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Newsletter

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2016 Term 4 Week 6

Events for the Calendar

Term 4, Week 6

Thursday 17 November- Year 6 dinner 7pm @ The Oriental Hotel, Tumut

Term 4, Week 9

Monday 5 December- End of year reports to go home

Thursday 8 December – End of year presentation night

Term 4, Week 10

Wednesday 14 December – Friday 16 December- Swim camp

Student of the week



Tilly receives her award this week for consistently completing her home learning and writing an impressive story on The Map. Well done Tilly!

P&C News

Photo competition for Bongongo students

We have not received many photos for our Mural Competition so the closing date has been extended to this Friday, 18 November. Please send in your photos so that we can get started on the mural.

Books for Presentation Night

Please drop books into the office and collect P&C contribution from Mrs Ryan.

Front sign

Old sleepers are required for the renovation of the entry of the school. If anyone has some sleepers they would like to donate please contact the school.

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A message from Brad

Welcome to Week 6 everyone!

Our Kindergarten transition students put away their crayons and paint smocks for the final time this week and will now need to sharpen their lead pencils for the start of their primary education next year. Miss Greaney has done a wonderful job in preparing our new 2017 students and I look forward to watching them prosper over the coming years.

Last Friday was Remembrance Day and the 98th anniversary of the end of World War I. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead. At 11 am on 11 November each year we now remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. We commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could enjoy the free and gratifying lifestyle that we live every day.

Enjoy the week everyone.

A message from Miss Greaney

Week 6 – Mr Gorman warned me that this term would fly by, and wasn't he right!

Last Monday I went to Franklin P.S in Tumut to observe a Kindergarten classroom. I was able to pick up a number of planning and assessment ideas that I hope to implement into the Bongongo Kindergarten classroom next year. Many thanks to Miss Elisha Page for her assistance on the day.

Last week and this week sees the students completing a variety of assessment tasks in

literacy areas including spelling, reading, comprehension and writing. It has been pleasing to see the students progressing and achieving great results this semester in all Key Learning Areas. I would especially like to give a special mention to Jetty Mason who has been working extremely hard to master the rules surrounding 'tenses' and today she got 100% in her mini test, well done!

Last Friday was the final transition day for the 2017 Kindergarten students Ed, Harvey, Max & Joe. They have had a blast over the past 10 weeks and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching them learn the ropes and become part of the school community.

The Gundagai Rodeo is coming up in a fortnight (Saturday 26th November) and as the rodeo club secretary I encourage everyone to attend. It is always a great day out and as this is the final points rodeo on the circuit, competition is fierce! Admission is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children (under 5's free) & \$35 for a family.

That's it for this week,

Laura

Maths in focus

Last week we wrapped up our topic of Addition and will now forge ahead with Fractions and Decimals. We have introduced Live Life Well into our Numeracy lessons and students have been using bean bags and balls to come up with ways to learn Numeracy strategies while also being active. We look forward to seeing what they come up with this week.

Times table of the week is: x 20

Literacy in the spotlight

Last week, Principals from Nangus, Gundagai South, Brungle and of course Bongongo came together to discuss consistent teacher judgement in writing. The outcome of the discussion highlighted paragraphing and punctuation as focus areas. The effective use of adjectives and adverbs had increased since our last meeting together in term 3.

Super Spellers

Congratulations to the following students on achieving 100% in their spelling test last week

- * Jack Weston
- * Jetty Mason
- * Tilly Graham

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held this Thursday 17 November at the Oriental Hotel, Tumut, at 7pm. Please inform Siana Lucas by tomorrow afternoon how many will be attending the dinner for catering purposes.

Swimming

With the weather now beginning to warm up we will be looking to begin our swimming lessons in the near future. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate swimwear, towel and thongs in readiness for the program in the coming weeks. More information will be sent home in the coming days.

THE MAP

Benjamin and Humphrie drove through the looming forest.

Something about the forest uneased Ben but Phrie seemed happy to go to a boarding school. Ben asked Phrie "Aren't you troubled to go to a boarding school?"

