Principal’s Message

I’ve had several conversations with both parents and teachers in the past week or so on the topic of engagement at school. By engagement, I mean students valuing and becoming engaged with the things they learn at school each day. As you can imagine, it is somewhat of a challenge for teachers to prepare units of work that engage all students in their class - 100% of the time. What we often find is that one particular unit might be highly motivating for one student, but the next one less so. As teachers, we aim to make all our lessons interesting and relevant, but there are also times when we have to cover material which is important, necessary and which may be less engaging by its nature. At Cardiff South we try to highlight the importance of trying your best regardless of the activity. Sometimes it helps to look at the bigger picture. Perhaps a lesson is a bit dry and seems less relevant on the day that it is delivered, but in the long term, that lesson may have big implications. We will continue to strive to make what we do engaging and relevant, but perhaps around the dinner table this week you could help your children see the bigger picture – their education opens doors to opportunity. The skills they are learning are important.

On a lighter note- can I say Happy Easter to all our families! I don’t personally need an excuse to consume large quantities of chocolate, but to have a socially acceptable reason to do so is always good a thing. My family are Christians and the traditional Easter celebration is an important time of year for us, but whatever your persuasion or belief, I am sure that you will cherish the opportunity to be with loved ones and to enjoy an extended weekend. If you are travelling - please be safe on the roads. Thanks to the P & C and all our families for organising and supporting what should be another ‘Eggsellent’ - Easter Raffle. There sure is a lot of chocolate up for grabs!

David Holland (Principal)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### Congratulations – Students of the Week!

**Junior Student Award**

- Cameron Ritchie
- K/1L

**Senior Student Award**

- Samantha Jones
- 5/6A
Harmony Day
As part of our Harmony Day celebrations, last Friday we had a very special performance by the Beatty Clan Crew. Taryn Beatty and her family are of Torres Strait Island descent and Aboriginal descent from Far North Queensland. They performed songs and dances focusing on Australia’s unique native animals and also Torres Strait playdances. Their performances incorporated audience participation which our students enjoyed immensely. It was a memorable performance, one that displayed the Harmony Day message of Many Stories – One Australia.

Whole School Easter Service
Tomorrow, Wednesday 27th March, our scripture teachers will be conducting a whole school, combined Easter Service. This is usually a fun and interactive production combined with a timely message about Easter.

Hunter Sports High
For Year 6 students with particular sporting talent are invited to apply for the Targeted Sports Program at Hunter Sports High for Year 7, 2014. For more information please contact Hunter Sports High School on 49435755 or email hunterspt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Binless Day – Change of date
Last week we mentioned in the newsletter that we were planning a whole school Binless Day for this Thurs 29th March. Because this is the same day as the Hot Cross Bun canteen treat day we have decided to move the date to the following Thursday 4th April. On this day, the students will be encouraged to bring their food in re-useable containers and drink bottles so that for one day we as a school produce little or no waste. To do this, families are encouraged to avoid packaged foods and reduce cling wrap and sealable plastic bag use. There will be more tips in next week’s newsletter, but if you are keen to start thinking, the first 2 pages of this document are helpful:


Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 3rd April is our Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale. The carnival will commence at 9.30am with the very exciting Eye of the Tiger Dance off! Students from Year 2 (only those students who are turning 8 this year) to Year 6 will be participating in events, 100m, 200m, 800m, high jump and long jump. Shotput will be conducted at school leading up to the day, with the final 6 of each age group competing on the day in a final. Parents and families are invited to attend and cheer on our great athletes!

Student Teacher
We thank our student teacher Mrs Nash for her help and hard work in 1S over the past 4 weeks. She has taken a real interest in our students and we have appreciated her efforts. We wish her every success in her future teaching career.

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**FREE!**
Anti Bully Clinic / Easter Egg-Hunt

**When:**
- 28th March 2013
- 3.50pm Kindymites (3-5 yr old)
- 4.30pm Dynamos (6-10yr old)

**Where:**
Hunter Valley Martial Arts Centre
Unit 3D/321 Hillsborough Rd
Worers Bay, 2262

Come along to our SUPER Easter Egg-Hunt! We’ll have a HUGE obstacle course, lots of Easter eggs, vouchers and a fun Anti-Bully Clinic!

You will learn to:
- Stand strong
- Use your voice for assertion
- The 5-Step bully plan
- And some practical ways to block, escape and tell the people you trust!
Easter Raffle
The P&C would like to thank everyone for their generous support. The Easter Raffle will be drawn this Thursday, 28th April at 2:40pm in the school hall.
P&C Committee

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books will be available from the office soon. If you would like to pre-order a 2013/2014 book, then please cut out, complete and return the form below. Books are $60 each and if you are one of the first 20 with a pre-order form you will receive a bonus strip of vouchers to use now.

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