Principal’s Message

Last Tuesday we had a good turnout of people at Parent Information Night. Those people I spoke to, found the night informative and helpful. Thanks everyone for making the time to come along and a special thank you to the teachers for getting prepared and for making themselves available to answer your questions. We are always looking for ways to improve what we do. If you have any suggestions about how our Parent Information Night could better suit your needs, please drop us a note or pop in for a chat.

Recently, we’ve had one or two incidents in the playground where a parent has approached a child from another family to speak to them about their behaviour. Usually this occurs as a result of the child teasing or being mean to one of their own children and they are seeking (with good intentions) to resolve the situation quickly. Can I remind parents and carers that it is not appropriate to approach other children to resolve problems in this way. Children can be intimidated and easily frightened when approached by an unfamiliar adult. If you are concerned about the behaviour of another child, please raise your concerns with the class teachers and allow them to address the situation professionally at school.

Have a great week.

David Holland
(Principal)
Go4Fun

Go4Fun is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health. It is a FREE healthy living program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7-13 year old children and their families to adopt a healthy lifestyle and a long lasting and healthy approach to living. The program consists of 20 sessions, twice a week for 2 hours and includes: games and activities, interactive discussions, practical demonstrations about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes and opportunities to try delicious new foods. The program has already received really positive reviews in the Hunter and the parents who have previously been involved think it’s brilliant. To find out more visit www.mendcentral.org or free call 1800 780 900.

Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. There are lots of simple things that you can do to help your children become competent and confident readers. To find out more visit: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home

Year 6 High School Transition

Today, all of the students in Year 6 were issued with a ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014’ information package. This booklet contains information about making the transition to high school and also contains the very important Expression of Interest form. All families of Year 6 students will need to read the guide, complete the expression of interest form and return it to the school as soon as possible. It is important that we receive these forms back at school no later than Friday 22nd March. If you require assistance in completing the form or have a question about the transition process please contact Mrs Agius at school.

School Cross Country

The school will be holding our Cross Country Carnival next Thursday 14th March. The carnival is for students aged 8 years and up and will be held within the school grounds. Lunch will be a little earlier than normal so that we can commence straight after lunch at 12:00pm. Where possible, only one age division will run at a time and the remainder of the students will spectate. The age division that the students compete in is determined by the age they turn this year. For example, a child who turns 9 in December, competes with the 9 year olds; a child who has already turned 9 in January also competes with the 9 year olds. Students in the 8, 9 or 10 years divisions will run approximately 2km. Students who are in the 11, 12 and 13 years division will run 3km. On the day of the carnival, the students will need to ensure they have a hat, water bottle, house shirt and suitable footwear for running on uneven ground (joggers are fine). If the weather is questionable, send children prepared to run and we will make a call during the day.

If any parents would like to come and watch, you would be welcome to do so at 12pm. A designated viewing area will be allocated on the basketball court, please bring a chair if you prefer to sit. Approximate starting times are as follows:

8/9 year olds - 12:10pm
10 year olds - 12:30pm
11 year olds - 12:55pm
12/13 year olds - 1:20pm

Please note: at the zone level the 8 & 9 year olds are combined in one division as are the 12/13 year olds. The fastest four runners in each age division will have the opportunity of representing the school at the Zone Cross Country carnival on Friday 5th April.
Library News
This week in the library we will officially begin the Premier's Reading Challenge. All K - 2 children will complete their 30 books during library and classroom time. Children in Years 3 - 6 need to read their 20 books at home. We are lucky to have a large choice of PRC titles in our library so I encourage all children to borrow a variety and keep reading. More information and complete book lists can be found at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc

A group of keen year 6 students have been giving up their lunchtime to volunteer as our 2013 Library Monitors. During this week’s assembly they will be presented with their badges.

Happy Reading,
Melanie Conrick

Library Lover’s Day Book Reviews

STAGE 3 – NIXON MILLER PITHAM 6M
My favourite book is Skulduggery Pleasant Kingdom of The Wicked. There are so many myths and legends and it is filled with suspense. It has great detailed vocabulary. I love the mystery and all the myths and legends. My favourite is the werewolf. I think most people would enjoy it – I know I did!

STAGE 2 - ALEXANDRA BROWN
The book I love above all others is ‘The Adventures of Milly-Molly-Mandy’. She is a little girl from a small village but has enormous adventures. She is a wonderful and funny character that makes reading so much fun! There are characteristics about her that I hope I share, like being responsible, adventurous, respectful, polite and kind to everyone.

STAGE 1 – CHLOE WRIGHT-SMYTH
My favourite book is The Mosling Collector’s Guide of Moshi Monster which is a computer and D.S. game. My favourite moshling is Liberty. I love this book because it shows you how to collect moshlings and gives facts about moshlings too. For example, Liberty is brash, confident and cheery and likes big apples. She lives on Divinity Island.

Swimming Star
On Saturday I went to a state swimming carnival and I competed in breast stroke. I came sixth in the state in the nine year old girl’s race. ‘Jamie Swim Club’, the club to which I belong, received a state cap that had ‘Zone 11’ on it. We also were given a patch that goes on our jacket as well as a drink bottle.
I also swam the freestyle relay and medley relay and I did the backstroke leg. It was fantastic.
Annalise Rose 4/5BF

Sick Bay
From today onwards if your child presents to the sick bay, for any reason, he/she will take home a yellow slip notifying you of the incident and will contain details of the action taken. This is to improve our communication and ensure that parents and carers are informed of when their child has received First Aid.
Clean Up Australia Day

Yesterday our students were busy cleaning up our school grounds as part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. Thanks students, what a great effort!

Playgroup

Cardiff South Public School

Kiddies Playtime Connect

A fun place for children to play, share experiences and meet new friends

Where: Cardiff South Public School Hall
When: Every Wednesday 9:30—11:00am
Cost: A gold coin donation is appreciated

What to expect:
- safe play
- social skill building
- new facility
- variety of equipment
- independence
- snack time
- kind and caring environment

For kiddies aged 0 ~ school age

Enquiries: 4954 7286
**School Photos**
School photos are scheduled to take place next Tuesday, 12th March. Family photos are optional and separate envelopes are available from the office. Families of three or more children may apply for a family discount; applications are also available from the office.
To avoid disappointment, and the possibility of your child missing out on their photos, please avoid making appointments for your child within school hours on this day.
All enquiries to A-One Fotomakers Hunter 49540499.

**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will not be open on Thursday, 14th March. Orders may still be left at the office, however they will not be processed until the following week.

**Ulinga Netball**
(Cardiff South) are still seeking players turning 7, 8, 9 years old this year to fill teams. Boys are most welcome.
Please contact Bernice Whitson on 4954 7952 or Sally Swan 0423 323 393

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## SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 February 2013

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<td>Means that you have no more than <strong>2 minutes</strong> for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within <strong>3 metres of your vehicle</strong>.</td>
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- STOP in a **NO STOPPING** zone: **$298 + 2 points**, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: **$397 + 2 points**
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: **$165 + 2 points**
- STOP or Park in a **Disabled Marked Area** without a permit: **$496**