General Information

From the Principal

Finally, we managed to have a ‘rain free’ afternoon to complete Jump Rope for Heart. All students participated in a range of activities on Tuesday afternoon with Mr Russell’s Jump Rope Team having the opportunity to show off their wonderful skipping routines. The Jump Rope Team have been practising with Mr Russell during lunch for a number of weeks and should be congratulated for their commitment and effort. Students managed to raise approximately $1500 dollars for the Heart Foundation. A big thank you to all of our families for your support and to Mr Russell for organising it.

The Book Fair was also a huge success with approximately $4000 worth of books being sold. As a result we are entitled to 35% of the $4000 in books ($1400) for the library. This is fantastic, and again I would like to thank you for supporting this.

This week we celebrated Science Week, the theme being ‘the science of light’. The week began with another entertaining performance from Mobile Science. Students were highly engaged by the information and demonstrations presented over three sessions on Monday. Mr Hawkey continued to follow up with activities during Science lessons, with classes having a science themed day on Thursday. Of course the highlight for many students was dressing up today. Money raised will go towards a new interactive television in the library. Thank you to Mr Hawkey for organising this week’s activities.

Our school choir attended the Primary Schools Festival of Music rehearsal this week in preparation for the final performance at the Festival Theatre on Wednesday 9th September. Tickets are available from Bass or online at www.bass.net.au if you would like to attend. A reminder to parents of choir students that students will attend the Festival Theatre for a rehearsal on the morning of the concert, transported to and from the venue by school bus. Parents are expected to transport their choir student to and from the evening concert. More details to come.

Thank you to the many families who returned the Vacation Care survey sent home earlier this term. Results have been collated and passed on to a Vacation Care provider to see if student numbers will allow for a sustainable Vacation Care service at Two Wells Primary School. There were at least 10 students requiring full time care, with another 13 children requiring 3-4 days per week and 20 requiring casual care 1-2 days per week. If you haven’t returned a survey and are interested in using a Vacation Care service please contact the school for a survey and your information will be included in the survey results.

There are a number of students not wearing correct school uniform, including inappropriate footwear. The uniform policy is available on the school website and clearly outlines the school dress code. Students are able to wear coats/jackets over their school uniform but not as a substitute for their school top. Please support this important policy. A school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don’t have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone dresses the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important!

By the end of 2016 all areas of the Australian Curriculum must be implemented. Technologies is the last curriculum area to be introduced to staff for familiarisation and implementation.
Two Wells Softball Club

Two Wells Softball Club registration day will be held on Sunday 13th September 2015 – 10:30 am, Two Wells Football Oval, Old Pt. Wakefield Road, Two Wells. President: Sally Green 0400 943 249.

Parents and Friends

Parents & Friends will be hosting a Father’s Day Stall on Friday September 4th. Students will visit the stall with their classroom teacher. Gifts will range in price from $1.00 - $5.00. Please bring a bag for your purchase.

Book Week

It is that wonderful time of year again - Book Week. During week 6 all students will be involved in Book Week activities including an author visit for Middle and Upper Primary students, a Treasure Hunt for the Junior Primary students and culminating in the Book Week Parade on Friday the 28th of August. The parade will start after recess and wind its way to the Main Street in Two Wells and finish back at school. We encourage all students to bring along the book that their character comes from.

Cody & Caleb’s Rugby Trip

On Saturday morning 8th August, we left for Darwin to compete in the Under 12’s National Rugby League carnival. We were there for a week. We had a great time and made a lot of new friends. We set a state record by scoring against NSW and the carnival owner said that we had the best SA team he has ever seen. We both mainly played main forward. We drew 8th and Caleb scored right out front of the 15m conversion. The weather in Darwin was good and we got an awesome tan as well as a cool uniform. Caleb loved it, as we were able to celebrate his birthday there. We couldn’t have made it to Darwin without the support of the school including Parents and Friends, and the wider community that purchased raffle tickets and bought from the BBQ on Grandparents’ Day.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Encourage your child to pretend to ‘read’ a book before he or she can read words.
- Visit the library as often as possible - take out CDs and DVDs as well as books.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, music or a certain sport.
- Make sure that children’s books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house.

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Canteen BBQ

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Two Wells Blue Light

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Price: entry is $5.00
Location: Two Wells Community Centre
Time: 7 pm till 9.30 pm

By Cody Murch & Caleb Hagenbuecher

Technologies describe two distinct but related subjects: 1. Design and Technologies - students use design thinking and technologies to generate and produce designed solutions for authentic needs and opportunities. 2. Digital Technologies - students use computational thinking and information systems to define, design and implement digital solutions. Technologies will ensure that all students benefit from learning about and working with traditional, contemporary and emerging technologies, and encourage students to apply their knowledge and practical skills and processes when using technologies and other resources.

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it’s the single most important thing you can do to help your child’s education, particularly in the early years of schooling. It’s best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. Think of ways to make reading fun - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be. If you’re both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, linger over it for as long as you like. Books aren’t just about reading the words on the page; they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

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Medical alert from DECD re: Flu - seasonal, pandemic and avian - symptoms, treatment and prevention

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by the Influenza A or B (or rarely C) viruses. It is highly infectious. In Australia, seasonal influenza of varying severity occurs every year, usually between May and September.

How influenza is spread
Influenza virus is spread when someone with influenza coughs or sneezes, producing airborne droplets that come into contact with the mucous membrane (the thin moist lining of many parts of the body such as the nose, mouth, throat and genitals) lining the nose, throat and mouth of another person. Droplets can be spread through the air. Infection may also be spread by contact with hands, tissues and other articles soiled by infected nose and throat discharges.

Signs and symptoms
Symptoms include:
- rapid onset of fever
- headache
- muscle aches
- fatigue
- sneezing
- running nose
- sore throat
- a cough.

Most people recover within a week, although the cough and fatigue may last longer. Influenza is much more serious than the common cold. It can lead to pneumonia (lung infection or inflammation) and other complications, and even death, particularly in:
- people aged 65 years and over
- pregnant women
- young children
- people with chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease.

Incubation period
(time between becoming infected and developing symptoms)
Average of 2 days for seasonal influenza (range 1 to 4 days). The incubation period is similar for pandemic and avian influenza.

Infectious period
(time during which an infected person can infect others)
Usually from 1 day before onset of symptoms until 7 days after the onset of symptoms. After 5 days the level of infectiousness is probably very low, however some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for a longer time.