Mackenzie River News

Principal’s Messages

Staffing
Catherine will now be teaching in our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

2014 School Camp
At our P&C Meeting on the 7th of February, it was decided not to go ahead with the proposed Canberra trip due to costs involved. We are now in the process of investigating other options.

Student Leader Elections
This year, we will have one school captain and one sports captain. Students will present their speeches this Friday.

Parent Information Session
On Wednesday, 26th February, at 3pm, Catherine and I will be hosting a parent information session. During this meeting, Catherine and I will be outlining classroom routines, teaching arrangements and behaviour management.

Great Results Guarantee
Our school’s Great Results Guarantee submission is almost complete. I will be submitting our school’s proposed plan to the Department for approval this week. Our school’s plan will appear on our school website after the approval process is complete.

Word of the Week
On Thursday, 23rd January, staff participated in STRIVE professional development. STRIVE stands for Structured Tier Two Robust Instruction of Vocabulary Experiences. STRIVE is an evidence-based vocabulary development program that develops students oral language skills and reading comprehension. From Year Four onwards, vocabulary is the strongest predictor of reading success, and in the lower school, phonics instruction and vocabulary are equally important for reading success.

During class, we are beginning to study new vocabulary.

To help your child master the new vocabulary we are studying, please discuss the meaning of the ‘word of the week’ with your child. It would also be helpful to brainstorm examples of situations where that word would be appropriate to use; and to brainstorm words that associated with that word.

You will notice a new ‘Word of the week’ section in this week’s newsletter.
First Aid/ CPR
This year, Sharon Ward will run First Aid/ CPR at our school on Saturday, 30th August.

If you would like to participate in either the full First Aid course/ CPR on this date, please contact the school.

Relief Teacher-Aiding
If you are interested in working as a relief teacher aide in our school this year, please contact the school.

Relief Cleaning
If you are interested in working as a relief cleaner in our school this year, please contact the school.

Regards,

Stacey Werder

Words of the Week
Last week’s word: lithe
This week’s word: indignant

Student Awards
Grady Wight — For demonstrating confidence during English warm ups.
Carter Wight — For making a great start to the year and demonstrating confidence during maths lessons.

Jorja Luck — For being a hard worker and an excellent role model to the younger students in our school.
Gabby Torrisi — For demonstrating persistence when writing her own version of The Twits.