PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

World’s Greatest Shave

Last Friday Lisa Wriley and Peter K were brave enough to lose their locks for a fantastic cause, the World’s Greatest Shave. All money raised went towards research into leukaemia. Thank you to those students who participated by coming to school with ‘crazy hair’ and donating money to this worthwhile charity.

Chicken Shed

A big thank you to Mr Jones, Mr Britten and Mr Sammut for picking up, and delivering a chicken coop to the school last Friday afternoon. Over the next few months, plans will be underway to build a chicken enclosure for the school to have its very own chickens!

Kariong Festival

On Sunday our school had a stall at the Kariong fete where they gave children the opportunity to paint plaster casts and make masks. All children had a fantastic time at our stall and a big thank you goes to the P&C for organising the day and to the many parents who gave up their time to help run the stall. Special thanks to Mr Britten for transporting all of the equipment needed to and from Kariong.

Year 7 EOIs

Last week Year 6 received their Expression of Interest forms for high school next year. These need to be filled in and returned to school by this Friday.

Kirsty Squires

**Yr 6**

Our Young Leader’s Day excursion to Sydney is on Monday 25th March. Thankyou for the notes/money that have already come in. Children will need to be at Central Mangrove P.S at 7am ready for a 7.15am departure. This is a fantastic chance to develop their leadership skills. Students will be travelling by bus with fellow Year 6 students from our neighbouring mountain schools.

Projects are due next week. We’re looking forward to seeing the results of the students’ hard work.

Life Education

The Life Education van will be making a visit to our school, on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. An information /permission note will go home with next week’s newsletter. A parent session will be run during the Wednesday afternoon session. An approximate cost is $9.

Neil Mitchell
Clean Up Australia Day Report

Thank you to all who helped clean up our school last Wednesday. We were very happy to find little rubbish. We managed to fill half a bag of general waste and half a bag of recyclable materials. This is a fabulous result and it seems that we are decreasing the amount of rubbish we are finding each year. Well done everyone!

A huge thank you to the Gerard family for their kind donation of some fabulous gloves for our environmental group. They were very handy for our clean up and will be used for many more events to come!

Library News

Thank you to all those who have returned their permission notes to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Reading logs were sent home last week, so please remember to write down all the books you are reading. There is now a section in our school library with books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist, for all classes. Happy Reading!

Daniela Suazo

Harmony Day

On Thursday we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. We have organised a range of fun activities around the theme ‘Everyone Belongs’. One of the activities involves tattoos. If you do not wish for your child to apply a tattoo to their skin, please let your child’s teacher know before Thursday.

Choral Festival

Last week, an information letter was sent home to those students in Year 4 - 6 who have shown an interest in becoming a Choral Festival member. The $20 administration fee is due by the end of this term (April 12th). We have been rehearsing on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess and we are already sounding lovely.

PBL

Our focus expectation this week is ‘Doing our best’. We all got together yesterday in our PBL sessions and discussed what doing our best means and what it looks like at school. Will you receive an award this week for doing your best?

Jade Cranstone

Scripture

There will be a Combined Easter Scripture assembly held on Monday 25th March, 2pm. All families are welcome to attend.

Book Club

Happy Birthday Cody
The last edition given out is due for return this Thursday 21st March. A new special, ‘Clearance Sale’ edition has been given out today. This is due in by the 30th March. Book club is a great way to purchase very economical gifts for members of the extended family. Scholastic is also very generous in providing vouchers for the school in accordance with the orders placed.

Ipads
A number of months ago the school purchased 6 ipads. We are constantly on the look out for new Apps to put onto these as a learning experience for the students. Should anyone have some great Apps at home or know where we can get some please let Mrs Knight know. Thanks.

Computers
The school has been going through an enormous change with our computer and management systems. Due to this there has been some information lost at different times. We are also constantly having to redo programs. We have great support from our regional IT people and are busily working through all issues. Please bear with us if things don’t always come across as organised. As sometimes it’s not!! There may also be confusion with absences. Should you receive notes home and they are not correct could you please take the time to just write an explanation down. Hopefully by Term 2 we should have most things ironed out. Thanks for your good humour and patience.

Julie Broome

P&C News

Kariong Festival stall
A big thankyou to the parents who helped set up and run the P&C’s craft stall at the Kariong Festival on Sunday. We had many children visit our stall to enjoy making masks and painting plaster crafts. We were also able to connect with past Somersby students and teachers to tell them about a school reunion which is planned for early 2014.

Splash-a-thon
Please return any Splash-a-thon cards and money as soon as possible, as prizes will be awarded at Friday’s assembly.

Easter raffle
Thanks for the many donations for the annual Easter raffle. Tickets have been sent home for sale to family, friends and neighbours. If you would like to donate an item for our prize baskets, please leave it at the school office.

Country Fair and Central Coast Council of P&C reps
If you would like to represent the school on the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair committee or at the Central Coast Council of P&Cs, please email somersbypandc@gmail.com. Both positions only require attendance at occasional meetings and help promote our school in the wider community.

Bunnings BBQ    Sunday, April 14
The P&C has been given the opportunity to run a BBQ outside the West Gosford Bunnings on Sunday, April 14th. These BBQs are great fundraisers for the school and attract funds from outside our community. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact Kirrilly Green on 4372 1618.

Next meeting
Wednesday, April 3
The next P&C meeting will be in the school library at 7pm on Wednesday, April 3.
Meet our Equestrian Team

Abby has had Ruby for 12 months now and has won lots of ribbons at Pony Club events and agricultural shows. This photo was taken at the 2012 Horse of The Year Show, where she was the youngest rider to compete in the Open Pony ring. Although Ruby was a bit cheeky, she did a great job! Ruby is 12.1hh, 11 years old and is registered Welsh B and Riding Pony and she loves being a show pony. She also loves jumping, but gets a bit naughty in the sporting. She loves swimming in the dam and going for walks down the road. Abby is looking forward to representing Somersby Public School at more inter-schools competitions this year. Somersby is very lucky to have such a big Equestrian Team!!

Equestrian NEWS

For anyone interested in attending the following events please contact Rachel Walker.
Scone horse sports, 6th May, entries close 5th April.
Singleton event, 17th May, entries close 26th April

WEBSITE: Hopefully all the trouble we have been having with the website have been rectified now. Should anyone like to see something different on either the website or newsletter, please call me or come in and see me. Only too happy to have a chat for Improvement. Julie Broome

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