall, everyone was very impressed with the standard of behaviour and level of enjoyment and active participation by students. Well done and thank you parents for the way you have prepared your children to be successful in this experience. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their own family life and time to enable our students to have this experience.

SWPBS
SWPBS lesson of the week “Listen attentively to others”
What does it mean to listen attentively?
Listening attentively means that you are paying attention to the speaker. You are looking at the person speaking and you are thinking about what they are saying. Listening is also responding to the speaker.

Why do we do it? Here are some reasons;
• Listening helps us to understand the activity or task at hand. Good listeners are good learners because they know that listening will help them complete their work.
• We listen to others because then we will know what to do and we will be able to follow instructions.
• When you do not look at the speaker and listen to them they may feel like you don’t care enough to listen.
• Using good listening skills shows that we respect and care for others.
• If we listen to others we do not offend/hurt their feelings.

We are good role models for new students who come to school.

Yellow Cards
Recently we have introduced “Yellow Cards” for minor playground infringements. Yellow cards can be given for such things as; rough physical play, rule violations (soccer), non-compliance, being out of bounds, disrespect, or bullying. If students receive a yellow card during the break, they might be asked to “sit out” of play in the area they are playing for 5-10 minutes and then return to their game OR if they receive a yellow card at the end of the break they will have to sit on the yellow “time out” seat at the start of the next break. We use the data gathered from the yellow cards to assist in targeting concerning behaviours being observed (e.g. play fighting), areas where these are occurring (eg. Junior Fort) and who are the students displaying these behaviours. We then may use this as a teaching point in our “lesson of the week” to help students identify safe behaviours that match our school expectations of We Learn, We Care, We Are Team Players.

Pizza In The Park
Congratulations to 4S who won the attendance reward for this term. They narrowly beat out 2C for the top Attendance prize. As students arrived at the park they ate pizza together and then had the choice of three areas in the park. Students enjoyed climbing the Spider web, playing on the play ground and playing soccer in the open field. Special thank you to the P & C for providing the bus to transport students and Mrs Egan and Ms Russell for their support on the day.

Applications remain open for the position of Canteen Convenor’s position is partially paid 12hrs per week. The Canteen is always looking for volunteers even if you can only spare an hour a week it all helps. Come along, throw on an apron and help out, parents are always welcome and your child will love seeing you in the Canteen.

Parents please note that the Canteen does NOT offer credit so please ensure your child/ren has the correct money when ordering their lunch.

P & C Team
Amy, Stacey, No’fo and Sue

P & C News
All parents are welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday 13th October at 9.10am, in the Parent Room. Our Mad Hatter’s themed Disco for grades 3-7 is this Thursday night from 5.30pm - 7.00pm and tickets are $3. Students are encouraged to dress up and food will be available for purchase on the night. Our Mad Hatter’s theme continues on Friday when the P & C hold a free Mad Hatter’s Tea Party at first break for Prep to Year 2. We wish our students and their families a happy and safe spring holiday.

School Banking
School banking is every Tuesday at the Canteen from 8.20am – 9am.

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop is located in the Parent Room and open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am – 3.15pm. Students are encouraged to dress up and food will be available on the night. Our Mad Hatter’s theme continues on Friday when the P & C hold a free Mad Hatter’s Tea Party at first break for Prep to Year 2. We wish our students

Canteen News
The Canteen will be closing for Term 3 after first break on Friday.

During Term 4 the Canteen will be opening for FIRST BREAK on TUESDAY’s. No orders will be taken with students able to purchase drinks, ice-blocks and chips over the counter.

Applications remain open for the position of Canteen Convenor. You must have a blue card and you must have a food safety certificate to be eligible to apply. The Canteen Convenor’s position is partially paid 12hrs per week.

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which this school stands.

IMPORTANT DATES
18 September Year 3-7 Disco
19 September Positive Behaviour Day
18 September Last Day Term 3
6 October Labour Day Public Holiday
7 October Term 4 Commences