Principals Message

Welcome to Week 6 – photo week. This week our students will have both an individual and class photo taken by A-One Fotomakers. This will be the first photo day where the students will be wearing their new school uniforms. We get so many compliments about how striking our students look in the new uniform, that we are hoping this translates into stunning class and individual photos as well.

At the P&C meeting last Wednesday evening a few issues were raised that I have been asked to highlight in this week’s newsletter. Firstly, some parents are finding that the new ‘Kiss and Go’ drop off area which is adjacent to the Third Street gate is not working as well as it should because some people are parking or stopping in the middle of the zone. Can I ask parents who use this area for dropping off and collecting their children to please ensure that you drive all the way to the end of the zone if you are the first person to pull in, so that other drivers can slip in behind you.

Secondly, our canteen relies on the support of volunteers. In recent weeks, there has been an increasing number of people that have volunteered their time (and who are placed on the roster) who ring in at the last minute to pull out. Whilst it is understood that unexpected things come up, it makes Mrs Sweeney’s job very difficult. I think that it would be reasonable to ask, if you are on the roster and need to pull out at the last minute, the onus should be on you to organise someone who can take your place on the day that you are rostered on. Having said that, P&C can always use more volunteers in the canteen – grandmothers and friends are welcome to volunteer too. The busiest times when the greatest need arises is during the breaks 11-11:30 and 1:10-1:45. If you have even half an hour to spare at these times your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Our students are the ones who will benefit, although you might make some new friends and feel pretty terrific too!

Have a good week.
David Holland

Reconciliation Week – The Street Warriors and Shannon Noll

As was indicated in last week’s newsletter, our school is proud to celebrate and acknowledge the importance of National Reconciliation Week (27th May to 3rd June) by hosting a one off, special performance by The Street Warriors and Shannon Noll (Yes, THE Shannon Noll!). The performance will take place in the school hall next Monday (1st June) between 12pm and 1pm. They will sing a few songs for our school assembly and will be speaking about why reconciliation is so important. Parents and grandparents of students in our school are invited to join us for this performance. It should be one of those memorable Cardiff South experiences – we hope that you can join us.

Congratulations Students of the Week!

Junior Student Award

Nate Walandouw
1D

Senior Student Award

Amity McPherson
6C
Payment Deadlines this week
Stage 2 Wannabees excursion - due Thursday (28/5)
Stage 3 Teen Talk - due Thursday (28/5)
Stage 2 Raw Art - due Monday (1/6)

School Photos
Our school photo day is this Thursday (28th May). Please remember to ensure that on photo day your child/ren is wearing our new winter uniform consisting of long navy pants, the school polo shirt, white socks and black shoes. Hair accessories for girls must also be navy coloured. Regardless of whether you choose to purchase a photo pack or not, please remember to return your photo envelopes on Thursday.

PSSA Competition
The weather has once again foiled our PSSA plans. Unfortunately, the first round of games was rained out. We’ll try again this Friday as the students prepare to play Wallsend South at Walker Field for soccer and Wallsend South PS for netball. Junior games start at approximately 1:00pm and Senior games at 1:40pm. Students who are involved with PSSA that would like to place a lunch order on Fridays can still do so – simply write “PSSA” on the lunch order and they can be collected before getting on the bus.

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 the Term 2 Week 2 newsletter for a detailed summary of the enrolment process.

Jessica Merry Unplugged

Class: 4G
What makes you laugh? When my dad tickles me
Favourite game or toy? UNO
What do you want be when you grow up? A person who makes YouTube videos
What do you do for fun? Play my Xbox and Tennis
Siblings: 1 younger brother, Dylan
Best memory: My first Easter with my brother when he was only a baby
Entertainment Books
Another order of Entertainment Books have arrived and are selling fast! If you would like to purchase an Entertainment Book, please visit the office or give us a call and order over the phone to using your Credit Card. The books are $60 each with proceeds going to our P&C.

