8 sleeps until the big day – Centenary preparations are in the final stages with the committee holding its last official meeting last night.

Thank you to all of our parents who have kindly donated their time to assist running stalls on the day as well as those people who are a giving their time on Friday to assist with setting up tarps, marquees and gazebos.

Anyone who has indicated they are able to assist Friday 15th is requested to arrive after 1.00pm.

As communicated in previous newsletters, students in the upper classes will be assisting with setting up on days leading up to the event. If you do not wish you child to assist in these activities please contact the school and advise the relevant teacher.

Additionally, due to centenary preparations there will be variances in daily class routine and structures. These changes may include but are not limited to, homework requirements, changing home readers, sight word checks and delivery of whole school programs such as spelling, and guided reading. Please support teachers during this very busy week.

Please note that as part of the centenary celebrations the whole school will be performing a song on the day during the official part of the day which will commence at 10.30am. It is an expectation that students are present to perform this song with their peers.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF OUR FAMILIES PRESENT AT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

Daniel Bishop
Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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This week has been a hectic week with swimming on Tuesday, Prep/Open morning on Wednesday and Grandparent Day on Thursday. At Grandparent day we completed a coloured card art activity tracing each other’s hands. Mrs Yesberg organised a biscuit decorating activity. It was lovely to see the children interacting with our older visitors, showing them how we read and how sight words are recalled using the Interactive White Board.

It is Mrs Newton’s last day of her practical teaching experience today. She concluded her work on measurement with an assessment activity today. We wish her all the best as she works towards completing her degree.

This week we have begun completing our writing task that will become both our sample of work for display at the centenary and our article to be placed in the time capsule.

In Science this week we are continuing to look at how things move—spinning, rolling, pushing, pulling, bouncing and sliding.

This week we congratulate Hannah for her book work award and Pixie and Noah for their green slips.

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

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3-4 News

We are half way there! It is 5 weeks down and 5 weeks to go. We have had a very busy week with swimming, Prep open day and our Grandparents visiting all in the space of three days. We are performing our Lectureettes next week and of course, we are getting all geared up for the Centenary next Saturday. We have now completed a Maths test, a Science assessment, one of our English assessments, one of our History assessments and our Art project.

In English, we have been reading The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. We looked at the purpose of the text, our opinions about the text, point of view and how the author used rhythm and rhyme to hook his readers in. Students will be retelling the story from the point of view of a different character. This will be their final English assessment for the year.

In Maths, we completed our test on Time and Equivalence last Friday and have now started a unit on Data which we will be working on for two weeks. This week we studied bar graphs, picture graphs and two way graphs. We found out that most children in our class love fishing, motorbikes, and babies. We prefer Maths to English and almost everybody loves reading! We used our problem solving skills to answer questions related to different data sets including identifying the most and least common, finding the difference between groups, and finding the total number. Next week, we will be creating more of our own data.

In Science, we have continued studying different types of materials and their purpose, properties and characteristics. We spent the last two weeks conducting an absorbency investigation to determine which materials would be suitable to use as a lab coat. We tested how many drops of water could be placed on different materials before they went through. We recorded and evaluated the results, and reflected on how to make the investigation better.

In History, our focus question was “Who else was on the First Fleet?” We looked at the type of people who were on board the First Fleet ships and talked about the concept of Empathy. We wondered about how the different people might have been feeling and what they might have been thinking when leaving their home for an unfamiliar land.

Enjoy your weekend! ☺

Erin Hubbard
English

The final copy of our poetry assessment is completed! YAY! Students have done a fantastic job and should be really proud of what they have achieved. The 1/2 class have also written their piece for the time capsule. Students were asked to write their full name, age and date, along with a sentence explaining what they wanted to be when they grow up. On the bottom half of the sheet – students completed the sentence, “In 100 years’ time …” The end results were spectacular! A copy of these will also be found on students’ desks for the Centenary.

Mathematics

Students have been completing activities on 3D shapes in their workbooks. The Year 2 and Extension Year 1 group are finishing the last few activities related to 3D shapes and are beginning to look at Position. Over the next few weeks we will be learning about describing positions, following and giving paths and directions and mapping. Year 1 group will continue to review 3D shapes and complete activities related to this.

Science

Students have been completing their seed diary. We have been using magnifying glasses to look CLOSELY at our little seeds. The 1/2 class have been working in groups to complete activities that relate to the size, shape, colour and texture of each seed. They will then need to guess what vegetable or fruit the seed comes from.

History/Lecturette

Students should have started working towards completing their Lecturette. The original due date the lecturette was the Monday AFTER Centenary. Due to this being a very busy time for the majority of our parents I am allowing extra time – As long as they are at school between the dates – 18/11/13 and 22/11/13 – I will be happy, thank you!

High Expectations Handwriting Award

Week 4 – Hannah Rosenthal
Week 5 – Kyle Sempf

Reading Awards

Week 4 – Congratulations to Tyson Christensen for reading 125 nights, Kyle Sempf and Lawson Schloss for completing 150 nights of reading, Hannah Rosenthal for reading 225 nights and Cooper Mollenhauer who read 250 nights

Week 5 – Congratulations to Matthew Kunde who has read for 150 nights, Ryder Brown for reading 175 nights, Denim Brown and Wilson Iszlaub for reading 200 nights and Dustin Ramke who has now read a total of 275 nights.

Sight Words

Week 5 – Congratulations to Clair Anderson who has completed her Lemon Words. Well done, Clair

Green Slips

Week 4 – Clair Anderson, Ty Keliher and Ryder Brown.
Week 5 – Kai Allan, Denim Brown and Mikayla Ward.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
P & C NEWS -
11 November – Mega Centenary Raffle tickets and money must be returned by this date – please send in earlier if you have finished selling your tickets.

PURE HONEY FOR SALE—All proceeds go to the P&C
Thank you to DENMAR APIARIES (Michael & Crystal Kiem) —1kg bucket for $6.50
Available at the office.