PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

P&C
Last week the P&C held their AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing P&C for their hard work and dedication to our school over the past 12 months; Nicki Ward, Wendy Paxton, Nigar Till, Suzanne Jeremy, Jodie Taylor, Dani Scarr, Jenny Tinworth, Leanne Jones, Kirrilly Green and Pia Cartwright.

The P&C raised in excess of $11,500 last year contributing greatly to the resources that help support your child’s learning.

Zone Swimming
Well done to our competitors at yesterday’s carnival. By all reports you swam exceptionally well and were wonderful representatives of our school.

Year 7 Enrolment Forms
Today enrolment forms for Year 7 2016 have been sent home. These must be completed and returned to school by March 20th.

Kulnura Roadshow
Our school will be attending the Kulnura Roadshow next Monday, 16th March. All permission notes and money need to be returned to school by this Friday. If your child would like to order their lunch on the day, lunch orders need to be returned to school by tomorrow (late orders will not be accepted).

Students are to wear their sports uniform and school hats please.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9:00am and will return to school for normal bus and pick up time.

Stage 2 Jenolan Caves Excursion
This year the Stage 2 excursion is to Jenolan Caves and is scheduled for the 10th and 11th of September. Today an expression of Interest note has been sent out to all Year 3 and 4 students and deposits are required to be paid by Thursday 23rd April, 2015

3/4S
Congratulations on the excellent effort with homework so far. On Friday students will be given an extra writing task to complete before the end of term.

This week we are looking at ‘length’ in Mathematics. All students are required to have a 30cm ruler with both centimetres and millimetres marked on it.

Kirsty squires

5/6K News
Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 6 meeting on Friday. I have set up an email tree to help with communication. If you were not at the meeting, could you please send me your email address and I will add you to the list.

Year 6 are holding their first fundraiser next week and will be hosting a Milkshake Day. More information will be sent home to the Year 6 parents. 5/6 are really enjoying their sewing lessons with Mrs Knutson. We are really looking forward to seeing the final product. We had an interesting poll in Edmodo last week, ‘we should stop teaching...’
cursive in schools’, surprisingly 60% of students believed that cursive should be taught.

**World Greatest Shave**

On Friday 13th March, year 5 and 6 will be decorating biscuits and selling them at recess to help raise money for the World’s Greatest Shave. Biscuits will be sold at recess for 50c. Thank you to Belinda Katrakilis for organising this activity with 5/6.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the Zone Swimming Carnival. I was very impressed with everyone from Somersby Public School, not only did they all arrive in school uniform, representing us beautifully but I could hear every member of our team being cheered on from the sidelines. Congratulations go to Charlotte who received a certificate for coming third in butterfly. I was very proud to be wearing my Somersby shirt yesterday. Well done everyone.

Laura Knight

**Library**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Students are now able to register online to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge.

A note outlining requirements has been sent home with each student today.

**Band**

Thank you to all the band parents who came to Friday’s assembly. Please encourage your child to persist during this difficult preliminary stage and encourage daily practice.

There are still instruments available for any students Yr. 3-6 who would like to participate.

Neil Mitchell

**Office News**

Dear Parents,

**Student Receipts**

From this week (Week 7) all receipts will be sent home once a week, on a Tuesday. Today we will also be sending home any receipts held over from 2014.

**Mobile Muster**

Don’t forget that any old mobile phones and/or accessories can be bought into the school office and placed in our collection box.

Jo Comesnoli

**P&C News**

**New officers**

The P&C held its AGM last Wednesday. A new executive team was elected. The members of that team are:

- President: Wendy Paxton
- Vice president: Nicki Ward & Vacant
- Treasurer: Dani Scarr
- Minutes secretary: Nigar Till
- Correspondence secretary: Jenny Tinworth
- Publicity officer: Jenny Tinworth
- Canteen officer: Vacant
- Fundraising officer: Nicki Ward
- Uniform officer: Kirrilly Green
- Central Coast Council of P&Cs rep: Jenny Tinworth
- Country Fair rep: Vacant.

A very big thankyou to all those who have served last year, and thanks and welcome to those who are continuing or are joining the team this year.

**Vacant positions**

Three positions were not filled at the AGM, and the P&C is seeking expressions of interest from people who are interested in working in these roles. Those positions are:

- Vice president – one of two vice presidents, this role provides a backup position generally assisting the president and P&C, including chairing meetings if the president is unavailable.
- Country Fair representative – representing our school at monthly Country Fair planning meetings. You are not required to play a role in organising the Country Fair!
- Canteen officer – organising the canteen menu, ordering supplies, rostering volunteers
and generally providing the canteen service. The canteen is a healthy fundraiser for our school.

Many thanks to 2014 officer Pia Cartwright who has offered to continue in the role until the end of Term 1.

If this position isn’t filled, the canteen will NOT operate in Term 2.

Mentoring and support is available for all of those roles, so if you would like to express your interest or find out more about any of them, please email somersbypandc@gmail.com or talk to Wendy Paxton or Nicki Ward.

Easter Raffle
An Easter raffle will be drawn at the end of the term. If you would like to donate something to go in the prize basket, please drop it into the school office.

Election Day cake stall
Saturday, March 28
Our popular Election Day cake stall will be held on March 28. In the weeks before Election Day, your children will be given cake boxes to fill with yummy baking to sell at the stall. Whole cakes are always a hit with voters, as are slices. This stall is a good fundraiser for the school. Extra boxes will be available from the office.

If you are baking for the stall, food laws require that you include an ingredients list with your baked product.

Volunteers will also be needed to staff the stall on the day. If you would like to donate an hour or two of your time, please visit the school office and put your name on the schedule.

Mothers’ Day gifts
Early in Term 2, the P&C will hold a Mother’s Day stall so children can buy presents for the important women in their lives. Due to the rising cost of buying stock for the stall, prices this year will be $5 per gift.

Insurance cover for volunteers
If you plan to volunteer in any capacity at the school or at a P&C-related event (ie BBQs, Country Fair, sports days, etc.) Please pay a $2 membership fee to join the P&C. This very small fee provides insurance cover if you are unfortunate enough to suffer an accident while volunteering. You can pay at the school office or directly to P&C treasurer Dani Scarr.

Healthy Kids Association Food Exhibition & Training Day
Tuesday, March 24
An information and training day will be held at Sydney Olympic Park for people who are interested in volunteering in school canteens. This fun day offers great food tastings, as well as providing important training about food safety, government policy requirements and healthy canteens. If you are interested in attending, find out more at www.healthy-kids.com.au.

Our Zone Swimmers 2015
PBL Wall of Fame

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

Week 7
Ashleigh

Student Banking

Class Winner

Week 7
K/1/2

FOR SALE:
FRESH EGGS
$3 per dozen.
See office.

“WALKING WITH DINOSAURS”

Is heading back to Sydney! Don’t miss out on seeing this amazing show!
Somersby Public School has received an incredible school special discount price of $39.90!!

THIS IS THE PERFECT FAMILY SHOW!

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