You Can Do It!

Focus for Week 5 & 6 - Resilience

The ability to calm down and feel better when very upset. Knowing how to stay calm and being able to stop from getting extremely angry, down or worried when something “bad” happens.

Principal’s Pen

What a fantastic day we had last week at our swimming carnival. Congratulations to all our students on their wonderful participation.

To support our childrens’ learning we have done some restructuring to our day. As many children are extremely hungry by recess, we have changed our recess and lunch times. These changes also ensure that students have two consolidated learning times for Literacy and Numeracy. We have also been updating our school wellbeing procedures. We will be focusing on the key values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.

SCHOOL (BELL) TIMES
8.40 am Supervision begins
9:00 am Classes begin
10.55 am Lunch begins (Supervised eating time)
11.45 pm Lunch concludes
1.40 pm Recess begins
2:05pm Recess concludes
3:00pm Dismissal

Thank you to all families who have paid for Book Packs. The response has been wonderful. We will continue to take payments, so please organise to either send payments into the Office or use our NEW online payment facility via our webpage. If payments can be made as soon as possible, if you haven’t already done so, it would be greatly appreciated.

Over the past 6 months we have been seeking a new person to run school banking as we have received no volunteers unfortunately we will need to suspend school banking. If you are able to help in any way please let the school know.

Have a great week!

Louise Wrightson
Principal
**Deployment of New Administration System**

This year the Department of Education is rolling out a new Finance and Administration system to be used by Principals and school office staff. The new system will be very different from the previous system and as such, our office staff and I will require a number of days out of the school to attend training.

The training is quite extensive and there are a number of tasks that need to be completed in school before the system goes ‘live’. Whilst it will be a good thing to have this new system up and running, the training will have an impact on how quickly our office staff is able to respond to requests from both staff and parents.

You will also see some less familiar faces in the office (relieving) on days when they are at the training, particularly at the end of Term 1 and throughout Term 2.

I mention this for two reasons: firstly to keep you informed and secondly to ask that you consider checking the newsletter before ringing the office with an inquiry. We have fantastic office staff who are friendly and who love to assist parents wherever they can, but both they and I will appreciate those times when you are able to find the answer to a question yourself.

If you need to visit the office to make a payment or drop something off the office will open at 8:40am each morning and close at 3:00pm. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Louise Wrightson
Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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**School Photographs**

Envelopes were sent out to all students recently with an accompanying note. There is an alteration to the payment instructions on the note as follows:

**Please Note:** Money needs to be sent in ON THE DAY of the school photographs (Wed 23rd March) for collection by the classroom teacher or the school photographer.

Please contact Gavin at Photoworx on 4915 7078 FOR ALL ENQUIRIES.

**Book Packs** vary dependant upon the grade but consist of items such as: mathematics subscription, home reader journal, usb, whiteboards, white board markers plus all necessary classroom supplies such as exercise books, pencils, playdough, colour pencils, rubbers, glue etc.

Bookpacks are valued at $45 but this year we are only charging $30 and the school is subsidising the remainder.
Seahorse News

This term for Science we are exploring the concept of energy and change through forces in the world around us. We have been investigating how we can push and pull things to make them move.

The students worked in small groups and were given a collection of toys and they had to brainstorm words to describe how they can make them move. These words were then used as part of our science word wall. The groups worked cooperatively and came up with fabulous suggestions.
Starfish Classroom News

Starfish students have been focusing on addition and subtraction in maths. I have had the enjoyment of supporting every student challenge themselves with extremely large digit algorithms. The level of intrinsic motivation in our classroom during maths has been extremely high. Understanding, speed and accuracy is what each student is working towards.

Jellyfish Classroom News

This week in the Jellyfish classroom our aim has been to work hard and always try our best. I am happy to say that all students are succeeding in this. We have been looking at 3D shapes in maths and for one activity we went on a ‘shape walk’ around our school to see what shapes we could identify and record. The Jellyfish have been producing some wonderful writing in the Engine Room and we have been reading The Very Hungry Bear and The Very Brave Bear books by Nick Bland.

The more that you read the more things you will know. The more that you know, the more places you’ll go! —Dr Seuss
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

AFRICAN DRUMMING
ORDERS FOR WINTER BOMBER JACKETS

If anyone would like to purchase a Boolaroo Public School Woollen Bomber Jacket

**The price is $38.00**

(Money to be in by 26th Feb please)

The P&C will need money up front as well as size please.

**Any enquiries: Karen McCraw (0407 494 857)**

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**POP—Pay Online Payments**

When utilising the new online payment system on the school website, please note there have been some issues when this has been attempted on a mobile. We recommend using a laptop or PC.

To access Online Payments please go to our webpage www.boolaroo-p.school.nsw.edu.au, click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

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**WARNERS BAY JUNIOR AFL CLUB**

Feighan Oval, Seaman Ave Warners Bay

2016 Registration Dates at Feighan Oval

Thursday 11th February 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 3rd March 6.30pm – 8.30pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
Club also runs the Kickability Auskick Program for children with disabilities

$85 (includes 2016 Auskick Pack & Season Guernsey)

Juniors – U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s

$160 (new players receive a club polo shirt)

$160 (renewals receive a $20 Voucher)

Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years

$100

Register On-Line – wwwWARNERSBAY.org.au

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS**

Participation in team sports is a great way to increase your child’s physical activity, but did you know there are a number of other benefits to team sports, including:

- Teaching children skills in teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Helping children gain confidence through interaction with other kids
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly having fun!

There are many different team sports to choose from such as soccer, netball, touch football and hockey. Why not see what team sports are available at your school or in the community for your child to participate in?

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**PHONE 4924 6499**

NSW Health Hunter New England Local Health District
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include book packs, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’ which covers items not covered in the previous headings. ‘Other’ can also be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number but, as these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 4958 1479.
KIP MCGRATH TORONTO – NOW OPEN

I am delighted to announce my new Kip McGrath centre opening 2 February to assist your child in all areas of Maths, English, Reading, Spelling and Comprehension.

I am located at Unit 3, 8 The Boulevarde, Toronto. I am taking bookings now for FREE assessments.

Please phone me on 49454112 or 0422907325 to book your assessment or for further information.

Sue Felsinger