

Newsletter

Adaminaby Public School

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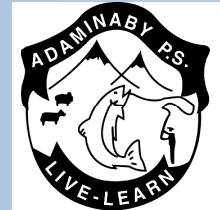
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Term 2 Week 6

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Creating a Positive School Culture at Adaminaby Public School

For some time I have had a concern about the negative attitude of some of the students at our school. In response to this teachers have had many meetings and brainstorming sessions of what we could put into place to 'change things around', as negative attitudes are tending towards unfriendly, inappropriate and unnecessary comments and actions towards each other in both the classroom and playground. This not only leads to disruptions in our learning, but also many incidents where students have upset and unhappy feelings towards each other. **This needs to change.** Negativity and unfriendly behaviour towards other students will not be tolerated at Adaminaby Public School.

At the start of the term I attended a very inspiring leadership workshop. As part of this we each had to write up our vision for our school and the students that are our responsibility. I would like to share with you what I wrote:

I want to inspire greatness. I want to inspire students to think for themselves and solve their own problems. I want my students to believe in themselves and know that they can achieve excellence in anything that they do. I want

students to be happy and feel safe. I want students to feel self worth and be inclusive of all others. I want students to be fair and kind to one another.

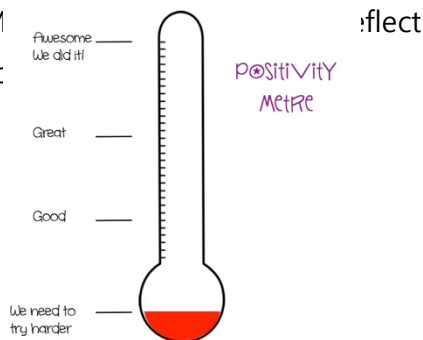
In aiming for my goals, we have started strategies to help bring more positivity into our school. This means things like a more friendly manner in speaking to each other, complimenting each other, smiling to one another as we walk past. This may sound like small things, but these small actions towards each other will go a long way towards changing the culture of our school to a more positive one.

All students started today in choosing one goal that they could give themselves for the week. They had to choose one thing that they could do to make someone else happy, make someone's day, put a smile on someone's face. Students will be encouraged to think about their goal each day this week. At home you can help by talking to your children about the goal that they chose for themselves and ways that they can achieve this. You would help us greatly by showing your support, in encouraging an optimistic outlook and having constructive conversations with your children about school issues.

This is just one of the programs that we have in place. We have already started the Peer Support Program this term, with focus on being good friends and we will be introducing more ideas over the coming weeks.

As we progress I would like to give some feedback on how we are going towards making a positive change at Adaminaby Public School.

We will be making a display at school which will gauge our positivity. It will be our Positive Relationships Month. We will be reflecting on how we did each week.



Attitude is.....
a little thing that makes a BIG difference – Winston Churchill

School Skiing

Notes went home yesterday outlining the current options for this year's school skiing. At this stage we are asking for expressions of interest and your preference to using the bus or parent transport.

Book Fair

Please support our Book Fair this Wednesday 5th June. Books have been set up in the library. A portion of the proceeds of sales at the Book fair

goes towards book purchases for our school library.



Our Kitchen Garden program will be running this Thursday. Mr Bogatek will once again be in the kitchen, while Ms Salvestro will be helping students with garden activities.

Our kitchen setup is coming along nicely. Our next item we would like to get for our kitchen is a fridge. If anyone has a second hand fridge in good condition for sale, that would be suitable for our kitchen could you please let the school know.

We are also after some hay for our compost. If anyone is able to donate a bit of hay, that would be appreciated.



Rooster

Our lovely rooster, Stanley Maurice Charming, is looking for a new home. He needs a new roost by the end of

this week. If you can assist, or know of anyone who may be interested, contact the school office.

Woolies Stickers

There is only one week remaining of the woolies Earn and Learn promotion. Please get your stickers in. They can be dropped off to the school office or they can also be deposited into the box at Woolies. They do not need to be stuck to a card.

Last year the Earn and Learn program enabled the school to get a Lego Mindstorms robotics kit (valued at \$600), two large tubs of Duplo, magnetic alphabet letters and jigsaw puzzles, at absolutely no cost to the school. These stickers really do help to contribute to our resources!

School Banking

Student banking can still be handled through the school. Students just need to open a Dollarmite account at the Commonwealth bank. The program is a great fundraising activity because participating schools receive commission for every account_activated via the School Banking Program, and for each subsequent individual deposit made at school. Our school banking day is Monday.

Warm Jackets

Just a reminder that the P&C have some lovely, very warm winter jackets for students to wear as part of school uniform. They are fantastic value – only \$28! That's a bargain. Please fill out a uniform order form if you would like one or talk to Ineke, the P&C uniforms officer.

Thank you to P&C for fundraiser

A huge thankyou to the P&C committee, who volunteered their time to organise a sensational and extremely successful fundraising event. This event was put together in just on two weeks and was an amazing example of what a caring community can do to support one of their own. Thank you to all who supported the effort, from those who helped to organise, who cooked,

baked, who decorated and donated. What a truly wonderful and heart felt effort.

Head Lice

Please check children's hair for head lice, as there has been some reported cases. Regular treatment helps to keep these unwanted visitors out of our school. It also helps if girls with longer hair keep their hair tied up.

Monday Munchies

Munchies are 30 cents for one item and 50 cents for two.

Next up on the roster are:

17 th June	Squire and Salvestro
24 th June	Harriden and Bennetts

Assembly

Our next assembly will be **21st June** (moved from the 14th June due to Ms Salvestro and Mr Bogatek needing to attend L3 training in Bemboka that day). Future assembly dates throughout the term will be 28th June

School Contribution

School Contributions are now due. This year the school contribution is \$40 per student and \$70 per family. The school contribution is voluntary and the payment is a matter for decision by

parents. The much appreciated payments enhance educational programs at our school.

Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	6 th June	Kitchen Garden Day
Wednesday	5 th June	Book Fair
Monday	10 th June	Public Holiday
Friday	21 st June	Assembly

Recent Notes Handed Out

Note	Return to school by:
School Skiing Expression of Interest	Friday 7 th June