Principals Message

It was great to see lots of Dads on Friday for our annual Father’s Day Breakfast. Although the weather was not particularly conducive to having a game outside with your children, I know how much it means to the students that you were able to join them for breakfast and look in their classrooms. For my part, I enjoyed the chance to say hello to a few dads that I don’t normally get to see. I hope that you all got the chance to be spoilt on the weekend in some form or another? A BIG Thank You goes to Mrs Beever, her husband Doug, Ian Stone and Mrs Ferfoglia who all arrived at 6am to start cooking and setting up. Without their efforts, there would have been some very hungry people!

This week, the office staff will be sending out reminder letters to those families who have not yet paid for their children’s 2015 book packs. If you are one of those families yet to pay, having had plenty of time to do so, I’d ask that you address this ASAP. As always, families that are experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to have a confidential chat with me to discuss your circumstances as some student assistance may be available to help.

Finally, can I remind all families that for safety and supervision reasons, students should not arrive at school before 8:30am. Minimal supervision only is provided in the period before school and this commences at 8:30am. In other words, if your child arrives before 8:30 they are unsupervised in the playground. No matter how eager they are to get to school, keeping students at home until 8:30 is clearly in their best interests.

Have a good week

David Holland

Term 4 K-2 Swimming program

Just a reminder that permission notes and money for the K-2 Term 4 swimming program at the Viking Fitness centre must be returned by Thursday 17th September.

Earn & Learn

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. If you still have stickers at home or half filled sheets, please bring them into school this week so we can finalise our collection.
## PSSA Finals
The PSSA netball finals that were washed out last Friday have been rescheduled for this Friday, 11th September. All other details remain the same; girls are to come to school to have their name marked off the roll before heading over to the Cardiff Netball Courts on Myall Road. The first game for our junior girls is 10am. Let’s hope for clear skies and a couple of wins! Good luck girls.

## Brain Cancer Support
You may remember that earlier this term our students were encouraged to come to school with a gold coin to support the Mark Hughes Foundation’s Beanie for Brain Cancer day. Sadly, brain cancer has recently come to Cardiff South in a very real way. In the Term 2 holidays, Amanda Marsh, who is the mother of Asher in Year 5, was diagnosed with a grade 4 Glioblastoma. She is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy which has started the process of her hair falling out. Admirably, her son Asher didn’t want his mum to go through this alone, so he approached Mr Holland about having his head shaved at school. Mr Holland said yes and as a result, Asher is collecting donations which can be added to the money our school has already raised for the Mark Hughes foundation. He has already raised some money through the generous support of our dads at the Father’s Day breakfast on Friday, however if there are any students, families or teachers who would like to make an additional donation in support of what Asher is doing, please put the donation (any size welcome) in an envelope marked ‘Mark Hughes Foundation – Asher’ and hand it in at the office. After Asher shaves his head this Thursday, we will publish how much he has raised. Congratulations Asher on displaying our school values in such a real way! Also our best wishes go to Amanda as she faces the challenges and treatments ahead.

## School Trivia Night
Don’t forget to grab a table at the P&C Trivia Night planned for this Saturday 12th September. All money raised goes towards helping P&C contribute to prioritised school needs such as the purchasing of new seats for the K-2 students to sit on at recess and lunch. Tickets are $15. You can have 8 on your table or if you don’t have a full table, leave your name with the office and the P&C will pair you up with some other families. Friends outside of the school are welcome to join in on your table if you’d like. See further on in this newsletter for more details.

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Term 4 Basketball Program K-6
For Sport in Term 4, Newcastle Basketball’s Development Team will be visiting our school to deliver an 8 week basketball program available to all students in Years 3-6. The cost of the program is $20 and the students will learn the fundamental skills required in the game of basketball. It will include skills such as ball handling, footwork, dribbling, shooting, rebounding and defence and they will learn the rules of the game. Permission notes were sent home in Week 7, but are also available to download on the school website and Skoolbag app. For students to participate in the program, all notes and money must be returned no later than 3:30pm this Friday (11/09/15).

Steven Herrick Visit
Stage 2 and 3 students were treated to a fast-paced, stand-out performance from award winning author and poet Steven Herrick last Friday. Along the way he spoke about his life as a poet and how and where he gets his inspiration to write amusing, clever, verse poetry. The author of 22 books for children and young adults, performed a range of his favourite poems including the ever-popular ‘10 Things Your Parents Will Never Say To You’. Steven shared some of his ideas about good ways to start poems, using a ‘Refrain’ poem as an example. His poem ‘Toenails’ makes use of the word ‘Toenails’ at the beginning of each line. Students were laughing out loud at the humour Steven Herrick used and the ease in which he conducted his storytelling. He can be found reading some of his poetry on his website at http://www.stevenherrick.com.au

Photo Day – School Groups
Next Monday is our group photo day. Please see below to see who is involved and what uniform needs to be worn. If your child is in multiple groups, please send the alternative uniforms with them to change into.

