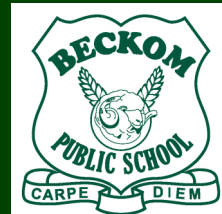


Beckom Public School



"Learning as if we were to live forever"

Change of date for Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival has been postponed a week and will now be held in Ganmain on Friday 14th February. The back-up date for the carnival will be Monday 17th February.

Due to safety reasons and insufficient supervision being available, the carnival will only be for students turning 8 and over. Students not attending the carnival will stay at school for a normal school day with Miss Kent and Mr Osborne. A permission note and list of canteen prices is attached to the newsletter. Canteen food does not need to be pre-ordered as orders and payments can be made on the day.

P and C Meeting next Wednesday

Our first P and C meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 12th February at 3pm. We would love to see as many of our parents and community members here as possible. It is really heartening, in such a small community, to see support for our students and school.

Cyber Safety Day on Tuesday 11th February

Tuesday is Internet Safety Day in Australia. Cybersafety and awareness of the implications of being safe while using technology have never been more important with the ever-increasing use of technology in our lives. The children will be participating in lessons talking about safety and how to be safe on the internet and with phones this coming week.

There are some great interactive lessons and programs available for the student of all ages on the Australian Government e-safety website:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/voluntary-certification-scheme/find-an-online-safety-program/new-south-wales>

Mrs Emma Speirs

Term 1 Week 2

6th February 2020



Wednesday 12th February

P & C Meeting

3:00pm at the school

(Please note change of date and time)

Friday 14th February

Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Ganmain

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Alexis Hawkins

for beautiful bookwork

SKIPPING FOR FITNESS



Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy

You may have recently seen stories in the media about whether phones and other digital devices are harmful for students. We know that using technology is a key part of our daily lives and digital technology skills are important for learning and preparing our children and young people for life beyond school. We also know we need to support our students to use technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

To support schools and students, a new policy on the use of all digital devices in schools will apply in all NSW public schools from 2020. Our school will be updating our digital devices and online services procedure to reflect the new requirements during 2020.

Under this policy, the use of digital devices by our primary school students will be restricted during class, at recess and at lunch unless:

- ♦ use is approved by a teacher or principal for educational purpose;
- ♦ where use forms part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and wellbeing; or
- ♦ where an exemption has been granted for other reasons.

Except where required by law, the school principal has discretion to consider and approve exemptions and to choose which parts of the school procedure the exemptions applies. The exemption may be ongoing or for a certain time period. An exemption can be requested from the principal by parents, carers, school counsellors and other student support staff, and, if required, students themselves.

This policy has been developed in response to the findings of an independent review into the risks and benefits of mobile devices in NSW schools conducted in 2018.

Information on this policy and responses to some Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>

As we begin to review our existing arrangements around the use of digital devices and online services at our school, we will be consulting you. We will make further announcements about how you can participate.

We are looking forward to working with our school community to support our children and young people to be safe online and balance the benefits and risks of digital technology.

TRIVIA CORNER

Josh Hawkins was the winner of the Children's trivia from last week and the runners-up were Matilda Osborne and Chloe Andrews. The twins that Alice meets on her travels in Wonderland are Tweedledee and Tweedledum. The adult trivia was won by Jack Fisher. Helga was the wife of comic strip character Hagar the Horrible.

Good luck with this week's questions.

Adult question:

Through which two countries does the Amazon River flow?

Children's question:

To which section of the orchestra does the clarinet belong?



COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Library News

Storytime will commence on Friday 7th February at 10:30am. The theme is "Balloons". Join us for stories, songs and craft activities. On Friday 21st February the theme for storytime will be "Puppy tales". All welcome!

The library has a Community Recycling Station available for Coolamon Shire residents. Please drop off special wastes such as fluoro globes, mobile phones and accessories, smoke detectors and household batteries at the Recycling Station. This is a FREE service.

Why not join the Coolamon Library. Library membership is FREE. You can even join online by going to the website rrl.nsw.gov.au - just click on "Join the Library". The library provides Public Internet Access and Wifi, photocopier and laminating services.