From the principal...

Hope everyone enjoyed the incredible weather over the long weekend, after last week, it really was quite amazing!

This week is our annual Athletics Carnival and hopefully the weather will be conducive to a wonderful family day at school. Mrs Scott, supported by Mr Egginton and the rest of the staff, has been hard at work organising the primary carnival, while Miss Lovell, supported by the K-2 staff, has all plans well in hand for students K-2.

Next Monday afternoon, all staff will be participating in the next session that will replace part of the end of year School Development Days.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Rispen
Principal

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
The first day of Term 3 is a School Development Day. During the day the staff will work on the Focus on Reading program and stage based planning activities.

SCHOOL DATES TERM 3
13th July School Development Day - STAFF ONLY
14th July Students return to school

ASSEMBLY - Assembly Fridays at 12.40pm

Week 8 1/2G
Week 9 K/1J

GATE CLOSURE TIMES
Mornings 8.45 – 9.30  Afternoons 2.30 – 3.15

AWARDS

6E: Kynan M, Grace M. 6W: Anakin M, Yvette P.

THIS WEEK - Week 8
8/6 Public holiday
9/6 Girls’ PSSA Softball
10/6 Athletics Carnival
14/6 Working Bee - Sunday 11am. All welcome!

NEXT WEEK - Week 9
15/6 UNSW Writing test
16/6 UNSW Spelling test
17/6 Netball Gala Day
19/6 K-2 Reptile Park Excursion

Week 10
23/6 Students reports go home
26/6 Celebration Assembly 12.15pm

Last day Term 2

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016
If you have a child who 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 out ASAP.

SCHOOL GARDENS WORKING BEE
If you are free this Sunday for a few hours please feel free to come along to our Working Bee on 14th June 2015. Our wonderful gardening mum, Ala Burrows, has some wonderful plans in mind to further improve our grounds.

DELTA ELECTRICITY
Delta Electricity has been kind enough to donate money for the school to replace a very ageing timber picnic table outside of the K/1J room. It has been replaced with an awesome aluminium picnic table which really enhances the area near our beautiful sensory garden. It’s wonderful to see Delta generously giving back to their local community. Thank you.
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Photos will be sent home this week. An order form will also be sent home to each child if they were involved in a special group photo. These photos are available for viewing at the office. Please return all orders/payment to school by Friday 26/6/15.

P&C
A huge thank you to all families who were able to support the disco last week run by P&C. Pizzas and drinks made the cold night fun and yummy for both the children and helpers. The money raised (approx. $1400) will go towards replacing soft fall under the play equipment.

A huge thank you to all helpers who were able to assist with the distribution of the food and drinks on the night.

The P&C meeting normally held last night will be held over until next Monday 15th June because of this week’s Public Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS
Another successful student...Chloe S has been selected for the state soccer team and will play in Adelaide in November.

Just recently, Luca S was a proud recipient of a $200 award from Belmont Rotary. He successfully passed an audition process and then played for a large crowd at the presentation. Congratulations Luca.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT
Thanks to all those families who were able to support our Crazy Hair Day. $357 was raised as a donation from our school to the Unicorn Foundation which investigates neuroendocrine tumours.

SPORT
Congratulations to our Knights KO U/10’s Rugby League team. The boys played very well. They showed great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun. Well done to Chloe S and Ruby J who represented the Hunter in Soccer. Their team came second and Chloe S made the NSW team.

ATTENDANCE
It is important that children arrive at school in time to commence the day’s activities. Students are expected to be punctual out of respect for other members of the class. All parents/caregivers must ensure that their children arrive at school on time. Classes start at 9.30 am so all children should be at school before this time. It can be very disruptive if your child continually arrives late for class. Parents bringing children to school after the commencement of the teaching program are asked to go via the Office and fill in a Late Pass, which is then handed to the classroom teacher. This will ensure that your child is not marked absent.

If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early, it is required that you notify the child’s teacher in writing and sign the child out at the Office before collecting your child. If a person other than a parent is calling for the child, the school must be notified in writing prior to collection.

If an emergency arises, a telephone call from the parent to the school prior to collection of the child will be acceptable.

