A message from the Relieving Principal

Mr Josh Tomasone

Dear parents and carers,

Our school will be receiving some fantastic English, mathematics and science resources as a result of your support through the Woolworths Earn & Learn initiative. We will also get some great new storage containers to help organise resources and make them more accessible to students. Thank you to everyone who gave their Earn & Learn stickers to Johns River Public School!

I am very pleased with the amount of quality work that has been produced in the classroom over the past couple of weeks. Students have been working extremely hard and it’s very encouraging to see the resulting improvements.

Students, remember that you can access Reading Eggs at home on a computer, tablet or even mum or dad’s phone......if you ask very nicely and are careful not to drop it! It’s a great learning tool that doesn’t have to be limited to the classroom. Parents and carers are also encouraged to check out Reading Eggs at home with their children. There are lots of activities you can explore together!

Finally, I am very excited to welcome a new family to the school! Yasmin will be visiting us next Wednesday for a Kindergarten Orientation day. She will join us for the morning session and stay for recess. I’m sure you’ll all help make her feel welcome and excited to come to school next year.

Thank you
Josh Tomasone

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Coming Events

**Week 4**

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Community Craft / Library

We had a great turnout for the first Community Craft and Library session last Friday. Those who came along spent a lovely morning together browsing the Community Library and swapping craft ideas.

Huge thanks are extended to Deena Lane for volunteering so much of her time to get this project up and running. Thanks are also extended to all those who have donated books to the Community Library. It is already very well stocked!

Students enjoyed meeting our visitors and learning all about their varying craft projects. The craft group have already expressed interest in helping students with Christmas Craft during the last gathering of the year on Friday 11 December. This will be a terrific opportunity to get the community even more engaged with the school.

We hope to see some new faces at the next gathering, which is scheduled for Friday 13 November from 10am – 12pm.

P&C News

We have begun reviewing and finalising our accounts as the year draws to a close. There are still a number of outstanding uniform accounts from this year that need to be settled. If you owe payment for uniform items that have been collected please make payments to either Margaret or Rhonda in the school office as soon as possible. Families with outstanding balances will be forwarded an invoice if payment has not been received by Friday 6 November.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting on Tuesday 10 November at 9.00am.

Thank you

Trevor Clunes
President

Johns River P&C Association

Research Assignment

By now, all students should have discussed their presentation task with their parents and carers. Students have quite a bit of time to prepare for their assignment as we wanted them to visit the observatory before their presentation.

Student topics are as follows:

K-1: Day and Night

2-5: Planets of the Solar System

It is expected that students will complete this task during their own time, however books and computers will be available for students to use at school if they wish.

Presentations will be held on Wednesday 25th November.
Sport Report

Unfortunately the T20 Blast School Cricket Cup was postponed due to poor weather today. However organisers are keen to reschedule another date in the near future. Families will be informed as soon as information comes to hand.

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is fast approaching! As in previous years, the swimming bus will be arriving at around 9.15am each morning to transport students to Kendall Pool. Students are asked to bring their swimmers and a towel in a waterproof bag each day. Time is allocated upon arrival at the pool to change into swimmers.

This year we will be guided by three swimming instructors. They will spend the first day of the Program assessing students’ abilities and arranging groupings. The following days will be spent working through a range of exercises designed to improve water safety skills.

On the final day of the Program (Friday 20 November) we will participate in a friendly Swimming Carnival with Hannam Vale PS. Family members and friends are invited to come along to cheer on students and stay for a sausage sizzle lunch.

Our school routine changes during the two weeks of the Program. All that hard work in the pool makes students very hungry, so they break for lunch upon their return to school at around 11.30am. We will also break for recess at 1.30pm each afternoon.

A permission note is included in this newsletter for all students. Please ensure this is completed and returned to the office by Friday 6 November.

Once again, thank you to the P&C Association for contributing funds to help cover the cost of the Program.

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Term 4 Excursion

The secret’s out! We’re going on an excursion to Port Macquarie Astronomical Observatory! As discussed with parents at the last P&C meeting, this will commence after school hours at 7.30pm.

Staff at the Observatory have advised us to change our excursion date from Wednesday 4 November to Wednesday 18 November due to the moon cycle. We initially preferred the earlier date as it fell before the Swimming Program commenced, however observatory staff have strongly indicated that it would be a far more impressive and beneficial excursion if we change the date to Wednesday 18 November. We understand that this will be a late night for students who will most likely be exhausted from the Swimming Program, but hope that families understand the reasons behind the date change.

The last Thursday of the Swimming Program is an important session for students to attend, as instructors complete final skills assessments. If students are struggling to get out of bed on Thursday morning because of the excursion, parents are most welcome to allow their children to sleep in and then drop them at the pool before 10.00am rather than rushing to get to school to catch the bus.

We’re all very excited about this excursion. It will be a fantastic way for students to gather further information to assist them to complete their research assignment.

Cost will be $5.00 per child and $10.00 per adult. Children under 5 years are admitted for free for any families wishing to bring along younger siblings. All families are asked to complete the attached permission note, including attendance details, and return it with payment by Friday 6 November so that the Observatory can be informed of final numbers.
Week 2 Assembly

Congratulations to the following Assembly Award winners:

Phoenix – presented for a fantastic effort in cricket.
Austin – presented for trying hard to begin and finish work on time.
Ruby – presented for applying a high level of effort across all Key Learning Areas.

Liam was chosen as a VIP because he’s having a great start to Term 4.

Our next assembly will be held at 2.30pm on Friday 30 October. Hope to see you there!

Fruit & Veg Month Competition

Congratulations to Makybi for her winning entry in the Fruit & Veg Month Design a Character competition! Makybi’s “Sweet Little Peaple Peas” won the Year 4 division.

Makybi will receive a Nude Food prize pack for her winning entry.

Remember, electronic copies of our newsletter and other school correspondence is available on the school website:

www.johnsriver-p.schools.nsw.edu.au