Principals Message

The previous week was a good one for our school. Firstly, our senior choir put on an excellent performance at Choralfest last Tuesday. They received a ‘Highly Commended’ citation and placed 2nd overall. I was fortunate to see them perform and was extremely proud of how they sang and also how they conducted themselves. I must admit that I honestly got goose bumps when they were singing ‘Lest we Forget’. What a great effort. Opportunities like this would not occur without the support of dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. I thank Miss Murray and Mrs Leggett for their ongoing commitment to our senior choir. It was also exciting to hear that some new members have joined as well – including some Stage 2 boys! Now that’s exciting.

Secondly, on Thursday despite damp conditions, our Zone Cross Country team competed at Federal Park Wallsend. We had something happen, that I’ve not seen happen before – all 4 of our representatives in the 10 yrs girls division qualified for the regional carnival! They were later joined by Milli Windred from the 11 years girls too. The results were as follows:

- **10 yrs Girls** - 1st Chloe Walandouw, 2nd Chloe Scanlon, 3rd Jacqueline Hanlon-Thompson and 6th Giselle Alley;
- **11Yrs Girls** – 5th Milli Windred

Others representing our school also performed very well, some beating their PB’s. I congratulate all members of the team on their efforts and we look forward to seeing what our dynamic girls can do next at the regional level.

Further on in our newsletter you’ll find information about a new P&C initiative which will enable parents to place canteen orders online or by using your smartphone. The advantages of this system will be that if you don’t have cash on you, you can still place an order using PayPal or your credit card and you can do it from home at any time, even days in advance (if you are one of those super-organised people). Please take the time to read the information included. The trial of this system will begin on **Monday the 18th May**.

Finally, many of you would know our dedicated library volunteer Miss Jan. She has been a little unwell over the past two weeks and has needed some time to rest and get well. Just before she became unwell, she found an old newspaper article which featured our school. The article was written after a big storm and it shows how one of our original buildings was literally blown off its foundations before the school was even opened. We’ve reproduced the article further on – you may find it an interesting read.

Have a great week.
David Holland
Principal

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**Congratulations Students of the Week!**

**Junior Student Award**

Leearna Clemente
K Gold

**Senior Student Award**

Cooper Luxton
6C
The Uniform Shop and Clearance Sale

We regret to inform you that the Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow (Wed), however Mrs Reeve is able to offer you a special opening time of Friday morning (8th) from 8.30am.

The Uniform Shop has excess stock of mid-blue tracksuit pants and sport shirts with the old logo.

😊 The mid-blue track pants are from the old uniform but would be great for use around the house.

😊 Please be reminded that the old sport shirts, whilst cheap, can only be worn up until the end of T1 2017.

Both these items will be on a clearance sale for just $5 each and will be available on FRIDAY morning, 8th May from 8.30am in the uniform shop.

Mums’ Morning Tea

This Friday the 8th May our school will be hosting a special Mum’s Morning Tea to celebrate our wonderful mums. The invitation is extended to mums, grandmas and step mums. The morning will begin at 10:15am with some activities that you can participate in with your child in the classrooms followed by some light entertainment and morning tea in our school hall. We will also be using the event as an opportunity to raise funds for the Cancer Council by making it an ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’ event. Mums are invited to make a gold coin donation to assist this very worthwhile cause. Special invitations were sent home last Tuesday, if you haven’t already, please RSVP by tomorrow at the latest.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall is being held this Thursday 7th May. If you could please help us by making a donation or two for the stall it would be greatly appreciated. We ask that you please wrap your donations in clear cellophane or with some curling ribbon before bringing them into the office. The cost of the gifts will range from $2 to $12, please don’t send more than $20 with your child. A raffle on the day has proved popular in the past, so the P&C will run one again this year; tickets will sell for $1 each (maximum of 5 tickets per student). If you have some spare time and are available to help on the day (especially dads) from about 8.30am until Recess (11am), it would be appreciated. Please sign-in at the office and meet under the COLA.

PSSA Netball Knockout

With the PSSA knockout season starting to gain momentum, our Senior Netball team will also have their first knockout match this Friday against Wallsend South PS. The match will commence at approximately 1:30pm and will be played on our school netball court. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer the girls on.
NAPLAN 2015

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (12 - 14 May) students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas. These being:

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Some tips for this test period:
- Go to bed early so that you are well rested
- Arrive at school on time as tests will commence at the beginning of the school day
- Have a good breakfast each morning before you arrive at school
- Do your best!
- If you feel nervous take a deep breath, refocus and have a go.

There will be a test make up day on Friday if your child is absent on one of these dates. We wish all students involved the very best of luck! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child’s teacher.

Jelly Beans

This term it is our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students’ turn to participate in the fabulous Jelly Beans music program. The program runs for eight weeks and will be taught once a week on Tuesdays by highly qualified and experienced music specialist Karen Green. It is designed to develop the students’ understanding of musical concepts including: singing, moving, performing (using percussion instruments and recorders), aural listening skills, composing and improvising. If you are interested, there will be an opportunity later in the term for parents to pop in and see the program in action.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements – 2016

Parents interested in seeking an opportunity class placement for their child in Year 5 2016 are required to submit an online application now by the 15th May 2015. Generally, students are currently in Year 4 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2016. All applications must be made online now by going to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Information packages are also available from the school office. If you would like further advice about the opportunity class placement process, please make an appointment to speak with Mr Holland. Please note: these opportunity classes are established externally in other school settings.

