**Term 4, Week 4**

**BUS LINES**
- Stop, sit and settle in bus lines and speak quietly.
- Be considerate and friendly to all other bus travellers.
- Show respect to teachers on bus duty and to all bus drivers.
- Sit quietly when on the bus and stay in your seat while the bus is moving.

**BOOK CLUB**
The final Issue of book club for the year (Issue 8) will be sent home next week and is due back by Tuesday 18th November.

**STAGE 3 BATHURST EXCURSION**
Stage 3 returned from their 3 day, 2 night excursion last Friday evening. The students visited the Scenic Railway at Katoomba and then went on to see the wonders of the Jenolan Caves. We stayed onsite at the Bathurst Goldfields where the children were able to experience life in the Gold Rush era the next day. Many specks of gold were found during the gold panning activity, unfortunately, not enough to retire their teachers on.

The afternoon was spent at the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum where the students were able to observe a replica of a T-rex skeleton. We were lucky enough to experience a few circuits around Mount Panorama with expert commentary on how to negotiate each section of the track! Students also enjoyed a disco at tenpin bowling. On our final day, students visited Hartley Village and role played an 1800s courtroom. Students also enjoyed a disco at tenpin bowling. On our final day, students visited Hartley Village and role played an 1800s courtroom.

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**INTERRELATE**
Year 6 Interrelate sessions were conducted in the first weeks of this term. The aim of this program is to develop students' understanding in relation to the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys & girls. We will secure this program next year again, as well as a family night.

**HOT SHOT TENNIS**
Classes have been using the equipment supplied to us through the Hot Shots program. T-Shirts have arrived and will be distributed ASAP. Please note: Students will receive the size that they ordered. If there are any problems regarding size we can refer you to the Hot Shots Company and they may be able to assist you. We do not have spares.

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**CLASS CITIZENSHIP**
Lucas (KC), Dean (KT), Chloe (K1G), Melody (1FP), Joel (1J), Grace (2M), Alyssa (2QY), Grace (3/4B), Lucy (3/4F), Joshua (3/4M), Leah (5/6M), Sophia (5/6N), Ryley (5/6T).

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**
Our first Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Friday this week. It will commence at 11:45. Our new Kindergarten students for 2015 will go into the Library and the parents will meet in the Multi-Purpose building for their information session.

Please make sure you bring in your enrolment details as I want to start structuring our classes for 2015. See you on Friday.

**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**
We are commencing our Library stocktake next week. Please check that your child’s library books have been returned to school, plus any home readers that you may currently have. Thank you.

**HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION**
Information from Rutherford Technology High School has been sent to students who are attending the school in 2015. Please make sure you check the dates on the notes as there are due by dates to meet. Students who wish to apply for the Independent Learners Class or the Literacy/Numeracy Support Class will have their interviews on 18th and 19th November, so the applications need to be in well before then.

On Tuesday, 11th November, Rosslyn Sherlock will come to our school to do reading assessments for students attending Rutherford THS next year.

The date for the Y7 transition to Rutherford THS is Wednesday, 3rd December, when students visit for the day.

**TECHNOLOGY**
Our Kindergarten classrooms have had their bulky desktop computers removed and nice new laptops installed in an effort to maximise space and update their technology. Each laptop also has a mouse and connects to the school wifi. The desktop computers have been redistributed to the old Library, where students can use them in small groups with teachers’ aides, and into other classrooms. We know the Kinder students will love their new equipment.

**SPORT**
Please pay sport fees by Friday. Don’t forget if you would like to help with the walking group on Friday at 10.10am, please see Mrs Mungoven.
YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT
This is currently being finalised to celebrate Year 6’s completion of their primary school years. Plans are being made for Monday 15th December with a possible trip to tenpin bowling as well as a cinema visit. Cost will be approximately $25.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER
The farewell dinner will be held at Greta Workers Club on Thursday 11th December from 6 to 9pm. A few enquiries have been made by parents regarding the dress code for the dinner. We expect all students to be neatly attired-collared shirt, trousers or dress shorts and covered shoes and socks for the gentlemen. Ladies should choose affordable dresses and sensible shoes for dancing. This dinner/dance event is for Year 6 students and school staff and will cost $25 a head. Parents will be invited to join their child for the final dance at around 8:45pm.

YEAR 6 GALA SPORTS DAY
Our Year 6 students ventured to Maitland Park yesterday to participate in the Rutherford Technology High School organised Sports Gala Day. Although the day was quite warm, our students enjoyed themselves, met some new people from other schools and were once again a delight to be with. Thank you to our fine young men who expertly erected our shade shelter, under the leadership of Adam, in a display of brilliant and efficient teamwork!

PBL SURVEY: POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
Thank you to the parents who took the time to fill out and return the PBL survey. We have 58 surveys returned so far. The information from these surveys will be combined with the staff and student surveys to help us determine our main values for PBL at Branxton Public School – Mrs Wicks

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position
The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at astso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

P & C NEWS

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Volunteer for October is Marg Heanes. Thank you Marg our school community appreciates your help.

CANTEEN NEWS
The P&C has purchased a popcorn machine. Popcorn can be purchased at recess and lunch for 50c a cup. Jelly sticks are no longer available for purchase. Please ensure you have a current menu price list. Flavoured milk is $1.50

Volunteers needed for the end of the Term please contact Denise if available.

CAROLS
You’re invited to our annual carols by Torchlight on Wednesday 3rd December starting @ 5pm. A more detailed flyer will go home shortly. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week for the hampers.

EX MUSICAL STUDENTS
We would love to welcome back ex-students that are able to join our school band on Carol’s night. Please contact Mrs Kleinman at school if available.

CANTEEN MANNERS
Mrs Bagley’s daughter recently was married. Whilst Mrs Bagley was away I (Sally) filled in. Students and parents are to be thankful. Each child that returns a hamper item will receive a fruit tube ice-block from the canteen. The 1st class to return an item for each student will receive party pies and party sausage rolls for their class party.

HAMPER DONATIONS- for Christmas carol prizes
This year we have provided each class with a “SUGGESTION” list of hamper items to donate. Please note this is a suggestion list only. If you wish to donate any other item we would be most thankful. Each child that returns a hamper item will receive a fruit tube ice-block from the canteen. The 1st class to return an item for each student will receive party pies and party sausage rolls for their class party.

PARENT HELPERs REQUIRED FOR CAROLS STALLS 3.12.14
Each Stage has been given a stall with goods to sell, Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) has glow products, Stage 1 (Yr1 &2) has lollies, Stage 2 (Yr3&4) has drinks and Stage 3 (Yr5&6) has the canteen. Many hands make light work. We appreciate any help you can offer. Please keep your eye out for the roster sheet that will come home soon.

THANKYOU TO OUR TEACHERS
During the year each Stage has had the opportunity to attend excursions. We are very appreciative of our teachers for taking the time to organise these very educational and rewarding experiences for our students.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Week 6, T4 | Tuesday Bev Copot Lisa Holmes |
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| Week 3, Term 4 | Thursday Penny Faustini Emma Hamilton |
| Whole School Assembly | Friday Ida Mason Marg Holz |

| ASSEMBLY ROSTER | |
| Stage 2 | Monday Denise Bagley Louise Stewart |
| Y5/6M | Tuesday Bev Copot Lisa Holmes |
| Y1 F/P | Wednesday Denise Bagley Kylie Hobbs |
| Whole School Assembly | Thursday Penny Faustini Emma Hamilton |
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