From the principal...

Thanks to the parents who are assisting with the parking each afternoon by staying in their car, it certainly helps to keep the traffic moving. Don’t forget, there is also the option to have your children join with the bus people as they walk through the High School grounds to the bus stop where you can meet them. The bus people usually leave the COLA about 3.10pm. This may save you having to deal with the traffic!

If you are ever held up and think you will be running late, please don’t panic, just phone the office and leave a message, there is always someone at the office until all the students have left.

Just a reminder - please do not walk your child through the car parks at any time; these areas are always out of bounds for students, even if they are accompanied by adults. There are pedestrian gates on either side of the car gates for pedestrian access.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT
Improving your Teaching with Assessment in English K-6
Teaching Reading and Writing K-6
- Mrs Johns and Mrs Thurston

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

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GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS
Gold: 1/2Z-Darius B. 6W-Beaudene J.
Merit Awards: KM: Chandra S, Andrew W. KT: Lachlan K.


THIS WEEK
Tuesday - UNSW Digital Technology test
            AECG meeting Swansea High School 6pm
Wednesday - School Council 7pm

NEXT WEEK
Wednesday & Thursday - Stage 2 Blue Mountains excursion

FURTHER AHEAD
3/6 CAPApillar Day
4/6 Disco
10/6 Athletics Carnival

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.

CHESS NEWS
The 2015 Chess season is ready to take off! We have entered 2 teams into Zone I this year and Mr Kraitzer and I will formally announce the names of those 8 students shortly. There are 2 chess events coming up.
1. A “friendly” between Caves Beach A and B rookies and St Patrick’s at Swansea.
2. A tournament for both A and B against Jewells PS, Marks Point PS, St Patrick’s Swansea and St Paul’s Gateshead.
As always we will need help with transport to the tournament as well as at least ONE adult who is able to stay for the duration of the event. If you can help out, it would be greatly appreciated; please let me know.
Jo Dennis - Coordinating teacher.
**CAPAPELLAR DAY**

In order to secure your spot, please return the permission note and money to the office by this Wednesday. Please inform your teacher if you are unable to participate on the day so we can offer the position to another child.

**LIBRARY**

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the Premiers Reading Challenge Mia S, Ellie A, Edie L and Karli W. Special mention to Steven R from 1/2G who has finished the 3/4 challenge.

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

**WHAT’S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS**

**Early Stage 1 - Kinder**

Kinder will be looking at the sounds ‘k’ and ‘v’ this week and continuing with their new sight list. We hope that the children are also revising old sight words and sounds regularly as we are starting to assess the children’s progress for reporting purposes.

During Literacy Groups, some children have been using the iPads to record themselves while reading aloud. The children listen to themselves as readers, with the aim being to improve their fluency and confidence when reading to an audience.

In Mathematics, we are learning to describe and compare areas using everyday language such as big, bigger, biggest. Kinder are exploring new apps on our iPads to consolidate their knowledge of addition and to examine number patterns.

The School Concert is fast approaching, so this week kinder will be starting to put some ideas together for their performance. It is all very exciting!

**Stage 1 - 1/2P** has had a super start to Term 2. We have been busily learning to write persuasive texts. Here are some fabulous exerts from our writing samples about saving our rainforest and convincing mum and dad to buy an Australian animal for the family pet.

The rainforest is a beautiful part of our world. People would be absolutely devastated if it was destroyed. Kalan.

How would you like it if your favourite animals died and how would you like it if your home got knocked down? Kaiden.

Firstly, Blue tongues can make their homes all by themselves and if you let me have this pet I will always be kind to my sister.

Secondly, the blue tongue is extremely quiet and will not disturb you in the morning. Luke.

In Reading Groups we have been learning to navigate our way around information texts to gain important information on animals and extend our vocabulary, while in Maths the focus has been on place value, using the jump strategy and multiplication.

We are very excited about our assembly item on Friday. Hope to see you there!

**Stage 2 - 3/4P**

In class we have been looking at some Early World explorers like Vasco da Gama and Christopher Columbus and this week will start to learn about some of the early European explorers who mapped parts of Australia before the First Fleet arrived.

In Maths, we have been constructing column and picture graphs, working out the area of shapes and revisiting multiples and factors.

We are enjoying our fluency passages and love our partner reading time (where we get to discuss our thoughts and opinions with our friends.)

We are counting down the days until our Blue Mountains excursion.

**Stage 3- 5W**

What a term it had been so far. 5W had a massive week with NAPLAN and we gave it our all. This term we are learning all about the sun and the role it plays in the Solar System. In History we have learned that Van Damien’s land was the original name used by most Europeans for the island of Tasmania. We are studying Inanimate Alice in English and are really engaged in comparing the print version to an overly cluttered digital text.

**SPORT**

Oh what a game! The senior girls netball team triumphed! Despite the windy conditions, the girls claimed an impressive victory with a 15-7 win over Belmont Public School.

**BAND NEWS**

Thanks to Mrs Scott for conducting the band at assembly last Friday. You all sounded excellent! CAPApillar notes are due to the office by Wednesday. Thanks to the families who have taken a fundraiser chocolate box to sell. Please let me know if you would like more. We have 2 weeks to return the money and any unsold chocolates.

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

**CANTEEN**

**Roster**

- **Monday 18 May** – Tania S
- **Tuesday 19 May** – Danielle W and Alicia I
- **Thursday 21 May** – Georgie P
- **Friday 22 May** – Amanda O, Stacey G, Shani W & Leanne F
- **Monday 25 May** – Mandy S and Diannah M
- **Tuesday 26 May** – Belinda W and Denise R
- **Thursday 28 May** – Bec P
- **Friday 29 May** – Michelle C, Nicole O, Denise McK, Sonia F and Kiani K
I am in need of emergency volunteers Thursday 21 May and Thursday 28 May, if you can help out that would be fantastic. Call the school office or myself on 0400006373

Jackie B 😊

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.
3. Pay online via direct deposit - details on the order from.
   Attach a copy of your direct deposit receipt to your order OR Pay cash at the office.
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!!

NRMA Road Safety Competition
Win one of TWO ZoosnooZ overnight stays for the whole class at Taronga Zoo with great runner up prizes. There are over $5000 in prizes to be won. Our fantastic On the Road Competition reinforces basic but vital road safety messages.

The competition closes Friday 22nd May.
We have two different competitions: one for students in K-Year 3 and one student in Year 3-6. Interested students can pick up an entry form – Mrs Toohey or the office.

Walk to School Day
Mark Friday 22nd May, 2015 into your diary- families, parents and carers are encouraged to get involved on the day by simply walking to school from home with their children, or walking with them to the school bus. If parents or carers have to drive, park the car a short distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. This important community initiative encourages children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning at lunch-time and at end of each school day.

The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.

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