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Message from the Principal.

More ways to help your child

At last Tuesday night’s time meeting, a group of parents came along to learn ways to help their child improve in reading by using the “Super 6” strategies that form the core of our Focus on Reading program. Mr Barr and Mrs Lappan led the session and distributed information packages to the parents who attended. Some spare packages are available from the office if you were unable to attend and are still interested. A follow up session for parents is planned for Tuesday September 2nd, 6.00 -7.00pm.

In response to our parents’ survey, we are offering additional sessions to parents in other subjects. From next Tuesday 19 August, 2.30 – 3.00pm, Mr Young will be working with any parents who want to learn more about how we teach Maths. We’ll start the first session with “Subtraction that involves trading” as that seems to cause angst for many parents. Just come up a bit earlier than your usual pick up time, drop in to Room 2, and join in. We will do a plan of what areas of Maths will be treated in what weeks and also leave room for covering additional areas by request. If the response is high, we can look at running sessions after hours as well for parents unable to come during the school day.

Similarly, Mr Kendell has made himself available Thursday afternoons, 2.30 to 3.00pm to take parents through our computer based educational programs. Both Skoolbo and Reading Eggs are available to students at home as we have purchased the necessary licences to allow home access. These computer sessions will commence in Week 7, Thursday 28 August.

Gardening

As you can see on our back page, our Working Bee last Sunday was a great success with around 30 keen gardeners weeding, mulching and doing the heavy lifting required to improve not only our vegetable garden but other gardens around the school. As this day was so successful, another session to work on the “Secret Garden” and the garden outside the Year 2 rooms is proposed for later in the term. A huge “thank you” to those who came along – everyone is also welcome next time.

Academic Competitions

We have reports from other staff in this newsletter outlining our Public Speaking finals, Computer competition, Maths Challenge and Murder under the Microscope results with the Yr 3 – 6 Spelling Bee finals to be held tomorrow. Be sure to read these examples of Woy Woy South students continuing to excel in academic endeavours and setting high standards for others to follow.

Online Canteen

Our canteen has gone “online” this week. To register, please check the flyer accompanying this newsletter or read it on our App. It is another way to make life easier by using available technologies. The P&C is investigating including uniforms into this system but excursions etc must wait until the Department of Education and Training rolls out its new Business model to schools. We now have 166 downloads of our School App so if you haven’t joined in, you are missing some timely reminders of upcoming events!

Walgett Cultural Exchange

Mr Collins and a group of nearly 40 students from schools across the Gosford Council area left from Rogers Park at around 4.00am yesterday morning for the Walgett Cultural Exchange which involves mainly Aboriginal students and a few invited students travelling out to the far west of New South Wales and engaging with local students and communities in cultural and sporting events. This trip has now been running for many years and is supported by both Gosford City Council and local schools in the area. They will be returning on Friday.

Gala Days

Our Stage 3 students participated in Gala Day sports last Friday with other schools on the Peninsula. Reports from staff and parents were unanimous in their praise for the behaviour of our pupils and all students joined in enthusiastically and enjoyed the day. This Friday, Stage 2 will have their turn and I am looking forward to similar reports on Friday afternoon.

CANTEEN ROSTER AND NEWS.

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CANTEEN ONLINE

We are now online. See the flyer in this week’s newsletter to see how easy it is to sign up and start using.
FRUIT AND VEGE PROMOTION – has started. See the specials board for exciting items, and collect the stickers to claim your prize. 😊 Have a healthy and happy week 😊

Amanda and Jacqui – Canteen – Ph: 4341 7798

FROM OUR STAFF

Academic Excellence
Woy Woy South Public Speaking Competition
The annual Woy Woy South Public Speaking Competition was held last Thursday. Class finalists from Years 3-6 delivered their speeches to a captivated audience of students, teachers and parents. Many staff and parents have commented that the quality of the speeches was outstanding. All students could have been selected to represent our school and would have made us extremely proud. Unfortunately the judges were given the unenviable task of picking only 4 winners. The students selected as winners of their grades were Brayden, Heather, Zac and Jack. These students will be representing Woy Woy South in the Hunter Schools’ Public Speaking Competition to be held at Brisbania Public School on Thursday 14th of August. Zac will be replaced by Xanthe, as he is unable to attend.

