From the principal...

It was wonderful to see all the mums who were able to come along to last week’s Mother’s Day breakfast. It was a beautiful morning, the sun shining and an excellent opportunity for mums and their children to share some time before their busy day started.

A huge thank you to the mums who volunteered to organise the food and serve up a tasty breakfast to all. I hope all mothers had a wonderful Mother’s Day in the company of their children. I know I did.

To the group of mums who manned the stall on Friday, a huge thank you. You did a great job!

This week sees our Year 3 and 5 students sit the 2015 NAPLAN tests. It is important that all students who are sitting for this test are at school this week. The tests will be held first thing in the morning so punctuality will also be important. We appreciate the support of all Year 3 and 5 parents in assisting us to start and complete the tests on time.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Focus on Reading – Ms McLaren, Miss Bell and Mrs Tukavkin

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

Week 4 1/2L

Week 5 1/2P

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30 Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS
Gold: 1/2L-Ryley L.


COMING EVENTS
13/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Reading
Year 6 Taster lessons
14/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Numeracy
18/5 GRIP Year 6 Leadership Day
19/5 UNSW Digital Technology test
AECG meeting Swansea High School 6pm
20/5 School Council 7pm
27/5 P&C dinner Salina’s 7pm
27-28/5 Stage 2 Blue Mountains excursion

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016
If you have a child that will be commencing Kindergarten next year please contact the Office at your earliest convenience with their details. This will enable us to place all names into our system and get the Enrolment package to you ASAP.

P&C
Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday. The fundraising calendar for the year has been finalised and includes: a disco with pizzas, a major raffle, Father’s day stall, pie drive and Christmas raffle. The P&C goal for this year is to raise $24,000 for the softfall that needs to be replaced under the play equipment. If any businesses would like to donate towards this please contact the school or any P&C representative. We are underway with our goal raising $1,764 profit from the Easter Raffle and $1,447 for the Mother’s Day Stall.

The P&C are also purchasing silicone wrist bands for school excursions to increase safety for our children. The P&C would also like to congratulate Dea Freebody who was the successful applicant for the Uniform Shop Coordinator position.

A very BIG thank you to the Canteen Coordinator and Volunteers for the lovely Mother’s Day breakfast. The sun was shining and it was great to see everyone having a wonderful time. Also, a big thank you, to the volunteers who assisted at the Mother’s Day Stall last Friday morning.

Lastly, the P&C are having a mum’s night out at Salina’s Restaurant on Wed 27th of May. The cost is $28 and RSVPs with payment can be left at the office. This is going to be a great night and an excellent way to meet other parents and those who are on the P&C committee.

COMING EVENTS
12/5 NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Language & Writing

A great bunch of women helped to make the morning of the stall run smoothly and with lots of fun. The team was well organised and the kids enjoyed finding their special purchases for their mums, nans and more! This annual event is a great fundraiser for the P&C.
Finally, thanks to Scott Stewart (our ex-Olympian cyclist) who ran all sessions. The children’s awareness of the importance of Bike Safety has been enhanced.

WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1- K/1J
K/1J are doing some amazingly clever work at the moment. I’m sure that they spent all their holidays practising their skills.

This week was the Year 5 final session with our Active Transport program. Thanks to all Year 5 pupils for their enthusiasm in all 3 sessions and LMCC for providing us with the opportunity to participate. Finally, thanks to Scott Stewart (our ex-Olympian...
BAND NEWS
Band members will be offered a box of Cadbury fundraising chocolates to sell. The profits will assist in the maintenance and purchase of new instruments. The chocolates will be available for collection at home time on Friday afternoon under the COLA. We thank you again for your continued support of fundraising events. Reeds are available to purchase from the office for $3.50.
Upcoming events:
- CAPA Day - Wednesday, 3rd June (cost $20)
- Band Link - 22nd and 23rd July (cost TBC)

Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston

LIBRARY
Premiers Reading Challenge is now online. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/

CANTEEN
Mother’s Day breakfast was a big success this year, it was nice to see lots of new faces. I would like to thank everyone who helped to either prepare or serve on the day, without you we would not be able to have these special days. So thanks to Ala B, Meagan B, Dea F, Jackie R, Liana W, Kim S, Jo M, Jane G and Bec W. Just a reminder to everyone that there has been some price rises on the menu. Please check prices when ordering lunches. If you did not receive a new menu, one can be picked up from the office or the canteen.

Roster
- Monday 11 May – Wendy S
- Tuesday 12 May – Mel Mc and Kerry W
- Thursday 14 May – Dea F, Benita O and Bec W
- Friday 15 May – Liana W, Kim S, Denise Mc, Yeni L and Lisa G

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers 😊

Uniform Shop News
Sport Shirts HAVE ARRIVED!! If you were waiting for your colour/size in our sport shirts - they have all arrived at the uniform shop. They are $30 and are available in a size 6 - 16. The athletics carnival is coming up, on the 10th of June, so now is the time to check you have your house colours ready!!

The uniform shop is open Wednesdays 2:30-3:30. A huge thank you to all our friendly volunteers - there to help with all your uniform needs each week!

Just a reminder...
For your convenience we also offer an order service -
2. Fill out your order form.
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4. Drop order & receipt to the school office (or send with your child to hand in to the office).
5. Your order will be delivered to your child's classroom. It's that easy - no need to rush around!!

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!
Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the office as soon as possible.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!
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Phone: __________________________
Email: ____________________________
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COMMUNITY NOTICES
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE
This course is to be held in June at Allambi Care Charlestown. During this three session program, parents/carers will learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. The program is located at Allambi Care 28 Fraser Parade Charlestown (Treetops Training Room) on Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th June 2015 Morning Sessions 9.30am to 11.45am.

This program covers (7.5hrs in total):
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

For information contact Michael Burke, Adolescent & Family Counsellor | Allambi Care P: +61 249 445 900 M: +61 408 677 402 E: MichaelB@allambi.org. Visit our website www.allambi.org

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