Small Schools’ Swimming

The Small School’s Swimming Carnival was held today at Gosford Olympic Pool. Good luck to all of our competitors. Mrs Knight will have results tomorrow and a full list of results will be in next week’s newsletter.

A big thank you must go to our parents who helped with transport and who volunteered to help in a variety of roles.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

On Wednesday morning Lori Gibson, who is the PBL coordinator for the Central Coast will be meeting with me to discuss where we are up to with our PBL program. We have certainly worked hard in the last few years to ensure our students are well versed in our values and expectations, as was proven last Friday with the beginning of our PBL lessons for the term. Our Year 6 Leaders have been assigned a group of students from across all grades to work with for the year and last Friday they were asked to work cooperatively to recall the three values and eight expectations. Mrs Cranstone was really excited that all but one group could name them all (one group only missed one expectation).

Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday at 2pm our school will participate in ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ activities for schools. We are asking students to bring along gloves to help collect rubbish and parents are more than welcome to join us for the afternoon.

School Photos

Next Tuesday, 3rd March is our school photo day. Envelopes have been sent home and are to be returned on or before the day if you are wishing to order photos. Spare and family envelopes are available in the office.

Students will be required to wear full summer uniform, including black school shoes and white socks and their best smiles!

Kirsty Squires

Swimming Carnivals

A big thank you to all parents and grandparents who have helped out in both of our Swimming Carnivals. These events can’t go ahead without you.

5/6K News

The poll for week 5 is again linked to BTN. The question was put to students as to whether there is a need for radio anymore, after all we have so many other forms of technology and do we really need it? The question was ‘Is there a future for radio’. 60% of our class said that yes, there is in fact a future for radio, Dane T said he chose this answer because you can do other things at the same time as listening to the radio, whereas laptops, tablets and other forms of technology require your full attention. Ash said that the radio is great in an emergency. We receive up-to-date information, for example, when to evacuate. 40% of students said that they believe there is not a future for radio. They believe that as the news has live updates and the majority of people own...
smartphones, we just won’t need it anymore. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Edmodo information session. I hope you found it useful and enjoy watching your child learn through discussion and polite debate. A reminder, an extension has been given for last week’s class assignment. This is due to internet problems last week. This assignment is now due by the end of the day Friday. Well done to those students who submitted the assignment at home.

Laura Knight

Environment Group
On Friday 27th February, we will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. We will be joining thousands of other volunteers on clean-up sites all over Australia. Since the national event started in 1990 Australians have donated more than 27.2 million hours taking to their streets, bushland, parks and waterways on Clean Up Australia Day, removing an estimated 288,650 tonnes of rubbish from 145,754 sites across the country. We will be ‘cleaning up’ from 2.15pm on Friday 27th. Don’t forget to pack your gloves! Parents are more than welcome to join us for the afternoon. We’re looking forward to doing our part in keeping Australia beautiful.

Our gardening club is off to a fantastic start. We’d like to say a huge THANK YOU to Roxanne for donating her time and seedlings/plants to be planted in our vegie patches. All involved last week had a wonderful time. Roxanne will be visiting us each week, sharing her gardening knowledge with us. We’re so excited!

K/1/2
Congratulations to all K/1/2 students! Everyone handed their homework in last week. Keep up the great work! Thank you to all students who have started bringing their home readers in plastic envelopes. The Kindergarten Best Start results will be coming home today.

Jade Cranstone

Office News
Thank you to all the families who have returned their family updates and emergency contact details. We understand how busy life can get at times and appreciate the prompt return. If it has slipped your mind could you please return them as soon as possible please.

Jo Comensoli

P&C News
AGM & P&C general meeting
Wednesday, March 4
The AGM will be held in the library at 7pm on March 4. A new executive team will be elected at this meeting. Please consider whether you might be interested in working with the school as part of the P&C, especially as some of our current team need to step down from their roles due to work and other time commitments or because they have reached the end of the maximum three-year term allowed for the position. P&C positions include:

- 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 would like to see a ‘job description’ of the different roles, please visit http://pandc.org.au/index.php/publications. Scroll down the page towards the bottom of the ‘FAQs’ for factsheets about the different positions. The usual monthly meeting will be held at the end of the AGM.
Central Coast Grammar Interschool Day.

On Saturday Bella and Olivia represented Somersby Public School at the Interschool Day held at Central Coast Grammar School. Bella received three 1st places in Straight Barrels, Snakes and Ladders and Cloverleaf, a 2nd in Bounce Keyhole and 3rd in Hack. As a result of these placing at the end of the day she was awarded Reserve Champion.

Olivia Received 4th Educated Mount, 4th Rider, 3rd Snakes and Ladders, 3rd Bounce keyhole and 4th Cloverleaf.

Congratulations to both girls for such a fantastic effort and fabulous results.

Words From Bella and Olivia

We had a lovely day and thank you Central Coast Grammar School for hosting. I liked the Interschool and our age group 3/4 was really hard but was a lot of fun. A big thanks to my horse Zeffy, without her I would not have won Reserve Champion.

Bella Jones

I had a great time at the Central Coast Grammar School on Saturday representing Somersby Public School. I rode my pony Fairy who is 5 years old and it was our first competition together. She was very good and we won many ribbons

Olivia Cartwright

TERM DATES

2015

Term 1
27 January - 2 April

Term 2
20 April - 26 June

Term 3
13 July - 18 September

Term 4
6 October - 18 December

Term 2 events

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Peats Ridge Public School would like to hold a family ‘Movies under the Stars’ evening on Friday 1st May, 2015 starting at 5.30pm. Families can bring their own picnic dinner and rugs or chairs to sit on. Refreshments will be available.

The cost will be $30.00 per family. The movies we will be screening to be advised.

Thank You,

Shane Randall

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Leukaemia Foundation
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Donation Box in the office
Friday
March 13—2.30 pm
Peter Katrakis
Central Coast Tractors

BINGO

Night

Come and join Central Coast Tractors for a fun filled night of Bingo and prizes. All to raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Where: Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
When: Saturday 7th, March 2015 - 7pm start

Ticket Prices:  
- Adult: $20 pp (includes 6 bingo books)
- Child: $10 pp (includes 3 bingo books)
- Family $50 (2 x Adult & 2 x Children)

Supper available on the night for a gold coin donations.

OURIMBAH SURGERY IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS

Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to welcome Dr Mary Graham to our Practice!

We are now accepting bookings for new patients. ☺ We bulk bill all children 16 years and under.

For enquiries and appointments please call (02) 4362 3162.

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!

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Somersby School

Lanyard with 8 gig USB drive

Only $15

Please visit the school office if you or child would like to purchase one

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