PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Bands on their outstanding Band Presentation Night last week. It was so exciting to see how far all the band students have come during the last 12 months. Huge credit must go to Mrs Kelsey Scott, our Band Leader, who puts an enormous amount of enthusiasm, time, passion and dedication into her work with the band. Kelsey gives of her time so willingly and freely, we are indeed lucky to have her. Thank you Kelsey, you do an outstanding job.

To Mrs Thurston and the Band Committee, huge thanks for all the time and effort that you put in each week to ensure the band is well supported and organised; congratulations on all the band has achieved this year, they couldn’t have done it without all of you.

As the term races towards a close, everyone’s thoughts turn to end of year functions, Christmas, New Year, and for us here at school, believe it or not, planning for next year. If you are moving over the holidays and not returning in 2015, please let the office know.

Please note the information later in this newsletter about this term’s disco, we are trying something new!

**Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.**
Denise Rispen
Principal

**ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm**

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**GATE CLOSURE TIMES**

Mornings 8.45 – 9.30
Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

**COMING EVENTS**

2/12  AECG meeting 6pm Windale Public School
3/12  Kindy Presentation morning 10.30 - 11.15am
4/12  Hello High School Year 6
5/12 Parent Helper Morning Tea 11.20am – hall
6/12 Combined Scripture 9.30am
7/12  Gold Morning Tea 12pm
8/12  Presentation Day Swansea HS hall - 10am
9/12  School Disco – during the school day
10/12 Year 6 Farewell
11/12 Party Day
12/12 Last day 2014

**AWARDS**

Gold: 1G-Jack C, Kaesyn P, 1/2S-Sophie H. 4P-Mackenzie A.
6M-Emma C. 6S-Abbie L, Whitney G.

Merit: KG: Lainie H, Jordan B. KB: Millie M, Maya B.
IE: Luke B, Katherine B. 1/2S: Riley Mc L, Nicholas P-M.
6M: Caleb P, Angus W. 6S: Jed H, Rhys McN.

**WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS**

Early Stage 1 - Kinder Red

Ho, Ho, Ho! It’s that time of the year again. Kinder Red are ready to celebrate. Over the next couple of weeks we are going to be doing lots of Christmas craft, learning carols and sharing traditional Christmas stories.

We have written our Santa letters and are sending them off to the North Pole this week. Kinder Red is excited about Kinder Presentation Day this Wednesday. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**Stage 1 – 1G**

Wow the countdown is already started! Only 24 days till Santa arrives. 1G has started their Christmas craft already. They have been making beautiful, sparkly Christmas baubles and writing clever descriptions of Santa.

Here are some excerpts from their descriptive writing.

Santa Claus likes to wear big bright black boots. He has twinkling blue eyes and a red cherry nose.  
Zoe

Santa has a red hat with a fluffy white pom pom on the end. He wears black boots, as black as the night sky.  
Amelia

Santa Claus has a black belt and a crimson coat.  
Connor

Santa is very, very, nice because he gives people gifts. He has red rosy raspberry cheeks and a white, curly, whirly, beard.  
Kalan

Santa Claus has cherry red cheeks and a nose that is as cute as a button.  
Reegan

Santa Claus is so cheeky. He loves cookies and milk.  
Santa wears big brown chocolate boots and a big black belt that is too tight.  
Shelly

**Stage 2 – 3/4C**

We have been busy studying 2D shapes, 3D shapes and angles in Mathematics. We used the laptops to create our own tessellating patterns, created 3D shape models using straws and marshmallows and explored different angles with iPads in the school environment.

With Christmas just around the corner, we have been busy creating Christmas stars for the Swansea Library display. Don’t forget to take a look at our class blog where we have photos of some of our learning in action. [www.missbell34c.weebly.com](http://www.missbell34c.weebly.com)

**Stage 3 – 6M**

The journey through primary school is almost complete. We are currently getting organised for the Year 6 Farewell. K-2 sport is working very smoothly with all students enjoying the program.

On behalf of Mrs Sandall and myself I would like to say that this year’s Year 6 students are truly special group of children and we wish them all the best for their future. Mr Manning

**TERM 4 DISCO**

This term the Student Parliament will be hosting another disco here in the School Hall, however we are going to try a new timeslot. All other details, (duration/cost/out of uniform/DJ/Kate stage) will remain the same.

We are going to hold the disco on Friday 12th December instead of sport. The cost will still be $5, the money going to School Parliament.

P&C – MAJOR FUNDRAISER.

**ATTENTION FAMILIES! ATTENTION FAMILIES!**

Please help us to sell our raffle tickets.....we still want to buy some new tables and blinds for the library! Can you help? We still have about 60 raffle books to sell in order to achieve our goal of raising money for the School Library. All books are due back next week.

Remember every time your family sells a complete book you receive an entry into the draw to win an iPod Shuffle 2GB and you can enter online to win your own 7 night family holiday to the Gold Coast or Hamilton Island or Fiji. As they say, you have to be in it, to win it!

P&C Association

**AECG MEETING**

Next Tuesday at 6pm is the Term 4 meeting of the AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group). All interested parties are welcome to attend.
SPORT

Huge congratulations to our two State Athletics Representatives Kayne G and Bella F who competed at last week’s Australian titles. Kayne became a national champion when he placed 1st in the Junior Boys Discus and also gained a 3rd place bronze medallion in the Junior Boys Shot Put. An outstanding result was achieved by Bella F who placed 4th in the Senior Girls Shot Put and 6th in the Discus.

