PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Stage 3

I’m sure there were lots of quiet houses last weekend after the Stage 3 excursion. It was a jam-packed itinerary and the students were able to visit many interesting places in Canberra.

A big thanks to Mrs Knight for stepping in at the last minute to go with our students, it was greatly appreciated!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. This rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and the rebate was calculated into the cost of the excursion.

Due to circumstances beyond his control, Mr Haydon will be unable to continue working with the Stage 3 class. Mr McGregor will be teaching Year 5/6 for the remainder of the term.

2014 Mountain Districts Young Ambassador Announced

In this week’s Community News an announcement will be made introducing the 2014 Mountain Districts Young Ambassador. Along with that will be the news that this year the judging was so close that they have awarded three students with ‘Deputy Ambassador’ for 2014. I’m pleased to say that one of our Year 6 students has been chosen in that role. Congratulations goes to Sarah who will be awarded this title at this year’s Country Fair.

Well done to all students who represented the school at the Mountains Summit. All judges were thoroughly impressed with the standard of speeches presented and topics raised.

K/1/2 Reptile Park Excursion

Fingers crossed that the weather is nice for the K/1/2 excursion to the Reptile Park tomorrow. Students will be required to wear full sports uniform and take their lunch, recess and a bottle of water.

I’m sure it will be a wonderful day!

Grandparents Day

On Friday, 24 October we will be holding our Grandparents Day celebrations. We are in the process of finalising our plans and details will be in our newsletter early next term, but be sure to keep the date free.
Premier’s Spelling Bee
Good luck to Teela, Nathan C, Charlotte and Reiley who are representing the school in the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Wadalba Community School this Thursday.

Year 6 Pie Drive
If you ordered pies from the Year 6 Pie Drive, they will be available for collection from the school hall this Wednesday from 2:30pm. If you are unable to collect them on Wednesday could you please contact the school to organise alternative arrangements.
Thank you for supporting this Year 6 fundraising activity.

Year 6 Leadership Policy
The school is looking at developing and implementing a Year 6 Leadership Policy which I raised at the last P&C meeting. We have sent home a quick survey for you to fill out regarding this. Please take the time to complete the survey and return to school before this Friday. Results from this will help us to develop this policy.

Holidays
I’d like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to a nice, relaxing break ready to return for a busy Term 4 on Tuesday, 7 October.

Kirsty Squires

Cooking with our chook eggs
On Friday, K-4 enjoyed some ‘Fluffy’ pancakes. We used some of the chook eggs we’ve been collecting and made some delicious pancakes from scratch. Thank you to the helpers that helped make the mixture. The pancakes were enjoyed by all. We will keep collecting eggs and have another cooking day for our Year 5 and 6 students soon. What a great way to use our fresh egg! Thanks Fluffy!

Quote of the Week
A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.
Phyllis Diller

K/1/2
I’d like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. We’ve had another busy term and have welcomed quite a few new faces to our room. I hope everyone enjoys a sleep in or two and comes back ready for some more fun learning times next term.

Worthy Daily Living
Gosford City Council Greenhouse Program Judging
This morning our environment leaders did a great job of showing the council judges all of the amazing things we do at our school for the environment. Year 5/6 also did a wonderful job performing their song 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The judges seemed very impressed and have invited them to perform at the awards ceremony next term. Fingers crossed that we can retain the title of Environmental Small School of the Year, but if we don't, we can be VERY proud of our efforts this year. You're all winners in my eyes!

Jade Cranstone

Office News

Absences
After a visit from the Home Liaison Officer we will now be enforcing a 10 day rule where if notes/emails or a phone call has not been received by 10 days after an absence then it will remain unjustified.

Medical Updates
Up to date information is paramount to the well being of our students. Could all parents please return the medical updates sent out last week as a matter of prime importance. Should you have misplaced the note it is on our school website under ‘Notes’.

Enrolments
We would like to ask that all enrolments for next year please come and fill out the paperwork so we may start to get ourselves organised for orientation and next year.

Julie Broome

Somersby General Store and Takeaway
Starting next term, Somersby General Store and Takeaway will offer a healthy lunch menu for students. These lunches will be available from Monday—Thursday only as our School Canteen operates on Fridays. A menu and price list was sent home today.

Lunch orders will need to be placed at the shop or can be sent to school in a brown paper bag with the money inside. Lunch orders will be collected at school and orders brought to the school at lunch time.

Thanks to Kelly, the new store owner, for working with the school to provide this option for families.

P&C News
Can you help? The P&C will be assisting with two community events in coming weeks. We are looking for helpers who can give an hour or two of their time. The events are:

BBQ at Mangrove Mountain Golf Club on Saturday, 27 September
The BBQ runs from 8am-12.30pm. Two people are needed to man the barbeque and a volunteer will also need to purchase supplies on the Friday and transport the BBQ to the Golf Club. If you’d like more information, contact Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435.

Country Fair stall, Saturday, 18 October
Our school will be hosting a craft stall at the Country Fair. Helpers are needed to run the stall between 10am and 4pm.
A roster for each event has been placed at the front office. Please drop in and put your name down to lend a hand. Thanks for all your help.

Next meeting—Wednesday, 8 October
The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library at 7pm on the first Wednesday of Term 4. All welcome to attend.
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Last week Stage 3 from Peats Ridge, Kulnura, Spencer, Central Mangrove, Wyong Creek and Somersby schools went to Canberra for an excursion to find out more about the way government works and the history of Canberra. We left on Wednesday 10th September and got back on Friday 12th September. During our time in Canberra we visited the War Memorial, New and Old Parliament House, The National Art Gallery, Telstra Tower and two museums. We also went to Questacon and got to buy whatever we wanted and then got to play on the different levels that had heaps of things to do. At one of the museums we saw Pharlap’s heart which was very interesting. At New and Old Parliament we got to see The House of Representatives and The Senate.

The food was disgusting!!!!! But it was a fun time. On the ride back we stopped off at McDonalds.

Lara - Year 5

Last week the Stage 3 Mountain Schools’ took a coach to Canberra. We left on Wednesday and arrived back home on Friday. The first thing we did was to visit Mount Ainsley look out, after that we went to a museum and learnt about Canberra. Then we went to Old Parliament House. Finally we got to our cabins. The next day we went to New Parliament House, it was a huge building and the flag was massive. Inside we visited The Senate and The House of Representatives, the two houses had a lot of seats for the public. Next we went to Questacon. Inside we saw lighting and entered an earthquake house! After that we went to the Australian Museum and saw a lot of cool stuff such as Pharlap’s heart it was about as big as a small computer screen! Another thing we did on that day was go to The War Memorial, we watched a mini movie and at the end we attended a ceremony, that night we went to Telstra Tower. On the last day we went to The Art Gallery, The Museum of Democracy and then MACCA’s. Finally we got home.

We had a FANTASTIC time.

Kash - Year 6