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Term 3, Week 4, 2018

Hi Families and friends of PHPS,

Wow! How fast is this term and year flying by? We are already in Week 4 and there are so many things happening at our amazing preschool!

We have had our Superhero Week, the Living Safely with Dogs presentation, our excursion to the library and this week we are celebrating Book Week. A big thanks to everyone that donated for Bear Cottage, helped supervise in our excursion and for dressing up your children. The smiles on their faces as they come into the door each day show their appreciation also.

Next week we celebrate the Peak Hill Show and this week we have been busy preparing show entries and our display for the pavillion. We thank the committee who have decided to follow the initiatives of both the Central School and St Josephs in covering the entry fee for all enrolled preschool children into the show. Make sure you have your entry voucher that is being handed out this week. Just a reminder the **PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST** for the show.

Term 3 fees have been sent out and are due in Week 6 on 27th August. Prompt payment is appreciated and helps the smooth running of the preschool as fees contribute to our running costs. Thank you.

Parent Direct catalogues are being given out with this newsletter. There are some great buys available for purchase especially for Christmas. Also 20% of all orders made are given to the preschool in vouchers to purchase resources. You can order online or return your order to the preschool by the end of this term (28 September). Orders can be made online up until Christmas however some things may run out. Don't forget to nominate the preschool on your orders so that we can receive the vouchers!

Alicia Joiner, speech therapist from NSW Health, will be visiting the preschool on Wednesday, 5th September. She will be rescreening some children and she will also be screening some other children for the first time. If you have previously signed a consent form then this will still be valid, however, consent will need to be completed if your child has not been screened before. Staff will contact those needing consent forms signed. Speech screening is generally not carried out on children younger than 3.5 years.

This year to celebrate Father's Day we have decided to hold a disco for all of our preschoolers and their families to attend and have a dance with their dads, uncles, granddads and any special person in your child's life. The children just LOVE to dance. We will be holding a sausage sizzle and disco at the preschool on Thursday, 6th September from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. We will be sending home invitations as it gets closer but please keep the date free.

The last week of term we will also be celebrating NAIDOC Week celebrations at preschool, combined with the Central School and St Joseph's School. On Wednesday 26th September, Larry Brandy, an Aboriginal story teller, will be at the preschool and later performing for both

schools. The staff are also holding a professional development workshop at the preschool on Aboriginal perspectives in the preschool curriculum, with educators attending from other preschools in the area.

For your information: Preschool photos will be held in the 2nd week of Term 4 on Thursday, 25th October. We will be handing out order envelopes during the first week back at preschool after the holidays.

As you can see this term is shaping up to be very exciting and action packed. On a personal note, I have been and continue to be away on and off as I accompany my father and family through my father's health issues. If you have questions or comments please ask Leanne, Alex, Donna or Bernadette, who can help you in my absence. If there is something in particular that I can answer or help you with, please let them know also as they can contact me and I can advise them as we are in daily contact. Thank you for your understanding and a very big thank you to the staff for your help, support, flexibility and availability during these times.

Cheers,
Narelle Elias
Director