"Not at all Benjamin." He replied

"You know I hate being called Benjamin, Humphrie." Ben said with a snigger.

"Phrie Ben Phrie." Replied Phrie.

Now as they arrived at Hillview Park Boarding School they could see the five story luminous building above them. Inside the school it was old and musty with old chairs and brown wooden tables. Ben said sarcastically "Yay." Phrie replied "Yep."

As we went inside we were suddenly scared by a lady in her mid thirties with fierce blue eyes. And with a flustered tone she asked "And who might you be?" Mum replied to the lady "Were the Tiddlers. Who are you?" "I'm the head mistress." She snapped "Miss Benett." Oh yes the new one." said their dad, recalling something.

"Mason shall show the two boy's around. MASON GET DOWN HERE!!"

"Coming miss." Came a crackly voice from upstairs.

Mason was a stocky, greasy black haired young boy." He asked "Yes miss?"

"Show these boys around."

Mason was showing Ben and Phrie around when Ben saw a strange door that had metal studs on it. Ben was thinking nice try because the door had a sign on it saying: *Go back*

Do Not Return

Ben moved forward swiftly and pushed the door that squeaked open. "No!" Mason squealed

"What's wrong with going in there." Said Phrie pointing to the open door.

Mason exclaimed "it's out of bounds, and it's the attic!" He said *attic* in such a spooked voice.

The attic was dusty and smelt like mothballs. Ben was intrigued by a crumpled up piece of yellow paper, so he went downstairs to Phrie and Mason. They opened the paper and it was a map! Mason knew where the X was "The Chapel!" Mason yelled.

When they got to the Chapel Ben saw something shining. There was a secret room filled with jewels and gold. "We're RICH!" exclaimed Ben and Phrie in unison.

By Darcy Benjamin Year 5

THE MAP

It was a windy, terrifying night when seven brave sailors and their captain Thomas James set sail to find a new island. They left that night at 7 o'clock, said goodbye to their wonderful wives and children and set sail.

They were 200 km away from their home city when a massive wave came right at them. They ran quickly towards the cabin when they got hit by a gigantic wave. They finally got in the cabin and were safe.

"Do you think the storm is over?" Asked one of the sailors.

"Maybe, I will go see," he gulped.

He walked out of the cabin to see a beautiful, sunny sky. But he also noticed that he wasn't level with the water. He ran back to the cabin and saw it was full of water. He saw some wood, so he grabbed the wood and patched

up the hole. The cabin eventually dried out. They walked out and looked at the sopping map, they were in the middle of nowhere and lost.

But then there was a sight in the gloomy distance. They slowed down and stopped the ship. They jumped off the ship and followed Captain Thomas to shore. There was a glow in the distance. It was like New York City. The captain's orders were to follow it.

They had a map that looked the same so they pulled it out of their pocket and followed the directions. They got to the big cave and found a treasure chest. They made the island a place to live, with all the money from the treasure chest. They started a new colony and lived happily ever after.

by Taylah Graham Yr4

THE MAP

It was a cold harsh storm. The mist was so thick you could cut it with a knife.

I heard something on the port side I went to look. Grey thing passed the ship. The deck hand yelled "it's a sea monster," "shut up deck hand," Johnson replied. Then a whale with razor blades bit the ship in half. Williams screamed "its Moby dick, "I dived into the life rafts. Followed by some more crew members. I grabbed my rusty knife and cut the rope it was like wet leather. I felt myself drop then a splash of water. I started paddling. I heard the screams of my dying crew. There were aggressive seas but we got through. When we got to shore the deck hand jumped out and ran away yelling, "It's a slaughter!" then he screamed.

I checked the map; it said it was right underneath us. We dug it up. "It's beautiful," William said.

We split it between each other. I happily stated "we share the shiny gold."

by Mack Mason Yr4

THE MAP

One day princess Fiona left her castle. She was walking to a village. She got to the forest and found a new map hanging on a tiny twig. When she went over to the map she fell into a deep trap!

by Jack Weston Year 1

Proud 2017 Kindergarten students with their certificates at the completion of their transition sessions.