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Please note: The Year 6 group photo will be first thing Monday morning. Please ensure your child is on time to school.
Preschool needs Mulberry Leaves
Spring has sprung and so we figure your Mulberry tree, if you have one, is shooting luscious leaves by now. If this is the case, the preschool would be very grateful if you could pick some for them. Over the next several weeks, the preschool will be following the life cycle of a Silk Worm. Among other changes, an appetite for Mulberry leaves will develop during this process. If you are able to help and you do not have a child in the preschool, we ask that you drop your bag of leaves into the main admin office. Thank you for your support.

Debating update
Our Year 5 debating team, consisting of Grace Luck, Cory Vizintin, Eddie McLeish and Charlotte Robinson, have been competing in the Newcastle Train-On competition. This competition provides opportunity for the students to learn the skills needed to be successful debaters.

Last Friday the team visited Hamilton P.S. and debated the topic that 'TV is better than books.' We had the negative side. The team had only an hour to prepare their case prior to the debate, with the help of team mentor Joseph Hall, they presented a convincing argument that books are indeed better than TV. The adjudicator was impressed with their speaking skills, and their deep level of thinking about the topic. The team have one final debate for the year coming up soon. Well done to each team member on an excellent effort so far. Mrs Cann

Fathers Day Stall – Raffle Winners!
Last Thursday, the P&C fundraising committee held a stall for the students to purchase gifts for their dads/grandads/stepdads for Fathers Day. As part of the event, a raffle was conducted; congratulations to the following students who won prizes as an extra gift for dad.

1st prize: Lisa-Lee B (3/4BG) Dartboard
2nd prize: Jesse C (4G) Torch
3rd prize: Lara W (5E) Wallet

Maths Quiz – Early Stage 1 winner.
Q. Joe had 15 carrots and a rabbit ate 7. How many carrots does Joe have left?
A. 8
Well done and thank you to Natalie, Alexander and Jayden who all entered the Maths Quiz with correct answers and congratulations to Jayden Griffin in K/1Red who’s name was drawn to receive a FREE LUNCH at the canteen.
Fun Day - Thursday 6th November
Each year as part of Year 6 fundraising, a ‘Fun Day’ is held for all students from K-6. The afternoon is run like a mini fete with lots of great activities, stalls and treats on offer. Students are encouraged to bring a manageable amount of money to buy themselves some treats and get involved in some of the activities that the Year 6 students have planned for the afternoon. Activities will cost between 50cents and $1. The event will run from 1.30pm to after lunch.

Changes to the school bus route
For those students who travel to and from school on the State Transit bus service, please be advised that there will changes to the bus route from Term 4 (effective from October 6, 2015).

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SCHOOL ROUTE 736
FROM OCTOBER 6, 2015

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS FROM THE ABOVE DATE, THIS SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO SERVICE DELAWARE DR AND DALMENY DR MACQUARIE HILLS

Route 736 AM: From Munibung Rd at Macquarie Rd along Munibung Rd, L Torrens Ave, R Delasala Dr, Delaware Dr, R 2nd access to Dalmeny Dr, L Delaware Dr, R Lawson Rd, L Monterey Ave, R Granada Ave, L Lawson Rd, R Wentworth Rd, L Macquarie Rd, R John St, L Russell St to Cardiff Primary, R William St, R Queens Ave, L John St, R First St, L Lake Ave to Cardiff 5th Primary, R Crockett St, R Gertrude St (Maud St), L Gertrude St at Maud St intersection, R Haddington Dr, R Saffron Ave, L Ethel St, L Maud St, First St, L Oak St, R Newcastle St, L Myall Rd, R Macquarie Rd, R Main Rd, R Newcastle St Cardiff to St Kevins Primary.

Route 736 PM: From Newcastle St, L Oak St, R First St, L Lake Ave to Cardiff 5th Primary, R Crockett St, R Gertrude St (Maud St), L Gertrude St at Maud St intersection, R Haddington Dr, R Saffron Ave, L Ethel St, L Maud St, First St, L John St, R Russell St to Cardiff Primary, R William St, R Queens Ave, R Brown St, L Macquarie Rd, R Wentworth Rd, L Lawson Rd, R Granada Ave, L Monterey Ave, R Lawson Rd, L Delaware Dr, R 2nd access to Dalmeny Dr, L Delaware Dr, Delasala Dr, L Torrens Ave, R Munibung Rd, Myall Rd to Newcastle St Cardiff.