Some interesting facts regarding absences and lateness to school – Did you know...
- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

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BAND NEWS
We have a Bunnings Belmont BBQ coming up on Sunday 21st June. If you are able to help out (even for an hour) could you please register by following the link below. Any help is appreciated. www.volunteersignup.org/KQHYJ. Alternatively you can let myself or Dea Freebody know.

Chocolate money is now due. Many thanks for your help. A BandLink workshop note will be distributed this week. It is a two day workshop at Newcastle Jockey Club on 22nd and 23rd July. The original cost is $60, however, half of this cost will be subsidized from the money raised this year. Therefore the final cost for each child is only $30. Please note that this subsidy can only be accessed if your term fees are up to date.

Upcoming events:
Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 21st June
BandLink - 22nd and 23rd July at the Newcastle Jockey Club (details to follow soon)
Have a great week!
Michelle Thurston
DEBATING NEWS.
Congratulations to our amazing Premier's Debating Challenge Team who were victorious in their first debate of the season. The team who took on and defeated Redhead Public School are 1st Speaker - Taya M, 2nd Speaker - Olivia S, 3rd Speaker - Aurora Z and team advisor - Blythe M. Caves Beach did an excellent job as the Affirmative and presented a very strong case for the topic ‘That smartphones and tablets should be banned for people under the age of 18’. Thanks also to Mrs Merry for transporting the team.
Our next debate is Monday 15th June at 10:30am here at Caves Beach against Belmont Public School. Parents are welcome to come along and support our team.
Jo Dennis - Debating Coordinator

CHESS NEWS
This year’s Interschool Chess Challenge (ICC) is off and running! We took on St Patrick’s at Swansea for a ‘Friendly’ last week and are now fired up to play in Round 1 against 6 other schools at Zone. Unfortunately, the zone tournament falls on the same day as our school Athletics Carnival and with 7 schools involved my hands were tied as far as being able to negotiate any changes. Mrs Scott, however, is trying hard to ensure that field finals will be held early in the day, leaving time for us to sneak away just before lunch.
Notes will be going home soon for a full-day tournament organised by Sydney Chess Academy at Gosford on 29th June. There is a cost of $20 involved and entry is not compulsory.
Our squad meets every Thursday in the Multi-Purpose Room at 8:45am. Huge thanks go out to Mr Kraitzer for his tireless efforts with mentoring, coaching and transporting the teams. Thanks also to Mrs Gardener who loves coming along to help out. We couldn’t run such an excellent chess club without their support.
Jo Dennis - Chess Coordinator

CANTEEN
Volunteers are required to help out at the Athletics Carnival, even if you can spare an hour or 2 that would be fantastic. Contact me on 0400006373 or leave a message at the office if you are able to help, thank you
Jackie B

Roster Week 8
Monday 8 June – Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 June – Sue G & Alicia I
Wednesday 10 June – Athletics Carnival
Thursday 11 June – Dea F, Bec W & Benita O
Friday 12 June - Liana W, Yeni L, Denise McK, Kim S & Lisa G

Roster Week 9
Monday 15 June – Tania S
Tuesday 16 June – Danielle W & Alicia I
Thursday 18 June – Fiona R & Georgie P
Friday 19 June – Amanda O’C, Stacey G, Leanne F & Shani W

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to these students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge - Miranda G, Carys-Elise H and Lily S.
Stage 2 is definitely leading the school in their Premier's Reading Challenge efforts - well done Stage 2! I would like to see the other stages try to catch them...
Kirsty Nash.

COMMUNITY NOTES
2015 MARGARET IDA HOWIE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Aboriginal Education Council (NSW) Inc., as Administrators of the Margaret Ida Howie Awards established “for the education of NSW Indigenous women”, would like to remind you that the “Awards” for 2015 are now open.
This Award is targeted to assist Aboriginal women undertaking a course of study at University or TAFE in NSW. Up to four (4) scholarships valued at $5,000.00 can be awarded to students accepted for enrolment in a full-time university degree in 2015 with a further ten (10) assistance awards of $1000 open to students enrolled at university, TAFE or in a bridging program.
Applications close on 31 May 2015. Further information and the application form, for the scholarships may be obtained from our website at www.aec.org.au

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