Welcome to Term 2 everyone. I hope that the Easter break and subsequent school holidays has provided your children with the chance to refresh and recharge the batteries so to speak. Were they excited and ready to return to school this morning? The answer to that question probably varies as they get older. For what it is worth, the teachers were excited to see them again today and to hear about all the stories from their holidays.

In an effort to be super organised, I wrote the blurb below on Sunday evening before the events of the past few days could even be imagined. So we’ve added this box to cover a few extra things.

Firstly, I hope that you and your family members have come through the past few days relatively unscathed? I know from those that I’ve spoken to that many are still without power and some have damaged, fences, pergolas, sheds and roofs. Compared to those around us, our school has been extremely fortunate. Although we had 3 trees down and a large amount of debris, we haven’t lost power and there is no damage to buildings or property. We had a working bee style clean-up day yesterday which our staff and a number of parent and student volunteers pitched in to help us. It was a massive task. Everybody worked extremely hard and it was a real credit to our community for which you or your children are the beneficiaries. I thank all our dedicated staff for their efforts and would like to acknowledge these wonderful people for their help yesterday: Troy & Elissa Green, Darren Elloy, Maureen Lobley, Daryl, Jenny, Bonnie and Cooper Luxton, Helen and Daniel Loxley, Paul, Lara and Nate Gallagher, Matt Paton, Lakem and Malibu Taylor and Ruby Palmer.

Good communication is something that we pride ourselves upon at Cardiff South. Newsletters and the Skoolbag app are our tried and tested means for getting messages out. Despite our efforts, not all families were able to read the app due to telephone providers’ service being disrupted as well. For future reference, if we need to close for any reason, we also contact ABC 1233 radio so that they can broadcast for listeners our status. This will be something we continue to do to assist those families who either don’t have the app or who are experiencing difficulty getting messages.

As a result of the weather event, a number of planned activities were postponed, these include the Zone Cross Country and the Combined School’s Anzac ceremony. We will update you in next week’s newsletter once these events have been rescheduled.

Congratulations
Students of the Week!

Junior Student Award
(Wk10, T1)
Lilly Wright
2L

Senior Student Award
(Wk10, T1)
Larra Wright
5E
There is a lot ahead this term both inside and outside the classroom. We have the school ANZAC service, zone cross country, our Mum’s Morning Tea, NAPLAN, K-6 Athletics carnival, School Photos, the Jelly Beans music program for K-2, some special art workshops called ‘RawArt’, NAIDOC celebrations, a school disco, and on top of that - all of the stages are planning excursions to supplement the learning that will be happening in class. As they say, never a dull moment, but lots for our students and parent community to look forward to.

At the end of Term 1, I was excited to be able to cross another thing off my ‘bucket list’ – receive a BIG CHEQUE. Thanks to the P&C and the ongoing support of our parents and community, the P&C presented me with what was literally a BIG CHEQUE to the sum of $33,000. This money will be used to install a full Wi-Fi system and to purchase all of the equipment needed to run new i-Pads and laptops in classrooms. What a mighty effort by our wonderful P&C.

Can I finish by drawing your attention to the School ANZAC service that will be taking place in the hall this Thursday at 12pm. This year marks the centenary of the Gallipoli landings in World War I and as such, this provides us with a great opportunity to reinforce with our students the importance of remembering those that sacrificed everything for our country. Although it will be a simple service aimed at the students, parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Can I thank the many families who took up the opportunity to mark this centenary by donating a book to the library. We’ve been delighted with the response and there are some fabulous new ANZAC related resources for students to use as a result. At the conclusion of Thursday’s assembly, the school will be supplying each child with a commemorative coin as a memento of the centenary. We hope that it helps them to always remember the ANZACs.

