PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome Back
We hope all families had a nice relaxing break ready for another busy term. There are quite a few things coming up so please read the Newsletter weekly to keep up to date with current events.

School Development Day
Yesterday teaching staff continued with training for the new English Syllabus then were joined by staff from other local schools for yearly CPR training.

Local News
As you may have seen in the Community News, one of our former students, Abbey Wilcox has been selected as a participant in the Victorian Institute of Sport’s Aerial Skiing Programme. The VIS takes 4 athletes each year with a gymnastics sports background and offers these athletes the chance to be part of a high quality programme that trains them in the elite sport of aerial skiing. This is done in conjunction with the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia.
We would like to wish Abbey all the best. We enjoy hearing about the achievements of past students.

Year 3/4
Welcome back everyone. You’ll all be thrilled to know that homework will commence in Week 2, though keep up the reading and times tables practise!

Kirsty Squires

K/1/2
Welcome back! We are looking forward to a busy but fun term in our classroom. We will start reading groups with parent helpers next week. Homework will be sent home on Friday. Keep your eye out for our class newsletter coming out in the next few weeks with more information about what is happening in our classroom.

Jade Cranstone

Year 5/6
Welcome back for term 3. Students will be looking forward to the Canberra excursion scheduled for Week 9.
I will be taking long service leave during weeks 8,9 and 10. Mr Haydon will be teaching my class and attending the Stage 3 Excursion.
Homework for Term 3 will commence in Week 2.

Jade Cranstone
AFL Auskick
Development Officers for the AFL will be running clinics for all classes on Tuesday in Week 2. We are fortunate to have three players from the GWS Giants visiting as well. For the ensuing 6 weeks the AFL will be offering after school clinics on Tuesday afternoons at school from 3.00pm—4.00pm. There will be a fee of $60 for any student taking up the offer of the afternoon clinics. More information will be provided by the AFL.

Our school athletics carnival will be held in the school grounds on Wednesday 23 July, commencing at approximately 9.15. Students are encouraged to wear house colours: EAGLES: Green FALCONS: Black HAWKS: Blue and SWANS: Red.

Parents are encouraged to attend, assist and participate.
If the weather is inclement, the school will revert to its regular routine.

Neil Mitchell

Public Speaking
In class competitions will be conducted during term 2. The highest scoring students will go through to our Somersby Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday 29th July. An adjudicator will decide who will represent our school at the Central Coast Public Speaking Competiton on Thursday 14th August.

Dance
Just a reminder to return your whole dance costume, including the black/red top. We have been invited to perform at the Kariong Mountains Showcase Day on Wednesday 30th July. After this performance all black/red t-shirts will be returned to you. Please ensure that costumes are returned in a bag with your names on.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge ends on August 22nd. I have noticed that there are many students who are very close to completing the challenge. Please make the most of your borrowing time in the library to ensure you complete the challenge. Will your picture be on our wall of fame?

Laura Knight

P and C News
Special P&C Meeting Thursday, 24 July 2014
A special meeting of the P&C will be held in the school library at 3pm on Thursday, 24 July. This meeting is being held because the school holidays meant that we could not have our usual July meeting, and it is important that we continue to progress our decisions around prioritising the major projects to which the P&C will commit funds.

The only item on the agenda will be projects and the allocation of funds. Please come along if you would like to be part of this planning process.

Canteen
STANDARD LUNCH TERM 3 - No Slushies in Term 3.
18 July—1 August  Pasta Bolognai $3.50
OR Burritos $3.50
(mince, tomato, cheese, lettuce & sour cream)
Note: Please write the lunch item (hot food/sandwich) and drink with child’s name and class ONLY on your child’s order on a brown paper bag. Students can purchase any other items such as chips etc at the canteen during their break. Correct money is always appreciated!

**Tawny Frogmouth Owl**

The tawny frogmouth is a perfect example of nature’s camouflage at its best. The silvery-grey plumage streaked with black and brown and mottled with flecks of rusty brown and white provides these birds with the ability to sit in full view on an old tree stump in broad daylight and be practically invisible. Often a pair will sit together, their heads pointing skywards to further emphasize the dead tree appearance. If they are approached closely their cover may be broken, they will take flight or try to warn off predators by opening their bright yellow mouths. Northern frogmouths are smaller than their southern counterparts, southern occasionally exceeding 50 cm in length. Frogmouths are found over the entire Australian mainland plus Tasmania. They prefer open woodland and savannah but will also inhabit scrub and heath land vegetation. Frogmouths are nocturnal sit-and-wait hunters.


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**THE BEST BOY’S WEEKEND – YOUNGSTARS FATHER-SON ADVENTURE CAMPS**

Dads can connect and bond with their sons without the distractions of technology and modern life at a special father-son adventure camp, the first being held on the Father’s Day weekend in the Hawkesbury.

Delivered by Sport and Recreation and The Pathways Foundation, the YoungStars camps are a chance for Dads to spend quality time with their boys and share their experiences of fatherhood with other dads. Activities will include setting up camp, playing games and sharing stories around the campfire.

The first YoungStars camp will take place at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre on September 6-7. The second and third will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on October 19-20 and November 15-16. The camp is open to primary school boys aged seven up and their dads.

For more information or to book your place visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars) or call Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.
SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking. New rewards released Term 3.
Once your children have collected 10 tokens, please bring in the tokens and redemption slip (given out last term) to redeem their rewards. Pooling of tokens is not allowed. If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

Rewards available in term 3 are:
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

REMEMBER
“Kiss and Drop Zone”

Just a reminder of the Kiss and Drop Zone when dropping your children off or picking them up. Keeping our children safe is our No 1 priority.

Thank you for supporting school safety.

PBL Wall of Fame

Congratulations to last week’s Happy and Friendly Playground winner:

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