School Opinion Survey.
PLEASE get on line before Monday and complete your school opinion survey.
When I checked yesterday, only ONE parent had completed the survey. As we only have a small number of families, it is important we get most, if not all families completing the survey to obtain valid responses. Remember, the surveys are anonymous. All I get to see is how many people have completed a survey.
Mind you, parents have done better than the staff and the students. I’m the only staff member to have completed a survey and students won’t get to do their survey until Friday.

P&C Meeting.
The first P&C meeting for this term will be held next Tuesday evening. I hope we see a good roll up of parents and community members as there will be a number of issues to discuss.

Book Week.
As part of our focus on reading, we will be celebrating Book Week during the week of 16th to 22nd August. A number of activities are planned. On Wednesday, 20th August, the Prep to Year 3 students are being offered the opportunity to attend a stage production of Wombat Stew at the Empire Theatre.
Then, on Friday 22nd, students and the Playgroup children are asked to dress as their favourite character from a book.
Parents are invited to join in the fun and watch the students parade their costumes before joining us for morning tea.
As well, we would love everyone to bring along their favourite book. Students will be able to read from or listen to their favourite book.
In addition, we are hoping to have some adults from around the community come in and read to students each day.
So, Book Week 2014 will be a great celebration at Pilton State School.
HERMITAGE
RESULTS!!!
The results of the 2014 Hermitage Science Awards again reflect the high standard of entries submitted by all students.

Our award winners are:

ART
Overall Award P-6 Most Outstanding Art in Agriculture Award
– Runner Up
Prep- Highly Commended – Charlie Turkington
Year 1 – Highly Commended – Sam Parkinson
Year 3 – Winner – Piper Brady
Year 6 - Highly Commended – Lizzie Nicol

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT and JOURNAL
Year 3-6 Joe Baker Outstanding Achievement Award -
Highly Commended
Prep -2 Joe Baker Outstanding Achievement Award -
Overall 1st Prize.

The 2014 Award Ceremony will be held at the Hermitage Research Station on Tuesday 19th August.

Revised code of conduct for school students travelling on buses

Schools can download the revised Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses (the Code) and stakeholder information sheets (for students, parents/carers, schools) from the TransLink website.

The Code sets out the expected behaviour of students while travelling on a bus and the consequences for breaching the Code. It also reinforces the roles and responsibilities of bus operators and other stakeholders who play a key role in the safe travel of school students, and provides guidelines and a framework to manage student misconduct.

The revised Code retains many aspects of the previous Code, with changes that are mostly relevant to bus drivers or bus operators.

Changes of relevance to schools, parents and student are:

- an emphasis on the importance of stakeholder collaboration (e.g. bus operations, bus drivers, schools, parents and students) for effective implementation of the Code and
- specific mention of:
  - fare evasion and the consequences
  - the responsibilities of parents and carers regarding their children having the correct bus fare
  - the collaborative role drivers and operators have with schools in managing bullying situations, with a link to the Bullying. No Way! website.

PLAYGROUP will meet tomorrow 1st August but a reminder that all students will be competing in the Athletics Carnival at Allora SS next Friday 8th August so we will be unable to host playgroup on that day.
Congratulations to everyone who donated a gold coin on Red Day! We raised $57 for Sids and Kids. Thank you from the Pilton SS Leaders.

Sports Day at Emu Creek.
Last Friday we went to a Sports Day at Emu Creek SS. P-3 got to do some running and lots of different activities. In the activities we got to do Bowling, Rob the Nest, Hopscotch and Indians and Tepees. All the older children did high jump, long jump, discus and shot put as well as their races. We all had lots of fun.
By Kaela, Charlie and Cobey.

On Wednesday and Friday of last week all the older students participated in the Emu Creek Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Every student competed in every event including all track and field events. Our whole team performed really well and we won a lot of ribbons. On Friday we joined with our P-3 class and they had their sprint races and at the end of the day we all ran together in the relays. Both days were enjoyed by all.
By Casee and Georgie.
Hi everyone,

I hope you are all back into the swing of Term 3 and enjoying the frosty starts. I attended the Athletics Day at Emu Creek last Friday and was so proud of the Pilton kids for their willingness to have a go at everything, their sportsmanship, and of course their great achievements. Congratulations to you all! Oh, and a big thank you to Mr Sternbeck for the pizza, it was much appreciated by kids and parents alike!

The P & C meeting had to be postponed last week and will now be held next **Tuesday the 5th of August at 6.00pm**. It would be great to see you there and any new members, are always welcomed.

I have been asked by a couple of parents if they could order a school jacket for themselves. The adult jackets are the same design as the kids and come in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL and 3XL. Mrs Duggan and Miss Stewart both have these jackets if you would like to check out the design. The cost is $45.00. If you could please email me on jacq.gill@yahoo.com.au or phone me on 46964508 on or before next Tuesday the 5th of August, as I will place the order on the 6th. Payment will not be due until Tuesday the 19th of August, either by cash or cheque into the P & C box at the school, or by direct deposit (see bank details below).

Thank you very much,
Jacqui

**Book Week 18th-22nd August**

Book Week is coming up, a week to celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators.

At Pilton SS we have a few activities planned:

- A “guest” reader each day, to read to students (Dads, Mums, Grandparents, Uncles & Aunts….if you know someone who loves to be a storyteller, please let me know…. The kids would love to have you read to them!)
- Friday 22nd August: a BOOKWEEK Parade. Come dressed as your favourite fictional character (bring the book along too!) and join our Parade. (Playgroup – Year 6)
- Friday 22nd August: A morning tea where we can share our favourite stories and enjoy some yummy treats. (Kids bring a book you would like to share with everyone) …playgroup Mums, can we each bring a plate of food to share with the whole school?

Enjoy planning your costumes!!

Rebekah Turkington

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