Have a great week
David Holland

This week’s value: Respect
Key Message: Its can be personally rewarding to sometimes put others first

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Southy Stars – Week 10
★ Ella Robb -6J ★ Cody Matheson –K/1Red ★ Taylah Callcott -3S
School PSSA Teams

Over the past month, the teachers have been conducting trials during lunchtimes to select the PSSA teams who will represent our school in both soccer and netball. Now that the teams have been finalised congratulations to the following students:


3. **Junior Soccer** – Connor Bashford, Liam Nash, Liam Spamer, Ben Cornish, Charlie Gibson, Riley Butet, Jordyn Fletcher, Lincoln Davies, Dylan Trute, Lachlan Redpath, Lane Abraham, Zachary Werner, Hannah Brown. *Reserves: Archie King, Jack Childs*

4. **Senior Soccer** – Ryan Healey, Dylan Robbins, Jayden Plumridge, Jasper Siemek, Bailey le Brocq, Leo de la Lande, Jayden Ritchie, Connor Turnbull, Justin Banek, Edyn Duff, Sam Murphy, Ethan Bulgarelli, Olli Bryers. *Reserves: Eddie McLeish, Seth Campbell-Terry*

Some Dates for your calendar - Term 2

- 28th April – Choralfest
- 6th May – Mother’s Day Stall
- 7th May – Mum’s morning tea (class visits)
- 12-14th May – NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- 20th May – Stage 3 excursion
- 21st May – School disco
- 28th May – School photos
- 2nd June – Stage 1 excursion
- 11th June – Stage 2 excursion
- 17th June – School athletics carnival
- 25th June – NAIDOC assembly

**Mrs Cann Unplugged**

Class?

What did you enjoy doing in the holidays?

Tell us a place you’d love to visit?

Favourite movie?

Hobbies?

Siblings?

Things that bug me..

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Happy Birthday

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Learning and Support

Visiting the Hunter Valley Gardens

Scotland

The recent Cinderella movie

Reading

1 brother and 1 sister

When people are rude
School Anzac Service
Nationally, the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in World War I is becoming an important event for all Australians to commemorate. At Cardiff South PS we will be doing this in a number of ways with the intent of helping our students understand its significance. The first step towards this is for us to host a special School Anzac Service this Thursday 23rd April. Although the service is planned with the students’ in mind, parents and friends of our school are welcome to attend. The service will commence at 12pm and will run for approximately 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the assembly, each student will receive a commemorative coin as a memento of the centenary of the Gallipoli landings in the first World War.

Remember Me Soundscape Project
Several students in Stage 3 participated in the Remember Me Soundscape Project. They enjoyed this activity and had the opportunity to learn about the soldier whose name they recorded for The Australian War Memorial in commemoration of 100 Years of ANZAC.

Cooper Luxton: I was interested in this activity but I like anything to do with the army. The soldiers name I recorded was Henry Hague. He served as a private. He died in France on 01 February 1917 of an illness.

Jemma Matheson: My soldier whose name is on the Honour Roll was Arthur John Gregory. His rank was private. He was killed in action in France on 28 July 1916. His age was unknown. I liked this activity because commemorating the soldiers is a special thing.

Bailey Le Brocq: Remember Me Soundscape was an opportunity for me to share a part of history in commemorating 100 years of ANZAC. By reading the name and learning about Cecil Haid I made a connection with this soldier. He was 23 when he died.

Mackenzie Agland: The person I recorded was William George Ball. His rank was a trooper, and he died in action on September 3rd 1915. He died at the age of 23 in Gallipoli. My favourite part of this activity was learning about where and how he died.

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Mortgage Choice
Believe and Achieve
It’s that time of the year where we recognise all those wonderful people who play the role of mother to our school’s students. Once again we shall be running our famous Mother’s Day Stall with all sorts of gifts for Mum. This event has always been a favourite with the kids and in the past people have been most generous with their donations of gifts and time - and now it’s time for Mother’s Day 2015!

If you wish to donate gifts for the stall we ask that you wrap them nicely in clear cellophane and leave them at the office. Also, we’re really keen for helpers on the day of the stall between 9:00 and 11:00am as without them, the day won’t happen. Please call/text Kevin Sinclair on 0405724906 if you’re able to help on the day. 😊

Lets work together to make this a great day for the kids and to help make Mother’s Day a great one for all those wonderful mums!

Your P&C
Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more.

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN'S RESPONSIBILITIES
It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:
Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.


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