Principals Message
What a hectic and eventful term this has been, we started with a storm and it has been a whirlwind since! If you take a moment to look back, the students have had some absolutely wonderful learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom this term. There have been excursions, performances, sporting knockouts, gala days, ANZAC services, Starstruck and Choral performances, RAW ART workshops, Jelly Beans music lessons, debating and public speaking contests, a Mother’s Day morning tea, an Aboriginal family breakfast, school photos, The Street Warriors and Shannon Noll performance and on the occasional week when it doesn’t rain - Friday PSSA sport. As always, I would like to thank the wonderful Cardiff South staff who have worked very hard this term to ensure that your children have access to wonderful opportunities such as these. There is a lot of organisation that has gone on behind the scenes for each of the activities above and it was a genuine ‘team effort’. Our staff have done it willingly on top of their regular teaching duties and on top of writing and preparing student reports this term. On behalf of the school and all families, I sincerely thank them. I also thank you as parents for supporting the things that we do. As I stated at the start of the term, there were more expenses (and more need for parental assistance – e.g. transport and excursions) than I would have liked in one term, but we appreciate how you have jumped in to help and have been prompt with notes and payments. It has been a great term, but rest assured things will be less hectic next term.

On Thursday, the students will receive their mid-year, Semester 1 report. These reports, compiled by the class teachers are designed to help you understand how your child is progressing and how they are applying themselves in class. If you have questions or need clarification about your child’s report, please speak in the first instance with the class teacher.

Finally, we received sad news on Monday that one of our local Aboriginal elders, who has strong connections with our school, passed away on Friday. Quite a few of our Aboriginal families have been affected by this sad news and I’d like to extend the school’s sympathies and condolences to each of them. Our school is celebrating NAIDOC Week this week and in a week where we hoped to celebrate Aboriginal culture with them, the timing has been unfortunate. Best wishes.

I hope that the holiday break is refreshing for all our families and that you get to enjoy some quality time with your wonderful children.
David Holland
Term 3 Commencement
Please be advised that the first day of next term is a Staff Development Day. The students return to school on Tuesday the 14th July.

Athletics Carnival
As you’d be aware, our plans to hold the School Athletics Carnival last Thursday were foiled once again by the weather. Because the Hunter Sports Centre is booked a year in advance, we will be unable to reschedule the carnival for this venue. The postponed carnival will now take place on Tuesday 21st July at Neegulbah Park, Macquarie Hills. Some of you would be familiar with this site as it is where Cardiff Little Athletics meet. We are currently working out the details and will provide more information at the beginning of next term.

Scripture and Ethics Review
The Department of Education is currently conducting a review of Special Religious Education (SRE - Scripture) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE). Providers have been assured that the review is not being conducted to determine whether SRE or SEE should continue rather, it will inform ongoing improvement. Parents and Guardians are invited to make valuable contributions to the review through an online survey to ensure that the contribution these programs make to Public Education in NSW is recognised and enhanced.

If you have 10-15 minutes to spare and would like to contribute your feedback, please use the link below to access the survey. Follow the prompts to the 'contributions by parents and carers'.
http://artd.com.au/sre-see-review . There is also a link on our app in the alerts section.

Stage 2 Touch Gala Postponed
Please be advised that the Stage 2 touch gala day scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed due to the state of the fields, following the recent rain. Once the event has been re-scheduled we will send out more information to those involved.

Yamuloong Excursion
With the unexpected passing of our local Aboriginal elder, Yamuloong has been closed for this week. Our planned excursion as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations has now been postponed until next term.

NAIDOC Performance
On Friday (26/6) all of our students will be treated to a performance by Aboriginal performer Fred Reid. Fred comes from the Daingattie tribe of North Western NSW. Fred was separated from his family in the mid 1960’s. His mission now is to bring about a better understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture.
P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting is planned for tomorrow night at 7pm in the library. Join us if you can.

Stage 3 Outdoor Education Camp
Just a reminder to all families with students in Years 5 and 6, that the excursion is due to take place in Week 7 of next term – which is not all that far away now. All outstanding balances must be paid by Friday 14th August.

Hockey Knockout Gala Day
Last week our boys and girls school hockey teams participated in the knockout gala day. The girls’ first game was against Redhead and the boys played against New Lambton. Unfortunately we lost both games but played great for their first game of hockey together. The girls’ second game against Kahibah was a loss but their teamwork was fantastic. The boys second game was against Floraville which they won convincingly 3 – 1. It was a pleasure taking these students to the gala day. As always they played fairly and with great sportsmanship. Many thanks to our families, that helped transport the teams, and for their support. A big thanks also to the ladies in the office for their assistance in the organisation of the day. Ms Ellis

PSSA this Friday
Cardiff South will be competing against Glendore PS at Ulinga for PSSA this week. As always, parents are welcome to come along and cheer the teams on. Please note that games against Glendore are held 15 minutes earlier- Jnr 12.45pm & Snr 1.25pm.

Maths Quiz Winner
The winner of the Stage 3 Maths Quiz is Annalise Rose in 6J. Congratulations Annalise, you will receive a free lunch from the canteen. Thank you to all who entered the quiz, you received a Southy Star for your effort; well done!
The correct answers were:
‘Of the 42 000 spectators at the Knights last home game, it was estimated that 1/7 had free passes.’
Q. How many were admitted for free?
A. 6000
Q. If the admission price was $5, how much would have been received from the paying spectators?
A. $180 000

Mrs Ison Unplugged

Class: K/1Red
What is your favourite book? The Bronze Horseman and Edward the Emu
When did you know you wanted to be a teacher? When I was in Year 5
What do you want to do when you stop working? Travel the world
How many kids do you have? 2 grown up boys, 27 and 24
Favourite holiday destination? Italy
What makes you laugh? When I do silly, forgetful things, …..like lose my glasses
Happy Birthday

Alexander W  K/1R  24/6
Hayden K    5E     24/6
Ethan S     3/4BG  30/6
Myra-Jane F-O Kangas  1/7
Mia H       3S     2/7
Josh M      6J     2/7
Tahlia M    2L     2/7
Tegan M     3/4BG  3/7
Dakota S    1/2Z   4/7
Samuel J    6C     6/7

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

Lunch on Us
Last week’s winner was....
Jessica O-K
Congratulations!

Canteen Roster

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All parents want to be successful and raise kids to be happy and contributing members of our community. Good intentions are not enough. Often there is no difference between one parent and another in terms of skills, knowledge and understanding of kids. However, the biggest difference can be found in parents’ mindsets, rather than their parenting skills and understanding. Here are 10 mindsets for parenting success:

1. **Believe in your child**
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. **Look for the best**
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. **Think long term**
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.

4. **Be brave**
   Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!

5. **Think family**
   Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. **Accept challenges**
   There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges whether they are behavioural, or a child has struggles at school, or he is moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. **Build your community**
   Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. **Trust the process**
   Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. **Adversity builds character**
   It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. **This too shall pass**
    The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”