Stage 1 Wannabees Excursion
Just a quick note to give you some last minute information about the Wannabees Excursion planned for Tuesday 2nd June. Due to the distance we need to travel for the excursion, we are now leaving school at 8am and returning at approximately 4:30pm. We will place a notification on the School App in the afternoon, should there be a delay in our arrival back to school. Could you please make sure of the following:

- Your child arrives at school no later than 7:45am so we can mark the rolls prior to our prompt 8am departure
- They are dressed in full school uniform for the day
- They bring a school bag with their hat, jacket, drink bottle and a lunch box packed with recess, lunch and afternoon tea (as it will be a long day, an additional sandwich may be needed)
- Students with asthma are to bring their own puffers and spacers.

Please note: Final payments need to be made no later than Thursday 28th May by 3:30pm. Unfortunately, no late payments will be accepted.

We are looking forward to a great day!

Hot Shots Tennis
Last week every Kindergarten child was given a tennis racquet and shirt as part of our involvement in the ANZ ‘Hot Shot’ tennis program. Students from other classes have also registered through the Hot Shots tennis website—your registration earned points for our school which enabled us to receive tennis balls especially designed for our beginner tennis players, Thank you!

If you have not already registered and would like to do so, please complete the table below and return it to the school office ASAP and Mrs Downes will complete a Bulk Registration. By registering, your child will receive a free shirt and the school will earn points which we can use to purchase more nets, balls and racquets.

Please refer to the ‘Hot Shot’ website to view the ‘terms and conditions’ and what ‘privacy’ involves.

If your child is already registered, and have already received their free shirt through school or their local tennis club, please do not fill out this form.

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Bullies, Bees and Brussel Sprouts
We received a lovely email this week from a lady by the name of Narelle McAllister whose three children all went through Cardiff South PS. Narelle saw in the paper that we were installing Buddy Benches as an initiative for helping students support one another in the playground. She has recently written a book titled ‘Bullies, Bees and Brussel Sprouts’ which has bullying, respecting others and being kind as central themes. The reason for the title is that "Bullies are like Bees..they cause pain and the pain takes a long time to heal...and Brussels Sprouts...take a lot of strength to tolerate, in fact they are extremely unpleasant!" Sounds interesting – don’t you think?
She has very kindly offered to donate a copy to our school library and has asked if I would pass on the details of her website and a link to her Facebook page which we are glad to do:
Website: www.narellemcallister.com

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Specials

- ☑️ Cup of Pumpkin Soup with Crusty Bread Roll $3.00
- ☑️ 3 Mini Spring Rolls with S/S Sauce $2.00
- ☑️ Hot Chocolate $1.30
- ☑️ Raisin Roast 80c/slice

Last week’s winner was....
Shannon Spence
Congratulations!
Newcastle Historical Excursion – Stage 3

On Wednesday the 20th of May, Stage 3 went on an excursion to explore Newcastle’s colonial past. We firstly took a bus to Fort Scratchley and were told about the history of the fort and the attacks of the Japanese submarines. Then we had a tour through the tunnel systems underneath the fort. Next we walked to the Convict lumber yard and learned about the history and the impact on the environment and the aboriginals. After that we walked through Honeysuckle and had lunch as we waited for our bus. We had planned to go to the Great Northern Railway but unfortunately it was cancelled because we didn’t have enough time. We took the bus to the start of the Bathers Way Anzac memorial bridge. The walk was great and lots of students and teachers found their family name along the walk. Overall it was a fantastic day and I’m sure everyone enjoyed themselves.  

Josh Lowery

On 20th May we went on a historical Newcastle excursion. Firstly, we took a bus from school to Fort Battle Sticks A.K.A Fort Scratchley. Did you know before it was a fort it was the first local mine in Australia? Also, at 1pm when the Customs House ball goes up, then down, they fire their cannon!

After Fort Battle Sticks, we went to the Convict Lumber Yard where the convicts cut down the trees and sent it to Sydney or to use it for houses or other useful items. There were many jobs for convicts like blacksmithing, coopering, wood turning and joinery!

In addition, we also went to the ANZAC Memorial Walk, I found ‘McLeish’ and I was really pleased to see that name on the wall.

Thank you teachers for taking us and I enjoyed everything.  

