Message from the Principal

Our archery equipment has arrived! We are very grateful for the generous support of the Variety Club in purchasing this equipment to enrich the opportunities we are able to offer the students of Quambone Public School. Last Friday Murray Scarlet, Grant Lawler and Ben Scarlet visited our school to deliver the equipment and run an archery session for staff and students. Murray’s team did a fantastic job of training our school in archery and the safe use of the equipment. We have some talented Robin Hood’s in the making, perhaps not coming out of the staff! Thank you to Murray, Grant and Ben for the support they have willingly offered our school. We look forward to improving our archery skills and sharing the equipment with our families in the future!

Well done to the children who represented our school at the Technology Camp last week. The students were involved in some engaging activities, including the use of i-pods and producing a claymation. The students worked tirelessly as a team for two long days, with ninety children from other schools across the area. We are very proud of their effort and the manner in which they represented our school. Congratulations Angus, Harriet, Shakira and Holly!

In the next few weeks, many of our students will prepare themselves for the District Athletics Carnival in Gulargambone. We are grateful for the continued support of Katrina Shelton and Adam Coleman in preparing our students for their events.

Kind Regards,

Kim Watt

K/1/2 News

We have had a great start to Term 3, with some exciting learning projects unfolding!

This week K/1/2 have continued to develop their Information Report writing. We are constructing a text called ‘Bigger’, comparing the sizes of animals and describing the environment in which they live. Student’s ability to use a more technical form of language is developing well, with Kindergarten also beginning to write short information reports.

In Mathematics children have been working on Whole Number. Kindergarten are working on the number sequence to 20, learning to count whole groups, identify numbers and count forwards and backwards. The more practise the children get at this the faster they will learn - practising at home will be a great help! Once they get this, continue up to 30 and begin to ask questions like ‘What number comes after 12’ and ‘What number comes before 15’. Year 1 and 2 have been modelling and comparing numbers using Base Ten materials, developing a greater awareness of place value. This week we will also look at collecting and representing data.

This term we will be doing lots of activities about ‘mini-beasts’ (I hope you enjoyed your back-yard safari!). Leoni Coleman has kindly donated some magnifying glasses so we can look more closely at the mini-beasts we collect. Please allow children to collect and bring in any interesting mini-beasts they find at home!

We will also be doing activities about the Olympic Games - watch and talk about the games at home to help them become more engaged in our unit!

Kind Regards,

Miss Watt
News from the 3-6 Class

It was great to meet parents at the afternoon tea on Monday. Thank you all for such a warm welcome and presents, it is very much appreciated.

Training for the District Athletic Carnival has begun this week. Thank you to Katrina and Adam for your time and expertise helping the children to train.

Homework has also begun this week. Students need to practice their spelling words each night and complete the Mathematics and English activity sheets they have been given. These are due back to school on Friday.

Thanks Miss Reid

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Lunchbox Snack Foods

Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

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<td>plain popcorn</td>
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Confectionary and lollies are very high in sugar, provide extra kilojoules and cause tooth decay. They are not recommended for lunch boxes. Keep these foods for special occasions only.
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ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Mr Loxley and the Bourke Attendance Team are pleased to be able to offer some incentives for students to improve their attendance at school in Term 3.

Schools will be provided with several Indigenous All Star footballs to be presented to students who are able to maintain 100% attendance for the whole of Term 3. Students who have up to 2 days explained absences also qualify for this prize. If the number of students exceeds the number of balls allocated to the school, a random draw will be held for those who qualify.

Students who are able to improve their attendance in Term 3 by comparison to Term 2 will also be in the running to win an Indigenous All Stars football. Student’s attendance in Term 2 will be compared to that of Term 3 to determine the winner of the ball in this category. As with the previous category, a random draw will be held if students are tied.

Winners will be presented with their balls in Week 1 or 2 of Term 4.

Good luck to all students

Mr Holland

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Hot Food Wednesday

Don’t forget Hot Food Wednesdays will be continuing this term. Prices are below.

- Pies: $2.50
- Pizza: $2.00
- Lasagne: $2.50
- Sausage Roll: $1.50

Could parents please try to send in the correct money.

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School Garden

Any donations of plants, cutting etc for the School Garden would be very much appreciated.

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QUAMBONE P&C NEWS

THE NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2012 AT 3.15PM

Regards
Justine Bucknell

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Marthaguy Picnic Race Club

Next meeting Thursday 2nd August, 7pm at the Sundowner.

Remember only 5 weeks to Race Day!!!