PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

This Friday is the CSIRO Science Day for students K-6. The cost for this event was included in the book levy that most parents paid this term. If you have yet to pay this levy, please drop into the office this week, otherwise some students may have to miss out.

Remember to book in for a parent teacher interview, all bookings are done online. The information and links are listed below. We have already had an email from a parent who thought it was really easy. If you can’t access it at home the computer in the office is available to use.

Please note, the closing date for the UNSW tests for Years 3-6 is this Friday. Late payments cannot be accepted. Information is included later in the newsletter.

Also, I will be on leave for the last week of this term and the first week of next term. Mr Colin Johnson, Principal of Charlestown South PS will be stepping in to relieve.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen – Principal

GATE CLOSURE TIMES

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ASSEMBLY

Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

Week 9   CSIRO Science Show
Week 10  ANZAC Assembly

COMING EVENTS

27/3 Cross Country
28/3 CSIRO Science Show
8/4 Athletics Carnival
9/4 Easter Hat Parade
10/4 Family Fun Night at Bunnings Belmont
11/4 ANZAC Day service 12.30pm
11/4 Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The first day of term 2 (28th April) is a School Development Day. School resumes for students on TUESDAY 29TH APRIL.

AWARDS

Merit:

KG: Reeghan B, Jordan B; KB: Mitchell L, Maya B;

Gold Award: Campbell McS – 2/3P

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our online booking option for booking an interview with your child’s teacher is now open. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type the letters RKMVP into the school event code box and hit go. Follow the instructions and your time is booked. You will only see the times that are available. Once a parent books a time it is not offered as an option to anyone else. If you are unable to access the internet at home there is a computer in the office that you can use to book your time. Otherwise please contact the office.

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Cambourakis, our office manager, is on long service leave for the rest of the term. She will be replaced by our Friday office lady, Mrs Debono. Mrs Medcalf will pick up Mrs Debono’s Friday.

SCHOOL LEVY

Thank you to those parents who were able to drop in to pay this levy, however we are still waiting for quite a few payments. These payments are now overdue. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact us.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much for your support of the Parliament’s drought relief fundraiser. The final amount raised was $484.00. Well done.

STEWARD HOUSE

Envelopes for the annual Stewart House drive are coming home with the newsletter today. Simply enclose $2 in the envelope to be in the draw for a $4000 holiday of your choice. These envelopes are to be returned by Friday 4th April so we will have plenty of time to send the entries to Sydney.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW – EXTERNAL TESTS

The opportunity to participate in these tests is offered to students in Years 3-6. Participation is voluntary and each test has an entry fee. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the tear off form below and return to school with correct money for entry fees. Entries close this Friday 28th March. This is the closing date for these tests and cannot be extended.

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MOBILE PHONES

Australian mobile Recycling is conducting another drive to collect any old mobile phones, iPad and/or tablets. If you have any of these lying
around at home please send them in by the 4th April and we will organise their disposal. The money raised will be put towards our technology purchases.

**SPORT**

**AFL**
Congratulations to Zach M on his selection in the Hunter AFL team. Zach will now participate in the NSW AFL Carnival which will be held in May of Term 2. Well done Zach.

**Netball**
Congratulations to Amber C on her selection in the East Lake Macquarie Zone Netball Team. Amber will now try out for selection in the Hunter Regional Netball team. These trials will be held in Week 10 of this term. Well done Amber.

**Soccer**
Ethan H will trial for selection in the Hunter Boys Soccer Team in Week 10. Good Luck Ethan.

**Rugby League**
Following Hunter Regional Rugby trials last Friday the following boys gained selection in the possible/probable team. The boys will now trial for Hunter representation this Wednesday. Well done to Kye B, Zane B and Harry Mc.

**Cross Country**
The School Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 27th March** commencing at 1:00pm. As a safety measure the access road will be blocked to all traffic at the school crossing from 12.55pm through to the completion of the event. Children gaining 1st through to 4th place in each division will be invited to participate at the Zone Carnival which will be held on **Friday 2nd May** (Term 2, Week 1).

**Athletics**
The first of the school’s two day Athletics Carnivals will be held on **Tuesday 8th April**. On this day children in Years 3-6, and selected Year 2 children, will participate in the field events which include high jump, discus, shot put and long jump. Any enquires please contact Mrs Sandall beforehand.

**KINDY NOTICEBOARD**
Only 3 weeks until end of term 1! How time flies when you’re having fun! The children continue to settle in well and many friendships are being made.

Our sounds this week are ‘h’ and ‘r’. We are working hard with our sounds in class by locating them at the beginning and end of words in text. You can support your child’s learning by asking he/she, when they are reading or talking, what sound do some words start with or what is their beginning sound. They should be very familiar with this language. Sight words check should be a nightly routine along with home reading.

Please continue to work through the maths pages and encourage your child to recognise numbers in everyday life eg, number plates, road signs, games.

We look forward to catching up with you for parent teacher interviews in the coming weeks - be sure to make an appointment using the online booking system. Also, just a reminder to send in your child’s materials to make their Easter hat. Have a lovely week.

Mrs Thurston, Mrs Johns Mrs McDonald and Mrs Scott

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
Congratulations to our first thirteen PRC students who have completed the 2014 challenge.

Brayden Mac – Year 6 Challenge.
Jye S, Zac N, Nicholas E – Year 3 Challenge.
Nathan H, Rianna B – Year 2 Challenge.

**BAND NEWS**
Term fees are now **OVERDUE**; please check if you have forgotten to pay.
Please note that the band will not need to play at the Bunnings Easter fundraiser. The children just need to turn up and have fun.

**Easter Family Fun Night**
If you enjoy a sausage sizzle, face painting, jumping castles, craft, magicians and an Easter egg hunt then you will enjoy the family fun night coming up at Bunnings Belmont on Thursday night 10th April (time TBC).
This is open to all families in the school and will raise funds to purchase new instrument carry cases for the band. It is a FREE event; however Bunnings will donate money for each child that attends.
Children will be given a ticket on arrival which will be exchanged for a sausage sandwich and drink. The more tickets we collect, the more money that is raised for our school. This includes ALL children including siblings and friends.

Adults can purchase a sausage sandwich and drink for a small price with all proceeds coming to the school. Please let Mrs Thurston know (verbally) how many children will be attending from your family. If you cannot commit now but turn up on the night, that is ok too. Looking forward to another enjoyable night!

**Upcoming events:**
- Hot Cross Bun fundraiser
  - **Thursday 10th April** - Easter Family Fun Night at Bunnings Belmont
  - **23rd and 24th July** - BandLink at Newcastle Town Hall

**P&C**
- **EASTER RAFFLE**
  - Each year the P&C hold an Easter Raffle. Each student is encouraged to donate one easter egg towards the raffle. Easter Eggs can be placed in the baskets in the office foyer up until Monday the 7th April.
  - Each family will today receive a packet of 10 raffle tickets to sell. Money and tickets need to be back to the office by Monday the 7th April. Tickets will also be sold at the Easter Hat Parade, where the hampers will be drawn at the conclusion.

**COMBINED CHURCHES**
The Combines Churches of the area have joined together to form a Youth Outreach to Primary School children. It is held at the Uniting Church, 52 Park Avenue, Caves Beach from 3.15 to 4.30pm each Friday during school term. The program (including afternoon tea) is:-
1. Children are signed in by a parent
2. Indoor games
3. A scrumptious afternoon tea
4. Short scripture story and board game with Pastor David Sykes
5. Outdoor games

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