Student of the Week

Ricki-Lee Wright

Ricki-Lee is a wonderful role model for all Newling students. She uses the YCDI Keys to success every day. She is always on task and her work standard is very high. She is a great support to other class members (including the teacher!). Ricki-Lee always has a smile on her face and a positive comment to make. Congratulations Ricki-Lee!
Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 13th February the Annual Swimming Carnival took place at The Monkton Aquatic Centre (Armidale Pool).

Students in Years 3-6 made exceptional effort to compete. Students willingly took part in many events to earn points for their house and persevered to finish the events. The persistence and confidence displayed by our students was remarkable.

K-2 students had a wonderful “Water Fun Day” at school with lots of smiles after time on a “giant waterslide”.

A number of students have qualified to go to the Zone Swimming Carnival which will take place this Thursday in Armidale. Students attending will receive a note with more information today.

Rugby League Blitz Assembly
On Tuesday afternoon NRL Game Development officers visited for a Rugby League Blitz assembly. Children received armbands and posters and the school was given a number of items that will be used as prizes throughout the year.

Scripture
Scripture (Religious Education) will begin for all students on the 19th February. Schools are to provide 30 minutes of Religious Education each week in primary schools. This is provided by authorised representatives of approved religious groups to students who have nominated that religion.

Parents who wish for their child not to take part in Scripture lessons will need to supply a written request to the Principal for the child not to participate.

Breakfast - Eat Well 2 Learn Well
Many children enjoy this service at school with students sitting down to a healthy and hearty breakfast of porridge, toast, fruit juice and cereal. The breakfast is provided free of charge to any interested students and is served between 9:00am and 9:20am each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make this possible.

Representative Touch Football
Congratulations to the students who made the representative Touch Football side that played in Port Macquarie on the weekend. The students have been training as a team after school for some time and put in a wonderful effort on the weekend. I am told that the boys were placed fourth overall for the competition.

Well done to Tyleaka Marr, Savannah Smith, Preston Slater-Saunders, Denzil Quinlin-Naylor, Will Marr, Nick Morse and Braydon Munday.

Sun Safety
It was great to see the vast majority of students making the effort to come dressed in full uniform. The students look very proud when they all are dressed in their uniform as it increases a sense of belonging and builds school pride.

Green brimmed hats are compulsory for all students and must be worn at all times in the playground. The school has a “No hat, No play” policy for sun safety.
The Uniform Pool has new hats available. Please enquire at Front Office should you need a new hat for your child.

**Attendance – Leaving Early**
When students leave early for any reason, they are required to be signed out at the front office by an adult.

When signed out by an adult as an early leaver, a green early leaver’s slip is provided and children are not permitted to leave class early without this notification being supplied to the teacher.

Early departure is any time before 3:30pm. The afternoon assembly at 3:25pm is part of the school day and used to convey important reminders. It also allows students to leave the school in a safe manner.

Your cooperation in following these procedures is much appreciated.

**UNE German Education Students**
This week we are hosting three university students from Germany who will be in the school looking at inclusive practices in education. The students are completing an exchange with UNE as part of their studies. They will be in the school for two days to study comparisons between German and Australian education systems.

Murray Cox
Principal

**Gathering Awards**
KP - Keinan Ahoy, Peteesha Flick and Andreal Cook
1/2 - Gage Marr, Alaynah Quinlin-Naylor, , Billy Farrell, Ricki-Lee Wright
3/4 - Ashtan Collins, Tykiesha Collins and Hayley Funnell
5/6 - Maible Chalmers, Keenan Portors, Nadine Nimmo, Tahlia Newton

**What's Happening This Week?**
Tuesday 19th February – Scripture begins
Wednesday 21st February – Armidale Zone Swimming Carnival

**Next Week**
Friday 1st March - Clean Up Australia (Schools) Day

Friday 1st March – Gathering hosted by Kindergarten
Happy Birthday this week to:
Darby Moran – 19 February