PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Our Josh Caruso Day Last Friday was a huge success. Mrs Caruso was deeply moved when Student Parliament presented her with a cheque for the $907 that had been raised by our school. Thank you to all parents for your support with this initiative. Our children looked great as a ‘sea of blue’ at the assembly, very different to our usual yellow and black look.

If you are one of 96 families out of the 271 families in our school who have taken up the phone app, please let me know how it is going. If you have the app do you still need to receive a hard copy of our newsletter? Alternatively if you have an email address, it would help us to cut down our printing costs if we could reduce the number of newsletters we have to print, we could then use that money for other things in our school. Meanwhile, don’t forget to check the weekly hints in the newsletter on making the most of the phone app.

Last week’s CAPApillar Day was a wonderful success with over 100 children from our local schools and 52 of our students participating in the activities. Huge thanks to Mrs Thurston and Mrs Pascoe for all their preparation for the day and to all the ‘experts’ for their input on the day.

This year our school is participating in the 2014 trial of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability (we participated in this trial in 2012 as well). From 2015 participation in this collection of data will be mandatory for all schools across Australia. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability/learning difficulty. Under this trial some students with learning difficulties may also be included in the statistics. Parents of children, whose abilities fall within the range of data to be captured, will be notified before the information is sent away.

The data collection will have no direct impact on any child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

Every child’s staff, safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

National Collection of Data training – Mrs Coughtrie, Mrs McDonald and Mrs Rispen

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

11/6 Year 5 Debate vs Jewells
12/6 School Disco (K-2 5.30-6.30 & Years 3-6 6.45-8pm
13/6 Assembly of Excellence
16/6 UNSW Writing
17/6 UNSW Spelling
18/6 Gold Morning Tea
16/18/6 Raw Art
23-25/6 Raw Art
25/6 Aboriginal Performance K-6 students

AWARDS

Gold: 1/2S – Lola I, 3M- Ruby J.

DISCO

This Thursday night there will be a school disco organised by Student Parliament and supervised by staff. Cost of entry will be $5 for each student.

K-2 students will be ‘discoing’ from 5.30-6.30 and the Years 3-6 will be ‘discoing’ from 6.45-8pm.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!

If your child is absent, please remember that Departmental regulations state parents must provide a reason. Regular absences, late arrivals or early departures impact on your child’s learning. Excellent attendance promotes:

• Improved learning outcomes
• Results in school based testing and external assessments reflecting the student’s potential
• Opportunities in sport, music and other activities
• Positive teacher / student relationships
• Improved peer interactions and social skills
• Student safety and wellbeing
• A school report reflecting positive attendance and punctuality
• Enhanced future prospects in education and employment

SCHOOL APP FOR IPHONES AND ANDROID PHONES

Did you know you can share the app with friends and other school parents by clicking on the Tell Friend button located on the home screen? You can share by email, Facebook, Twitter or SMS.
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 will be sent out in Term 3.

LOST PROPERTY
Please investigate lost property, all unnamed and unclaimed items will be
washed and donated to the used clothing pool at the end of the term.

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to Thomas F - 2C, Brooklyn R - 3S, Tori S - 3S and Molly
F - 4P for finishing the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

SPORT
Congratulations to the Girls’ and Boys’ State Knockout Soccer teams and
the Netball team on their achievement in last week’s rounds of the State
Knockout competition. Each team will now advance to Round 4 of their
respective competitions. Congratulations to the members of these three
teams.

Softball
Congratulations to Olivia C, Elise K and Olivia S on their selection in the
Girls’ Hunter Regional Softball team. The girls will now participate in the
State Carnival at St Ives in late August.

BAND NEWS
The children’s hard work was evident at the CAPA day assembly
performance last Wednesday. The day provided an excellent opportunity
for them to be involved in a unique experience - well done!

Thank you to those parents who were able to help out in the band room
last Friday morning - Mrs Scott really appreciated the assistance.

Later this week you will receive a note regarding BandLink. It is not
happening until 23rd and 24th July, however I wanted to give you forward
notice as there is a cost involved.

Term fees are now due, please find Internet Banking details below for your
convenience.
Commonwealth Bank BSB No: 062820 Account No: 00903319

Upcoming events:
Week 8 Assembly - Senior Band performance
Week 9 Assembly - Junior Band performance

Details for which will be provided later in the term:
23rd and 24th July - BandLink at Newcastle City Hall
15th August (Friday night) - Family Band Night at Swansea R.S.L
Have a good week!

CANTEEN
Unfortunately we have had to postpone the pie drive until the end of term 3
as we would have clashed with the preschool’s pie drive. My apologies for
any inconvenience it may have caused.

On a brighter note, we have decided to have a pre order “Italian Day” on
the last day of term. Please find the order form with this newsletter. This
will be the only hot food available on the day and the canteen will close
after lunch for stock take and cleaning so we will not be open for recess.

Wednesday 11th June CLOSING
Thursday 12th June Michelle Coutts & Kristy Jackson
Friday 13th June Liana Wright, Kim Surman, Lexi McInnes & Kate
Griffith
Monday 16th June Kiani Kingston & Fiona Twyford
Tuesday 17th June Jo Corbett & Jackie Taylor
Wednesday 18th June CLOSING
Thursday 19th June Dea Freebody, Jackie Richardson, Rebecca
Webster
Friday 20th June Leanne Fox, Shani Hancock & Stacey Gay

COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you need skills for the future?
Do you need training in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Medical, Bookkeeping,
Information Technology or Retail?
A range of courses will be offered including full-time, part-time and flexible
delivery options in our Personalised Learning Centre. Both day and
evening classes are available.

Ring NOW to express your interest for
Semester 2, 2014 courses.
INFORMATION/ENROLMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON
24 JUNE 2014 AT 10.00AM
Classes commence 14 July 2014
You can also enrol online any time of year for courses in our Personalised
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