PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

‘The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love and passion.’

This is a great message. I see the love and passion daily at Old Bar School: the parents leaving their children in the morning; the teacher’s dedication and hard work and the volunteers who give so much of their time to our students and our school. Today, our canteen supervisor and her ‘team’ have been filmed and interviewed as finalists in the Healthy Kids Canteen initiative. What an honour! The winner will be announced in Sydney on 19th March. Whether Sheryl walks away with the award or not, really isn’t the issue. We know that lots of love and passion go into everything prepared in our school canteen. And aren’t we lucky?

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we ask families to contribute funds to the school to provide resources that can be used to enhance the educational outcomes of our students. As we drift deeper into the age of ‘technology’ we need to provide materials and opportunities that will see our students confident in the use of the latest computer devices. This year, your contributions will be used to purchase iPads for use in classrooms. Already staff have been experimenting with the myriad of uses. iPads provide in educational settings. They are a wonderful, engaging and exciting tool for twenty first century learners. Shortly, you will receive an invoice for your yearly contribution. Your modest donation will go a long way to helping us realise our plan of updating technology in Old Bar School. Let’s make this a record year for contributions!
HEALTH ISSUES
We have an increasing number of students in the school who have severe, life threatening food allergies. The most common allergens are nuts and eggs. While not all classes have an ‘anaphylactic’ student, it is vital that we remain vigilant and protect all students. A child who is allergic to nuts for example, needs only to touch a book or surface that has been touched by another child who has been eating a nut product to have a severe reaction. We appeal to all families to consider this when packing your child’s lunch. The most obvious items to exclude are peanut butter, Nutella and snack bars / biscuits containing nuts.

Because of the severity of the allergies in our school, staff have agreed to adopt a ‘no cake’ policy. Children celebrating birthdays will be acknowledged in class by their teacher and peers.

SCHOOL SORES
We are currently experiencing an outbreak of ‘School Sores.’ 3 children in the last week have been diagnosed and treated for this condition. It is highly contagious and must be treated by a doctor to effectively control the sores. Thank you to the parents who have notified us about their child’s condition and have treated them quickly to avoid further spread.

NITS!
Uggggggg – they are on the march again! Beware, be vigilant and be proactive. If you haven’t encountered these pesky critters before, you are probably in the lucky minority! There are many excellent commercial preparations available to treat nits and lots of handy hints to avoid them in the first place. Do a Google search or talk to other parents who have had success in avoiding or eliminating the pests. Good Luck!

Student Banking
3 Winbins - Jensen Cronk (KM)
2 Winbins - Matt Power (3/4D)
1 Winbin - Abby Cutler (3/4D)

Rewards for Term 1 are all the money boxes. New ones are wallet, knuckle game & handball. Keep up the good banking!
CONGRATULATIONS
Mr Craig Green has accepted the position of relieving Assistant Principal replacing Rose Mahar on Thursdays and Fridays. We warmly welcome him to the executive team and look forward to tapping into his many talents and creative ideas.
Have a wonderful week!
Deborah Scanes

Crunch & Sip
Our school now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day for our students to refuel on fruit or vegetables and rehydrate on water. You can help your child participate in the following ways. Please provide your child with a clean water bottle (with their name clearly marked). This can be any bottle, such as empty water, sports drink or juice bottle. Make sure you wash the bottle each night! Students also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit such as apple, chopped melon, kiwifruit, or vegies such as celery, carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes. No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch & Sip.
Thank you for your support of Crunch & Sip! *Note: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth. This increases the risk of tooth decay. Although dried fruit is permitted, fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.

House Cleaner Wanted
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