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Maths Quiz – Stage 3

The average length of a new pencil is 175mm. How many new pencils could be produced from a 350cm length of wood?

If the manufacturer sells them for $1.50 each, how much money would he make?

Name: ___________________  Class: ___________

Answer: ___________________

Answer: ___________________
Outdoor Education Camp – The Giant Swing

In the last week of August, Stage 3 went to camp at Morisset Outdoor Education. There were many different activities one of them was the giant swing. Unfortunately we don’t have any photos of people on the swing because it went way too fast. We went through many safety instructions and we wore strong harnesses to stop us from sailing off into the bush. Your team mates had to pull you up by a rope, 20 metres in the air. Once you were up there you had to pull your own rip cord to release you. Once we each pulled our rope we all flew like a birds through the air. At first, you go very fast and your face would stretch into weird shapes.
The giant swing was very scary but it was worthwhile. I realised that by doing this activity I could conquer my fears of heights and speed. **Abbie Johns**

The Giant Drop

One of the activities Stage 3 participated in was the Giant Drop. The terrifying and leg wobbling Giant Drop is where you have a safety harness and you climb up the shaky stairs. You get up to the tower and have a clip attached to the back of your security harness.
Everyone stood frozen on the edge of the 10 metre ledge. Now looking down at the ground you had try to overcome your fear and jump. Most people screamed in fear as they swung to the ground.
I felt frightened at first but when I did it again I wasn’t scared at all and I just enjoyed myself. This proved that I can overcome my fears. **Nathan Edwards**

MudWorld

One of the most hilarious activities was mud world. Mud World was very muddy and smelt really bad. By the time we got out we were covered from head to toe in mud, it was also up our nose and in our ears. It was torture.
We used team work to get each other up a trap door, after going up the trap door we slid down a very immense slide. At the bottom of the slide murky water splashed up as our speed cut through the water. Of course our instructors then made us play volleyball whilst we suffered hyperthermia.
The worst part was trying to get the rotten creek- like smell out of your hair and clothes; I think our mums had a great time washing our putrid muddy clothes. Although some of us hated the muddy madness we had a great time and it was a good opportunity to get filthy and laugh.
Mr Carlin was a big sook and wouldn’t have a mud bath with us. Instead he laughed his head off, took heaps of photos and was inspired to perform a song for us. **Tiarne Sinclair**

Mortgage Choice

Any school family that establishes a mortgage from Mortgage Choice CARDIFF, our school receives a donation of $250!!

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Believe and Achieve
1D Penpals
This term, 1D have had the exciting opportunity of participating in a Penpal program. Students have been sending and receiving letters from students in another Year 1 class at Sherwood Grange Public School in South West Sydney. The Penpal program has provided opportunities for students to engage in writing, write with consideration of their audience and share and reflect on their own learning. Below are two letters written by Nate and Jazzlin.

Dear Mohamed,

My name is Nate from Cardiff South Public School. I am 7 years old. Are you 7 years old? I play soccer every day when it is on with Mason my friend. And what is your year 6 uniform? I have brown hair, hair, brown eyes. What do you do at school?

Love, Nate.

Dear Casey, my name is Jazzlin.

Are you a girl? I am 5 years old. We have been learning about insects. Have you been learning about insects too? I like bubblegum. Do you have a favourite food? I have a pet and it is a cat. Do you have a pet? At school I like to play on the equipment. Do you have an equilibrium in your playground? From Jazzlin.
**FOR SALE**

3 x long boys school pants Size 4, $10 each

1 x school jacket Size 8, $20

All purchased from the school's uniform shop

All in extremely good, worn condition

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Last week’s winner was....

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OR the three shirts for $30

Please call Kellie. S - 0420 775 027

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**Trivia Night**

Cardiff South Public School P&C Invite you to a night of trivia and music

6:30pm Saturday 12th September

Club Macquarie

Argenton

Cost $15pp (includes 2 x cheese and dip platters per table)

Start organising your teams now!!

(8 pp per table)

Save the date.... more details to follow soon!!

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How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver, not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year-old knows only too well the world revolves around them. "I want..." "Give me..." "It’s mine!" and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it’s something they grow out of...or they’re supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I’m not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child’s propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children’s personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents’ wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have many friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material.

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents’ greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Expect kids to help
With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. Think ‘gang’
It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. "What’s in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What’s in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’

3. Don’t let them get away with meanness
Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents, as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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4 Develop a sense of other
Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5 Encourage giving
During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbour or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

Michael Grose