Principals Report

Earlier this week I put the finishing touches on the 2012 Annual School Report. You can access it on the Old Bar School website and some ‘hard’ copies will be available at the front office for visitors to peruse. My wonderful executive team and admin manager, Jenny, all contributed. It’s a comprehensive and pretty impressive overview of the amazing things that happened at Old Bar School in 2012. Lots of reasons to be proud!

Professional Development

Today, all four executive staff are away at a training course in Forster to learn about implementation strategies for the new curriculum. In 2014, the National English syllabus is to be implemented in all NSW schools. It’s an exciting time for teachers and for schools. The new documents were developed over many years in consultation with educators at all levels. There is new content and a greater emphasis on student engagement and the use of technology. Our teaching staff have already begun working through learning modules to prepare us for the changes ahead. At the beginning of term 2, another module will be presented by Mrs Mahar, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Symonds and Mr Green. This will happen over two days. Collaboration and professional dialogue amongst staff is paramount in gaining deep knowledge and understanding of these new documents. Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th have been designated ‘Staff Development’ days. This means that alternative arrangements need to be made for your children on both days. I’m thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Just keep in mind that they will reap the benefits of our training and expertise!

Anzac Day

Today I met with Mr Roy Meguyer from the Old Bar RSL sub branch. He has been our community contact for the ANZAC service for as long as I can remember. He is passionate about sharing the ANZAC story and equally passionate about having the youth of Old Bar involved in the community service. He always comes bearing gifts – books for the school library and a donation to be used for additional resources for the school. He is again...
requesting that students join the ANZAC Day march on April 25th. Students should come dressed in school uniform (with hat) and assemble at 12 midday on the Post Office corner. The service at Club Old Bar generally involves a (noisy) fly-by and a free sausage sizzle at the conclusion. Keep the date free!

**Farewell Assembly**

Don’t forget to join us at 9.30am in the hall next Monday, 8th April, to farewell Mr John Harwin. Presentations will be made and a morning tea will follow. Take this opportunity to wish Mr Harwin well in his retirement. All parents and friends will be warmly welcomed.

**Parent/Teacher Interview**

During this week and next, teachers are conducting interviews to bring you up to date with how your child is performing in the classroom. We hold interviews at this time of the year because we believe that we can give you appropriate feedback on student performance and offer suggestions as to how you might be able to assist your child in maximising their educational opportunities. Use this time – ask questions, listen to what the teachers are suggesting and reflect on what you, as a parent, can do to continue supporting your child. If you haven’t yet made your appointment, do so shortly.

**Flowers**

At our school ANZAC service next week, SRC reps will be asked to lay floral tributes around the lectern on the stage. We need flowers and decorative greenery to be sent to school on Friday morning, 12th April. We also need some willing parent helpers to bundle the flow- ers together ready for the service. You don’t need to have any particular skills, just a willingness to help. Can you help? Just rock up to the front office at 8.45am on Friday 12 April and we’ll set you to work.

I’ll remind you again next week.

**Thinking Caps On…..**

Ok, it’s time for another quiz. The first correct answer receives a ‘surprise’ gift. Email your answers to me or pop into the office. It’s another literary focus. (With thanks again to David Gore) This time you have to correctly identify the books and authors.

1. “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That’s why we call it the present”
2. “There is nothing- absolutely nothing- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats”
3. “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

ALL 3 books are children’s classics. All 3 books should be read to children!

Have fun!

Deborah Scanes

---

**Student Banking**

3 Winbins - Ella Verrall (1G)
2 Winbins - Zai Maisey-Nickoll (2B)
1 Winbin - Sean Austin (2B)

---

**P&C News**

Please come along to the next P&C meeting. It will be held this **Wednesday 10 April at 7pm** in the staff room within the administration block. A delicious supper will be provided. The agenda will be posted on the school’s facebook page early next week. All parents and carers are welcome. It is a great opportunity to meet with new parents and find out what is occurring in your children’s school. Hope to see you there.

---

Deborah Scanes

---

David Street Old Bar NSW 2430
6553 7248

oldbar-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.oldbar-p.schools.nsw.edu.au