Monday 26th October 2015

Our Tuesday afternoon activities commenced last week and were very successful. We would really love to see some parent/community involvement – please call if you are available.

Swim School begins today. Every student will need a bag for their towel, goggles etc. Girls must have their hair tied back off their face. Please pack a plastic bag for wet swimmers. The Swimming Scheme helps the students develop water confidence and provides them with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended, or provided feedback, for Friday’s meeting where we reviewed the school’s Student Welfare Policy & Procedures document.

At Collector Public School effective learning and good discipline rely on the positive partnerships between teachers, parents, carers and students.

The new document will be available next week.

Kinder Orientation is going very well and we are enjoying having Edward, Mikayla and Kate in the K-2 classroom each Tuesday. Tomorrow, 27th October, their session will need to finish at 10.45am as the school students need to be ready to leave for Swim School at 11am.

Prior to the Policy meeting last Friday we had a presentation of the Parent Online Payment system that is now available to parents and carers to pay for any school based expenses. A set of instructions were handed to the parents who were present and a copy is attached to the newsletter for those unable to be there on Friday. If you have any questions or queries please see Mrs Hannan in the office on either Monday, Thursday or Friday.

P&C payments for uniform etc. must be banked to their account with the Commonwealth Bank – BSB 062545 00900307.

What’s Coming Up?

Week 4
Monday – Swim School begins
Tuesday – Kinder Orientation until 10.45am
Wednesday –
Thursday –
Friday - Tennis

Week 5
Monday – Swim School all week
Tuesday – Kinder Orientation
Wednesday –
Thursday –
Friday - Tennis

YEAR 6
FUNDRAISING
ICEBLOCKS ON FRIDAYS
$1.00 ea

P&C
- Invoices for payment
- Meeting – minutes attached

October Birthdays
- Mrs Reid 1st
- Mrs Coloe 19th
- Lachlan 21st
- Andy 24th
- Chloe 26th
Congratulations to last week’s award recipients:
Principal’s Award: – Oliver Robertson
K-2 Class Awards: – Claire Luce and Erin Carthew
3-6 Class Awards: – Nadia Zeller & Katelyn Staples
Gold Cards: – Andy Tozer, Jesse Dunn, Erin Carthew, Chelsea Bourke, Ada Lisonbee, Evelyn Smithers, Abigail Carthew, Owen Smithers, Nadia Zeller, Heidi Staples, Caitlyn Molloy, Lachlan Dowling, Elijah Taylor, Charlie Bourke, Zac Zeller and John Walsh
Raffle Ticket Winners: – Evelyn, Thomas, Connor, Conna, Alex, Grace, Oliver

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

SCHOOL RULE
Keep calm and show integrity while playing sports
Respect  Integrity  Responsibility