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**DAVIDS DISCOURSE**

CANCELLATIONS:
Due to the severe weather warnings, P & C - AGM has been postponed till 26th Feb
SRC speeches postponed till further notice.
Canteen has been cancelled for this week.

**Staff 2015**

This year our school will be supported by an Instructional Leader. Mrs Kerry St. George has joined our school and will be working with staff and students to ensure quality teaching and learning is the focus of school. Mrs St. George works at our school Wednesday and Friday and is part of the school executive and is employed under the Early Action for Success Program.

We also are glad to have Mr Rodney Cameron return to our school this year. Mr Cameron is our Aboriginal Education Officer and he will be working at our school on Monday mornings, all day Wednesday and Fridays. Mr Cameron will be working across all classes supporting all students in our school.

Unfortunately this year, Mrs Cindy Allen has obtained fulltime employment in another school and this week will be her last at our school. We wish her the best for the future.

**Clean Up Australia**

Clean Up Australia day for schools will be held on the Friday 27th of February. On this day we will clean up around our school environment to make it a more pleasant place to be. Students should ensure that they have their hat on the day and if possible bring a pair of gardening gloves to help to protect their hands.

**Classroom Makeover**

We have registered for the Northern Star Classroom Makeover competition. At the end of the competition, the school with the most number of tokens per student will win a $5,000 classroom makeover. All schools stand an equal chance of winning, as they pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner. So please, if you receive or know someone who gets the Northern Star, please cut out the tokens and bring them into the office.

**Eat it To Beat it Program**

On the 11th of March at 9:00am to 11:00 we will be holding the Fruit & Vegetable Sense workshop for parents in conjunction with the Cancer Council. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

**Small Schools General Knowledge Day**

The Southern Cross Community of Small Schools will be holding their annual General Knowledge day on the 17th of March. 4 students from stage 2 and 4 students from stage 3 are selected to attend the event. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.
Annual School Report
Today we have sent out some evaluations for Year 1 to Year 6 parents to complete as part of the development of our Annual School Report for 2014. Can you please return them to school by the 27th of February.

Attendance at School
The Department of Education and Communities have updated their policy on student absences. Now, Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly within seven school days. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Please ensure if your child is absent from school that you provide the school with an explanation of absence on their return.

PAINT SHIRTS
Thanks to those students who have already brought their paint shirts in. All students are requested to bring to school preferably an “oversized” paint shirt to keep their uniforms clean when doing arts & craft and anything that involves getting dirty. It is up to parents to ensure that it is cleaned and returned to the school after it has been used. It would also be great to see that the shirt has your child’s name on it to ensure that each child has the correct shirt.

School Banking Day Reminder
Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued saving’s behaviour.
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Wardell PS
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our school is now embarking on its 3rd year of Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a whole school strategy based around the philosophy of PREVENTing problems occurring, TEACHing appropriate behaviours NOT presuming students know what to do, ACKNOWLEDGING when students are behaving appropriately and CORRECTing the behaviour if they are doing something wrong.

The staff at Wardell PS are demonstrating their commitment to the PBL ethos by continuing to reward students in the playground, classroom, library and office for doing the right thing and behaving appropriately. Students receive Wardell Winners for following the 4 core school rules:

- Being Safe
- Being Fair
- Being Respectful
- Being a Learner

The first 2 weeks back at school have been spent revising the key ideas covered in 2013/14. All students have revisited lessons on; punctuality, personal space, putting rubbish in the appropriate bins, caring for property and equipment and walking on all hard surfaces.

The year has started very positively with play times nearly incident free. Students’ are learning more because they are able to concentrate with fewer distractions. This in turn has meant the teachers are able to deliver more lessons each day.

Daily Wardell Winner draws are being held in both the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms to reward appropriate behaviour and attitude in the classroom. Every afternoon after lunch, the school acknowledges appropriate behaviour in the playground with a daily draw from the PBL tin. Winners receive a free ice-block.

4 Weekly winners will be drawn out at the first whole school assembly. Students’ photos will continue to be published in the newsletter and displayed proudly in the foyer. A Student of the Week will also be nominated by staff for outstanding behaviour, attendance, learning achievement and/or initiative or leadership.

Miss Crealy