PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

The first day back next term, 14th July, is a School Development Day or a pupil free day. The focus of our day will be the development of the 2015-17 School Plan and the implementation of the new English and Maths syllabus. Next term there will be workshops and opportunities for parents to have input into the plan as well.

Thank you to those parents who have let me know that the phone app has been helpful. If you have an email address, please let the office know so we can email you the newsletter as we would like to reduce our printing costs. Of course the newsletter is always available on the website and our phone app!

At the end of this term Mrs Alison Chapman (2C) will be retiring after a long career in teaching. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, professionalism and energy that she has shown during her career in teaching. She has worked in many schools across our system and in other countries, always aiming to help children to reach their potential. Mrs Chapman has been an avid supporter of environmental education who eagerly shared her enjoyment of the environment with the children in her classes. Our rainforest will miss her visits!

Ms Jo Dennis has been appointed to our school to fill this position. Ms Dennis will begin on the first day of next term.

It is hard to believe Term 2 is almost over. It has been a busy, eventful but exciting term. Stay safe and have a great holiday, see you all on the 15th July.

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

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Focus on Reading – Mr White and Mrs Pascoe

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

23/25/6  Raw Art
25/6  Aboriginal Performance K-6 students
27/6  Last day of Term 2
14/7  School Development day – staff only
15/7  School resumes Term 3 – first day for students

AWARDS

6M:  Rachel B, Cooper H.
6S:  Jasmine G, Isaac R.

DEBATING

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 Debating teams. So far the Year 6 is undefeated and the Year 5 team has only lost one debate – against our Year 6 team! This week both teams will debate against Eleebana PS on Friday morning. Good luck to all our debaters.

REPORTS

Student reports are to go home this week, so keep an eye out in your child’s bag. If you have any questions about the report, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to talk.

Your child’s absences – partial, full, explained and unexplained - are included on the report. At this time the program that we use for reports, does not exclude absences for school business, which is a format that we cannot change. This has been mentioned to the company, hopefully it will be something that they can adjust in the future. Please be assured that our records do distinguish between school business and absences for other reasons.

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.

PARKING

Recently we have received complaints from neighbours in Silky Oak Drive and the surrounding streets regarding parents parking in and across their driveways in the afternoons and mornings. Our school does have a parking problem that we all wish could be resolved, however at this time we have to work within the restraints placed upon us. Please be aware of where you park, think about how you would feel if you came out and someone had parked across your driveway. Even though you may think you will only be a few minutes, you never know when you will get caught up and forget that you parked across someone’s access.

BAND NEWS

Thanks to Senior Band who played “Party Rock Anthem” at assembly last Friday. The whole school had their toes tapping – well done! We look forward to seeing Junior Band make their assembly debut this Friday.
BandLink – Notes and payment are due by this Friday as I have to lodge our members with the organisers by the afternoon (I have already been given a week’s extension). I understand this is a big financial commitment at this time; however the benefits for your child are priceless. Thanks for an enjoyable and supportive Term 2. Have a wonderful break!

**Upcoming dates:-**

Thursday 17th July (week 1) Band Committee meeting 8.15pm

In Kinder Green room

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!

**KINDY NEWS**

Wow! Half way through Kindergarten already! Time has flown and all the children have truly blossomed. Kinder speeches will now be held in Week 1 next term which will give you some more time to prepare.

Happy holidays!

**SPORT**

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

Harry M, Kye B and Zane Bs Hunter team finished 5th at the NSW Championships. Congratulations boys, a great result. Special congratulations to Harry M who gained selection in the NSW Rugby League team which will compete at the Australian Championships in Wollongong this August. A fantastic achievement, Well done Harry.

**SOCCER**

Chloe S will participate in the N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Girls’ Soccer Championships this week. All the best, Chloe.

**SOFTBALL**

Ethan H will trial for regional representation this Friday. All the best, Ethan.

Girls and Boys State K.O. teams will play matches against Marks Point Primary School this Wednesday. We wish them all the best.

**RUGBY UNION**

Kobi K, Cruz K and Zach M all trialled for selection in the Hunter Rugby Union team last Friday. Well done boys. Harry M will now attend trials this Wednesday. All the best Harry.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS**

All final results following our Athletics Carnival will be provided in Week 1 Term 3.

**CANTEEN**

Tuesday 23rd June Belinda Watson & Denise Roughley

Wednesday 24th June CLOSED

Thursday 25th June Rebecca Paterson & Monique Kaiser

Friday 26th June “Italian Day” Katrina Castledine, Georgie Piper, Stacey Gay & Jo Corbett

Monday 14th July CLOSED PUPIL - FREE DAY

Tuesday 15th July Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead

Wednesday 16th July CLOSED

Thursday 17th July Leanne Smith, Sarah Rice & Sue-Ellen Hines

Friday 18th July Alicia Drain, Hanna Krs, Brett Hedley & Cassandra Sutton

**ITALIAN DAY**

Just a reminder that the pre orders for “Italian Day” need to be handed in by tomorrow 24/6. Sorry no late orders can be accepted due to catering purposes. Also there will be no other hot food available on this day and the canteen will be closed after lunch for stock take and cleaning.

Have a safe and great holiday.

**CAVES WIKI POWAKALIKO GARDEN**

A couple of weeks ago it was mentioned in the newsletter that our school had successfully applied for funding through the Lake Macquarie Council Sustainability project for a new vegetable/sensory/bush tucker garden. The garden, which will be constructed in stages throughout the next 6-12 months, will eventually become a community garden.

We will be having a few working bees over the next 6 months to complete the establishment of the project. The first working bee is scheduled for Sunday 6th July (during the holidays) and we are hoping that some parents and community members will be able to help out. Sunday 6th July will start at 10am and we are aiming to construct raised vegetable gardens and do some painting.

If you are able to help please let the ladies in the office know, or you can contact me on 0400 006 373. Please come along and make our school a brighter, happier place for our children to learn.

Thank you, Jackie Bugeja

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**TOUCH FOOTY IN THE SPRING JUNIOR COMPETITION**

Do your children enjoy team sports? Why not join one of our teams? Children from 9 years to 17 years plus our CUBS Program for children 4,5 &6 years old. Register now or for further information admin@wallsendtouch.com.au

**FLIPPA BALL with LAKE MACQUARIE DOLPHINS WATER POLO CLUB**

Come and play Flippa Ball Wednesday’s 7pm – 8pm at Coughlins Pool, Warners Bay. Starting 16th July. Enquires on enquiries@lakemacquariedolphins.or.au or watkins.4@bigpond.com.au

**HOLIDAY FUN AT LOLLIPOPS PLAYLAND AND CAFÉ**

Located at U6/154 Park Ave, Kotara. Phone 49655 466 for enquiries regarding holiday program.

**HUNTER WRITERS CENTRE – HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

Creative writing for Young Writers Tuesday 1st July for ages 13 – 15 at 10am – 2pm, Thursday 3rd July for ages 10 -12 at 12pm – 4pm, at City Library Theatrette. To book: www.hunterwriterscentre.org

**NSW OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES SPORT & RECREATION**

The holiday program is available on the website: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamp

**POWER LAB**

School Holiday Program 7th - 11th July 9.30am to 12.30pm each day. Games, food, stories, crazy science experiments and awesome quests. Every day something new!

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