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Kindergarten Orientation

It was lovely to welcome our new Kindergarten students to school last Thursday. The children had a productive and exciting morning in the classroom. We look forward to having them back at school tomorrow morning. We will be having an information session for our new Kindergarten parents in the library.

Aboriginal Cultural Day

On Friday, the whole school will be travelling to Glenquarry Public School to participate in an Aboriginal Cultural Day. This should be a fantastic day in which our children will have the opportunity to learn from members of our local Aboriginal community and their peers from other small schools. Glenquarry Public School will be providing canteen facilities on the day. A menu is printed on the back of this newsletter.

New Group Work Desks

On Monday we took delivery of our new group work desks. These desks make it much easier for our teachers to work comfortably with small groups of students in activities such as guided reading. We would like to thank the P and C for funding the purchase of these desks.

Whooping Cough Information For Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection, but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.
- A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Swimming Scheme
During weeks 6 and 7 the whole school will be travelling to Moss Vale Pool every day for our intensive swimming scheme. The children will need to come to school wearing their swimming costumes under their uniforms. They should bring a strong bag containing a towel, goggles (if needed) and dry underwear. It would be helpful if all your childrens’ possessions are clearly labelled. Permission notes are attached today.

Newsletter Attachments
- Swimming Scheme Note

Aboriginal Culture Day Menu
Friday 30th October 2015

Lunch:
- Sausage sandwich $3.00
- 3 x Party pies $2.00

Beverages:
- Poppers $1.00
- Water $1.00
- Tea/Coffee $1.50

Treats:
- Jelly Cups $1.00
- Chippies/Popcorn $1.00
- Rice wheel snacks $1.00
- Ovaleenites $1.00
- Assorted Cakes and slices $1.00
- Choppa Chups $0.50
- Ice-blocks $1.00

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