Welcome Back

Thank you for sending your students back to school this year. We have many exciting plans for 2017. Miss Katie and Mr Keith are busy working on restoring a language and culture program to the school. We will also be working with the Arts Centre on an Artists In Residence project. The school is welcoming back Mrs Erin Kendall and Mr & Mrs Hooklyn. Miss Tahni Picking and her partner Andrew have already made themselves indispensable team members.

NRL Cowboys ‘Day of Excellence’

Today the school was fortunate to receive a visit from past and present Cowboys’ greats: Matty Bowen, Antonio Winterstein and Patrick Kafusi. These great players talked to and inspired the students in addition to running coaching clinics.

Behaviour

Pormpuraaw School is famous for great student behaviour. This is a reputation built by the parents and grandparents of the community. Today the school is very keen to follow the example set by the elders. Students are rewarded for positive behaviour as individuals and as classes. Every class follows a step and star chart to show students where their behaviour is at any point in the day. If a student’s behaviour warrants a home visit the teacher will be accompanied by a SAO. If the behaviour places other students or staff in danger, students will be taken home. Any damage to school property will result in a bill for repairs.

Tuckshop lunches

The price of tuckshop will remain at $4 per day. Payment can be arranged through Centre Pay or at the school office. Miss Kristine is making healthy fresh lunches everyday.

Attendance

The 2017 school year has started with strong attendance and unbridled enthusiasm of the students keen to build new learnings. To get the most out of school students need to be at school everyday. If a student is absent due to illness please call the school office (40604777). All students who come to school everyday go into the draw to win a weekly meat tray. The school also awards power cards to those students whose attendance is greater than 90% for the term.
School Bus

The new school bus will be used increasingly as part of the school’s sporting, language and culture activities. Class teachers are busy planning activities to get the students involved in practical learning and will send home permission notes as any excursion gets closer. Parents and carers are most welcome on these trips.

P&C meeting

The first P&C meeting is scheduled for 5pm, Tuesday 21 February at the school library. All are welcome.

Ngampe Kuugu Thaawa Mu—Let’s Talk together

Thank you to all parents who were involved with the Ngampe Kuugu Thaawa Mu—(let’s talk together) educational reference group, last year. This year we are hoping to expand its activities and run a series of learning walks within the school and community.

Sports

In 2017 Pormpuraaw State School aims to work more closely with other communities in the region to provide sporting opportunities for our students. Mr Hooklyn will be starting basketball training on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4. Rugby League training will also begin in Week 4.

Transitions

One of the most important roles that the school has is to prepare our students for boarding school. This has become even more important now that students are younger when they leave to go to boarding school. We are very fortunate to have Miss Grace working from school for the next few weeks to start the process of school preparations. The school will continue to work hard to ensure that students are as prepared as possible for this exciting transition.

Apunipima Health Checks & School Dental Visit

The Prep class is scheduled for health checks 21st March. Permission forms will be sent home as soon the dates are set in stone. The school dentist will be visiting Pormpuraaw for two weeks from 6th—17th March. The SAO’s and Miss Colleen will be visiting homes to obtain your consent for a dental check up :)

Michael Anderson—Principal