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Term 2 Week 8

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Thanks Aunty Beris

To begin our focus on Indigenous perspectives in our classes today we had Yaegl elder and Aboriginal Education Community Liaison Officer Beris Duroux attend our school today. She did a wonderful presentation discussing the local language and how important communication in all its forms was and is to local Aboriginal people.

It was wonderful that she was able to share her knowledge and passion for her culture and how important it is for everyone to understand its proud history and how we can work together for a positive future.

Again I am asking if there is any Aboriginal people in our community that would like to be a part of what we are doing for the rest of the term whether as an observer, assistant of someone who would like to share what they know.

School Rules.....#1

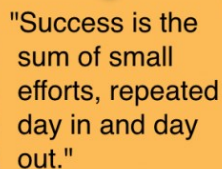
Each week I thought I would go through our school rules to help the community understand what we are focussing on at school and so that we can work collectively to give our kids the best chance in life.

I come to school to work and learn.

This may seem an obvious one to us but it is only because this was instilled in us from our own parents and extended community. The long term benefits of a quality education and a strong work ethic are undeniable and the impact of having such people in our community strengthens us all.

The key Australian ideals of doing your best and striving on when things get tough are just as important here as anywhere and the understanding that there is clear rewards available for quality efforts are continually championed here.

A great US political leader Colin Powell famously said, *There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.*



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

— Robert Collier

Spelling Bee

My apologies to Emelia as I said that Ellie came 2nd not her in last weeks newsletter. Sorry Emelia.

The small schools Spelling Bee is on next Thursday 22nd at Iluka. Good Luck.

Canteen

What a great time to have a loaded baked potato

Orders MUST be in by Monday, 9:00am.



Carla Ryan

It was great to read in the SGHS newsletter about the success of one of our ex-students. Well done Carla.

"Carla Ryan in Year11 has been selected to attend the Art Winter School to be held at UNSW these July holidays. Carla was successful in her scholarship application to attend this great project."

Awards

Well done to Kirana and Jack who achieved their Bronze award last Friday. What a great effort.



Athletics

We will soon be having some practise at school on our athletics skills of long jump, high jump, shot put and running. We will be having a school athletics carnival here at school on Tuesday 27th June from 11:30 until 1:00. Everyone is welcome to attend and the canteen will be running a sausage sizzle that day. More information will come.



Diary Dates Term 2

• June 21—P&C Meeting 3pm

• June 22 - Small Schools Spelling bee

• June 27 - Athletics Carnival

Community News

P&C News

It is unusual for us to ask all parents to attend a meeting of the school but the P&C Executive feel it is essential we discuss with parents the School Funding Amendment Bill before the Australian Parliament at the present time. NSW currently has a signed agreement for the delivery of the Gonski school funding arrangements. There are many benefits to our children with the delivery of the 'full' Gonski. The Federal government is currently proposing to step away from the existing agreement and avoid paying the final two years according to the signed agreement. This will result in a significant reduction in the promised funding to our school. Some summary points:

The School Funding Amendment Bill current before the Senate (already passed through the government-controlled Lower House)

- Will see only 40% of the funding of the original agreement honoured, bringing about a small increase of \$50 per child per year for the next ten years
- Will cap Federal government funding of public schools to 20% of the school resource standard (SRS) and private schools to 80% of the standard
- Means that schooling for children will not be funded according to need
- Abandons the increased role for the Federal government in the funding of disadvantaged students, over 80% of whom attend public schools
- Will abolish the requirement of the Federal government to increase, by 4.7% annually, funding to a school until it reaches the school resource standard
- Will lock in different funding roles for the Federal and State governments instead of developing an integrated model as originally proposed by Gonski

Due to the scheduling of the matter in the Senate we need to act on this in the next three weeks. Please attend a public meeting to hear more about these concerns and what you can do to help.

We will be meeting next Wednesday 21st June at 3pm in the library.

The Biggest Morning Tea

A big thank you to all those who supported our yearly fundraiser. The support from the community was overwhelming with approximately \$1500 being raised. A big thank you also to the ladies who continue to hold their ongoing fundraising stall at the Tucabia markets. Awesome effort everyone!!

Marion