Congratulations to both children on their wonderful achievements.

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This week a note will be sent home about the Swimming Carnival for 2015 which will be held on the second day back at school next year. Because of the time frame, we are asking for the money and permission note before the end of this year. All children in Years 3-6 plus any 2015 Year 2 student who turns 8 in 2015 and is a competent swimmer.

If your 2015 Year 2 child fits these criteria, please ask them to get a note from the office.

GARDEN FUNDING

Mrs Burrows, one of our wonderful gardening mums, has applied for a grant to put some water saving devices around our gardens.

To be successful, our local community, friends and family have to vote for the project. To vote, go to the site (www.philmacproject.com.au) register via either Facebook or using email (to ensure everyone votes once to keep it fair!), click on your entry and click on the big ‘Vote for this entry’ button.

BAND NEWS

Band Presentation Night last Wednesday night was a great success. It was the celebration of a successful year in banding at our school. Congratulations to every band member for the commitment and enthusiasm they have displayed throughout the year.

I would like to acknowledge the following award recipients from the night:

Junior Band
Most Improved - Renee Benton
Commitment Award - Myles Mazzitelio
Encouragement Award - Zane Egan
Band Person of the Year - Jack Paterson

Senior Band
Most Improved - Olivia Sedgman
Commitment Award - Rochelle Manning
Band Person of the Year - Emma Cummings and Marnie Nebauer
Band Leader 2015 - Kristian Bunt
Eric Boyd Memorial Award – Joshua Payne

Tomorrow we are hosting a travelling school band from North Rocks in Sydney. They will be doing a workshop with our band s...

A few reminders – Term fees and band camp deposit are due. My email address is michelle.thurston1@det.nsw.edu.au if you still need to send me through your contact details.

Please pay Band fees ASAP by cash to the office or by direct debit. You can also pay for the $20 camp deposit this way, the reference is your child’s name followed by ‘camp’ to the account Name: Caves Beach PS Concert Band BSB 062820 account no. 00903319

Have a great week – Michelle Thurston

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. If you or a neighbour has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2015, please contact the Office with their details as soon as possible so we are able to organise enrolment packages which have been sent out.

CANTEEN

Please find included with this week’s newsletter a pre order form for a Pie Day on Canteen’s last open day for the year Friday 12th December. This will be the only hot food available on the day. Please note that the canteen will be closed on the last week of this term Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th Dec. We thank everyone for all their support for purchasing from the canteen this year and making our canteen such a success. If anyone would like to volunteer on the canteen roster please contact Jackie Bugeja on 0400006373.

Tuesday 2nd Dec
Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor

Wednesday 3rd Dec
CLOSED

Thursday 4th Dec
Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson & Rebecca Webster

Friday 5th Dec
Leanne Fox, Shani Walsmey & Stacey Gay

Monday 8th Dec
Mandy Steed & Diannah Moore

Tuesday 9th Dec
Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley

Wednesday 10th Dec
CLOSED

Thursday 11th Dec
Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser

Friday 12th Dec
Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper & MelMcSpadden

FREE AIR CONDITIONERS

This is just one of the things that the school has received from the funds raised by the Canteen. The Canteen has also helped our school purchase Smart Boards for the classrooms and refurbish the library and the computer room. All of these things help our children every day in their learning environment.

We are unable to have such a profitable, well-functioning canteen without all of our wonderful volunteers, but we are still short of volunteers for 2015. If we are unable to fill these vacancies the Canteen will have to close another day each week.

Please, if you are able to help out contact Jackie on 0400006373.

PD/HEALTH

Over the past couple of weeks all students have been involved in PD/Health lesson on Emergency procedures and services. Could you remind your child of the following:

• In an Emergency dial 000
• Always be safe in or near water
• Learn to swim
• Learn how to resuscitation
• Know the rules

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WETLANDS CENTRE

Visit the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland in the January school holidays. There’s always a lot to see and do.

- Try dip-netting from the jetty
- Watch the Magpie Geese feeding
- Climb the Egret Tower
- Get up close to some of our reptiles at an interactive tan talk.
- Become a WETLANDS EXPLORER and go in the draw to win a weekly prize
- Hire a bike or canoe or bring your own and explore the wetlands
- Climb, slide and play at the Discovery Playground
- Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe

Kids can book in for one of the special holiday activities:

Bush Skills for 8-12 years ($20) – have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, and learn knots and other bush skills.

Wriggly Wetlanders for 5-8 years ($20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and then get creative with craft activities.

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 4951 6466

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES LAKE MAC

Christmas is approaching, which means that the summer holidays are almost here. We have put together another jam packed holiday activities brochure for events happening at our libraries, gallery, swim centres and outdoors.

If you would like to share the activities electronically, you will find the list of activities on our website at www.lakemac.com.au/playtime. You can also download the brochure here.

There are so many great activities on this school holidays that we could not fit them all in one brochure! Families can also follow our new Facebook page – What’s On Lake Mac to find out about what other activities we have planned throughout the holidays.

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