Eddie McLeish
**Premier’s Sporting Challenge**

On the 21st of May the house captains and some Year 5 students went to Cardiff High to do a sports program. There were five different sports to play which were run by high school students. We each got split up into five groups and every group played four different sports. It was fun meeting other student from different schools. The sports we got to play were: basketball, soccer, golf, sports skills and fitness. We had lots of fun.

*Bethy 6J*

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**Senior Boys Softball**

Yesterday the Senior Boys Softball team competed against Wallsend South Public School in their first knockout competition. All the boys had been training hard over the past few weeks and it paid off - they won 22 to 5! The boys had a great game and we even got a few homeruns. The next round will be played later this term. Great work boys!

A special thanks to Mr Arnold, Ms Wotherspoon, Mrs Mullen and Mr and Mrs Ritchie for transporting the boys to and from the event- they couldn’t have played without you.
Minecraft may be the best trend to hit boy world in years. Writer Jason Fox explains the attraction and outlines the benefits for kids.

But parents are worried.
And rightfully so, to a degree. Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing.

But some parents are freaking out about the amount of time their kids are investing in the game, and are imposing blanket bans of it without first understanding its magic.

So, let's have a look at what makes Minecraft so engaging, why blanket bans aren't a good idea, and how to manage your child's play.

Minecraft is an infinite, non-winnable game. Unlike a book, a game of chess, or a football match, a Minecraft game doesn't end. There's always more that can be explored, and more that can be done. The projects you undertake in Minecraft are self-initiated: no one is telling you what to do. And the process of making progress within Minecraft is completely autonomous – no one is telling you how to execute your projects and achieve your goals. It's self-regulated learning at its finest.

So, when a parent bans Minecraft it's a lot different to banning other games. You're not simply cutting your child out from a source of entertainment. You're preventing them from accessing a world where it's safe to fail, learn, explore, build and share. In essence: it can be pretty devastating – particularly when we put things back into the context of the future of work.

Why? Because your child's ability to participate in and contribute to unprecedented, self-driven, creative and collaborative work is going to be one of the key employable talents in the future. Your child could already be building a digital portfolio of project work, without you even knowing it.

But being able to 'unplug' and manage time and energy are essential skills your child needs to learn too. So, here are three ways you can help them manage Minecraft in your house:

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... Don't be daft about Minecraft ...

1. **Show genuine interest (this should be your first step)**
   If your child plays Minecraft, ask them to take you on a tour. Show an interest in their passion, and ask them questions like: what are you trying to build? What are your goals? What are the steps you need to take? What’s the coolest thing you’ve found? Set aside at least an hour for this. It’s highly likely they’d love the chance to share this with you, which will help you to open up a new level of connection with them.

2. **Encourage interactivity correctly**
   Minecraft’s multiplayer mode allows your child to play and build in the same online world as their friends.

   But remember: there are a lot of idiots on the internet, so do the following two things:
   a) Create your own server or ‘whitelist’ – it’s like having an invite-only friend list.
   b) Use a family-friendly server – you can Google these to find the right one to play in.

3. **Don’t ban – bracket**
   Banning something like Minecraft should be the very last resort, as it usually only serves to enhance the craving for it. Instead, make it part of their daily ‘free time’. Try not to have this at the end of the day or make it contingent on homework being completed, as this may only create angst, rushed homework and late nights. After school is best, especially if it’s bracketed by dinnertime, where all phones and computers are turned off.

   My true hope is that you give option #1 a very good go first. And if #1, #2, #3 don’t work, I’m hoping you’ve found them an even better game to play.

Jason Fox

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CHECK OUT MINECRAFT:

- Check out the Minecraft review at *The Parent’s Guide to Video Games:*

- And this wonderful article from Penny Flanagan of Kidspot:

- And finally, check out the brilliant work of Dean Groom and Massively Minecraft (a place for both kids and parents to play):
  [http://massively.jokaydia.com/](http://massively.jokaydia.com/)

- Dr Jason Fox keeps savvy parents up to date with the latest in motivation design. Learn more at [www.drjasonfox.com](http://www.drjasonfox.com)

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