Coming Events

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Safe Holiday

It has been a very busy and rewarding term for the students and the staff. We would like to congratulate all of the students on their achievements this semester. We hope you have a safe and restful break and come back ready for another busy term of learning. We would also like to thank our parents for their on-going support with fund raising, soup days, canteen, student support, transport and the many other ways you help us enrich the children’s learning.

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the amazing job that the staff at Kangaloon School do. Each and every one of our staff members continually strive to provide our students with outstanding learning opportunities. We are so fortunate to have such passionate, caring and dedicated teachers and support staff. I wish them all a very well deserved and restful holiday.

Medication at School

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Communities that parents complete a form for the administration of prescribed medication, if it is necessary for their child to take medication during school hours. To assist parents with this we have included a copy of the form with today’s newsletter.

Commonwealth Bank Competition

During Term 3 the Commonwealth Bank is running a School Banking competition. To enter, students must make three or more deposits during the term. They will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Schools participating in the program also have a chance to win one of 75 sets of children’s books for their library. If one of our students makes three or more deposits, the school will automatically be entered into the draw. Please find more information attached to this week’s newsletter.

Excursion Payments

As the term draws to a close, can I please ask parents to check that all payments for excursions and activities are up to date? If you are unsure, please contact the office.

School Attendance

Did you know?

96% attendance is:
- 8 days absence per year from school
- the equivalent to 11 weeks missed over 7 primary school years

95% attendance is:
- 10 days absence per year from school
- 70 days or 14 weeks missed from a child's primary school education

90% attendance is:
- 19 days absence per year from school
- 133 days (almost 3/4 of a school year) missed over their primary school care
Healthy Kids - Homemade fruit straps
These are a great alternative to store-bought snacks that have a lot of chemicals added. You can choose whatever fruits are in season. These are just like roll-ups. A great one to try over the holidays.

5 large apples, 1 punnet strawberries, 1 cup water
* Peel and core the apples, slicing thinly. Hull and halve the strawberries.
* Place all fruit in a pot with the water. Place a lid on. Cook until soft and then puree with a stick blender.
* Line a tray with baking paper and pour the fruit mix onto the baking tray. Spread evenly and thinly.
* Place in the oven and turn on, setting the temperature to 120°C. Prop the oven door open with a wooden spoon.
* This dehydrating process can take anywhere from 2 hrs to 10 hrs depending on the type of fruit and the level of moisture left in the mixture.
* Slice and roll up in cling film to keep.

Family Holidays & Travel
From the beginning of 2015, families can no longer apply for an exemption from school for family holidays and travel. Parents/carers are asked to consult with the school about travel during term time and complete an Application for Extended Leave-Travel. The application must be completed before departure for travel. If the application is approved you will be provided with a Certificate of Leave-Travel. An application form can be collected from the school office.

Newsletter Attachments
- Prescribed Medication Form
- Commonwealth Bank Competition Flyer
- Christmas Card Competition

This year, as part of the 2015 Southern Highlands Writers Festival, we will be holding a special “Kids’ Event” on Fri 10th July, at the Bradman Museum.

I would be so grateful, if possible, if you could please mention this in your next newsletter, as the event will take place during the July school holidays.

If you are able to include some information, here is some possible copy for you to use:

The 2015 Southern Highlands Writers’ Festival is delighted to offer An Awesome Adventure on Friday 10 July at 10am, at the Bradman Museum.

Come and meet Bowral’s very own best-selling children’s author R.A. Spratt known for the Nanny Piggins and Friday Barnes series of books.
For Years 5 and 6 children, Olympic swimmer and Young Adult author Lisa Forrest will be inspiring young writers in a practical, 90min creative writing workshop from 11am.
Tickets are available online at www.shwf.com.au or at The Bookshop Bowral in Bong Bong St.