PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Welcome back everyone. We trust that you’ve all had a wonderful holiday, ready for a productive 2015!

Our newsletter day will continue to be Tuesday; however we wanted to let you know about classes and staffing so we have put out this shortened version today.

Classes for 2015 are as follows:

- **K/1/2** – Mrs Cranstone (Room 1)
- **Yr 3/4** – Mrs Squires (Room 2)
- **Yr 5/6** – Mrs Knight (Room 4)

All classes this year will have the benefit of Mr Mitchell’s expertise as he will be taking Release from Face-to-Face (RFF), library, Principal’s Release and band.

I know all teachers have exciting things planned for their classes and we are looking forward to the coming year. In week 3 teachers will send home class newsletters informing parents of what is happening in their child’s class.

Away from the classrooms, Mrs Broome is the School Administration Manager (SAM) and Mrs Padgett will be replacing Mrs Hamilton in the office on Tuesdays. She will also work in the office and as a School Support Learning Officer on Wednesdays.

Mr Ward returns as our General Assistant, and Mr Starkey as our school cleaner.

Thankyou to the CWA for donation of $250 to the band. If you have any questions regarding the beginning of the school year, please do not hesitate in contacting me via email, phone or come in for a chat.

**Office News**

We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday break as we return for a super 2015. Please ensure to make any changes to your family details such as address, telephone numbers, health issues etc. It is very important that all information is kept up to date at all times.

School Banking will be every Tuesday and begin in Week 2. We look forward to seeing our happy bankers and to welcome our new ones.

New accounts can be opened on line for existing Commonwealth Bank customers and for new customers in their nearest branch.

Boo kpacks are ready for purchase for $30 in the office.


**Year 6 Fundraiser Urgent**

BBQ at Masters West Gosford Saturday 4th February. Parent helpers needed between 9am and 3pm. If you are able to help please call Nicki 0417 721 435. We will need 2 adults per shift and Year 6 leaders are allowed to attend with certain regulations being enforced.

**Canteen News**

Canteen will resume next week 3/2/15 with party food and we are in need of helpers for Fridays this year please. Any amount of help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Pia 0409744080
P&C

Contact information
somersbypandc@gmail.com
Nicki Ward 0417 721 435

Uniform Shop
Thursday 8am—9am
Mrs Kirrilly Green
Email: heycat1@bigpond.com

Canteen:
Friday 6/2/15
Party Food

Office News

♦ Book Pack $30 per student
♦ School Banking every Tuesday

Did you know?
Unlike many mammals bears can see in colour.

Quote of the week!
How I look is not as important as how I act.

TERM DATES
2015

Term 1
27 January - 2 April
Term 2
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Term 3
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Term 4
6 October - 18 December

P&C general meeting
Wednesday, February 4
The P&C will hold its first meeting for the year in the school library at 7pm next Wednesday. Everyone is welcome. If you are a member of one of our new families, please join us as P&C meetings are a great way to meet fellow parents and to hear more about what is happening at the school.

AGM
Wednesday, March 4
The AGM will be held on March 4. A new executive team will be elected at this meeting.

New officers needed!
In 2015, many of our officers will be moving on from their current P&C roles, due to other commitments or because they have reached the maximum allowable length for their term. If you’d like to be involved, please consider whether one of the following positions might suit (there is plenty of support to help newcomers move into jobs):
- President
- Vice president (x2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary (can be split into minutes and correspondence)
- Publicity officer
- Canteen officer
- Fundraising officer
- Uniform officer
- Central Coast Council of P&Cs rep
- Country Fair rep.

If you’d like information about any of those roles, please talk to our president Nicki Ward or one of the current P&C members.

And even if you don’t want to be an office bearer, your input as a member is very important! Please consider becoming involved anyway.

P&C myths
Only people who have nothing to do join the P&C!
Definitely not true! Current P&C members work a variety of jobs, both paid (full-time or part-time) and voluntary. They are busy people who do have lives outside of the schoolyard!

I’m new to the school. I won’t be any help.
P&Cs work best when new people join. Newcomers bring fresh ideas and energy. And it’s a great way to get to know other parents and learn more about the school.

P&C meetings are scary.
Somersby’s P&C meetings are low-key social gatherings of fellow parents, who often share many common interests.

If I take on an official P&C role, I won’t know what to do.
There is plenty of information available about how to perform the duties of each position: take a look at the many factsheets provided at http://www.cccpandc.org/FAQs.html. There are also other P&C members who will support and guide you along the way.

Wanted
20-30cm diameter terracotta pots for our new fish pond. If you have any and would like to find them a new home please contact the school.

Thanks

Worthy Daily Living
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Happy Birthday!

Jaydah
Sunny
Jack
Noah Yr 4
Nathan T

PBL Wall of Fame

Congratulations to last week’s
Happy and Friendly Playground
Award Winner

Angelo (Week 9)