2016 Enrolments

Parents, please be advised that we are now taking enrolment applications for both Kindergarten and Preschool for the 2016 school year. Please speak to our friendly office staff for more information about the application process or see last week’s newsletter for a detailed summary of the enrolment process.

PSSA Rugby League Knockout

Our senior boys rugby league team will be competing in the PSSA knockout competition tomorrow at William Bower Field, Glendale. Students are to wear their sports uniform including their school hat and are to bring boots, mouth guard, head gear, water and a packed recess and lunch. Representative shirts will be issued on the day. The students will be travelling with parental assistance. Parents are asked to meet outside Mr Carlin’s classroom at 10:15am. The first game kicks off at 11:30am. We wish the team – Good Luck.
Zone Cross Country Report

Last Thursday, 30th April the Crossroads Zone Cross Country was held at Federal Park, Wallsend after being postponed the previous week. A team of 30 students from Years 2-6 represented Cardiff South and all students did themselves and their school proud. The conditions were very soggy underfoot and the course consisted of mud and puddles from the recent rain. This did not deter our representatives who did not whinge about the conditions and gave their all. Some returned with mud all up their legs and backs from the tough conditions! At the conclusion of the carnival our school finished equal fourth, a very impressive effort. There were some outstanding individual performances on the day which will see five girls represent at the Hunter Region Cross Country this Friday, 8th May. Students who finished in the top 10 on the day were:

Chloe Walandouw- 1st 10yrs girls
Chloe Scanlon- 2nd 10yrs girls
Jacqueline Hanlon-Thompson- 3rd 10yrs girls
Gisele Alley- 6th 10yrs girls
Millie Windred- 5th 11yrs girls
Liam Spamer- 9th 10yrs boys
Tyson Reeve- 9th 11yrs boys

A massive thank you to all of the parents who helped transport students to and from the carnival and those who stayed and supported all of our athletes throughout the day, it is much appreciated!

Library Fun

This week our students learnt about a Japanese celebration, Kodomo No Hi (Children’s Day). This special day is celebrated every year on May 5th. Our students enjoyed playing with some traditional Japanese toys.
Entertainment Books
The Entertainment Books have been selling fast! There are still a few books left, so hurry in if you want one for Mothers Day. Available from the school office for just $60 – also available as an app.

Canteen

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The P&C are pleased to introduce ‘Our Online Canteen’. Our online canteen is a service that allows parents to place their children’s lunch and recess orders on-line using either the Internet or your mobile phone. The company we are working with is called Our Online Canteen. This allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or on your smart phone at any time and up to 2 weeks in advance. You can also pay online using Credit Card, PayPal or Direct Deposit. In order to use this service you need to visit the website below and register - it only takes a few minutes. The use of online ordering will commence on Monday the 18th of May. Once the trial commences, online orders will close each day at 9.10am on the day of your order. You will still be able to order over the counter between 8.30-9.00am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Over the counter sales at recess and lunch are also still available.

How do you get started
Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
Sign up by filling in a registration form
Enter your contact details, username and password
Receive a confirmation email
Log in to the secure website
Select your school and enter your children’s names
Add credit to your account and order meals for your children

Once you’ve registered, ordering is easy
1 – Select child and order date
2 – Select menu items to order
3 – Confirm the order

Registration is free and credit can be placed onto your account using Credit Card, Direct Deposit or PayPal. Orders can be placed two weeks in advance. * Please be aware whilst credit card deposits will appear almost instantly in your bank account, direct deposits take two working days to appear. Credit card payments attract a small fee while direct deposits are FREE.

If you are on Facebook and 'like' Our Online Canteen they have vouchers and credit giveaways each week if you post your order number on their page.

For more information or help in setting up your account contact ‘Our Online canteen’ via email info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au, phone 1300 484 888 or you can contact our P&C Representative Jacalyn on 0405 182 461.

For those parents that would like some face to face assistance - Jacalyn will be available on Wednesday the 13th of May in the Computer Room from 3.00-3.30pm to assist you with registering and can talk you through the ordering process. For general canteen queries email: CSPSCanteen@gmail.com

We hope that once you’ve got the hang of it that you find this service makes ordering from our canteen more convenient and hassle free.

Thank you again to our fantastic canteen volunteers – without you we would not have a canteen. If you would like to join our wonderful team, please see Jen (Canteen Supervisor) at the Canteen or contact the office on 4954 7296.
NEW YORK, June 8, A.P. — Colonel Percy
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Colonel Faucett Died

in Moment of Anger

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Colonel died of concussion yesterday. The school, to have been

Yesterday's storm blew the new kindergarten school at South

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Attention Soneth
Help your children make sense of natural disasters

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

Recent natural disasters wreak incredible havoc on so many people’s lives and will no doubt leave an indelible imprint on our collective psyches. Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

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So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when the natural disasters fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe
   The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. Be available
   Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

3. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television
   Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

4. Support children’s concerns for others
   They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

5. Let them explore feelings beyond fear
   Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions. They may feel sadder for the loss of wildlife, than for loss of human life, which is impersonal for them.

6. Help children and young people find a legitimate course of action if they wish
   Action is a great antidote to stress and anxiety so finding simple ways to help, including donating some pocket money can assist kids to cope and teaches them to contribute.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time
   The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions
   Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

9. Take action yourself
   Children who know their parents, teachers, or other significant caregivers are working to make a difference feel hope. They feel safer and more positive about the future. So do something. It will make you feel more hopeful, too. And hope is one of the most valuable gifts we can give children and ourselves.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.