Australian Mathematics Challenge
Students at Woy Woy South have once again proven that we excel in Mathematics. 9 Students were chosen to take part in an Australian wide competition testing analytical mathematical skills. Our students were successful in gaining 7 Distinctions (top 15%) and a Credit (top 25%). This is an outstanding achievement. Well done to all participants.

Murder Under the Microscope
Students in 5/6L have been taking part in a scientific investigations program called Murder Under the Microscope. This program is aimed at upper primary and high school students interested in gaining scientific evaluative skills. We are very proud to announce that out of the 4 mysteries, we were able to successfully solve 3. This placed us amongst some of the most elite high schools in Australia. A brilliant effort.

Focus On Reading Parent Information Night
Last Tuesday Mr Barr and Mrs Lappan presented an information session on the Focus on Reading program currently followed by teachers in Years 2-6. Parents were able to learn more about the key strategies that students need to develop better comprehension skills, as well as, some practical ideas to support reading at home. Research has shown that reading for a minimum of 15 minutes per day at home has a big impact on a child's reading ability. If you were unable to attend last week’s session we will have another session on the 2nd of September from 6.00-7.00pm

UNSW Computer test 3-6
Some students from 3-6 recently chose to sit the UNSW computer skills test. The test asks general question about various computer programs such as word processing, spreadsheets, emailing and how to use them. The results were pleasing and show that our students are performing at the national benchmark for Stage 3 and very close to the benchmark for Stage 2 in general understanding of how a computer works.
All children sitting the test received a certificate presented at assembly for their participation, a number of children received a credit result. Jarrod from 4K was given a principal’s encouragement award for his improved efforts in this area. Congratulations to all the participants. Mr Kendell

Volunteers Needed for K – 2.
Woy Woy South is looking for parents interested in volunteering their time to replenish the K-2 Home Numeracy Games. These educational resources are taken home as homework by K-2 students each Monday and are returned by the end of the week on Friday. We are looking for parents who are able to replenish these games using school resources each Friday morning so they are ready for students to take home the following Monday. If you are interested in volunteering your time to assist with these Home Numeracy Games, please leave your contact details at the front office.

Thank you,
K-2 Teachers.

LIBRARY NEWS:
Next week we celebrate Book Week. There will be a Book Fair in the Library all week with an interesting array of books supplied by Scholastic. Parents are welcome to shop with their children before school, during lunch time and after school for 15 minutes. Books will also be accepted for donation to the Library if any family wishes to do so.
Happy Reading!
Mrs R. Santos (Teacher-Librarian)

Congressions- To Our Girls and Boys Touch Teams.
Last Wednesday, our Girls and Boys Touch teams competed in the first 4 rounds of the State Knockout competition at McEvoy Oval. Both teams played extremely well on the day, with the boys winning 2 out of 3 games and the girls winning 4 from 4. For the girls, this meant they were crowned champions for the day and moves them to the 5th round, which is an outstanding achievement. The sportsmanship and behaviour of all students was exceptional. We wish the girls all the best of luck for the next stage.

Mr Barr
Premier's Reading Challenge
Congratulations to 1A, 1H, 1/2K and Lachlan of Year 5 for being the latest students to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014. There are only one and a half weeks left to get your student reading records updated so please make sure yours is completed for validation by Friday August 22nd. Keep up the great reading everyone!
Mrs Silvia

Working Bee
On the weekend, teachers, parents and the local community came together to beautify Woy Woy South Public School. We were able to successfully rebuild our vegetable garden so the garden now has 5 separate beds with individual walk ways. We also mulched the school gardens and added a border to the oval garden and the new garden being built at the front corner of the school. As a result of this working bee, our school gardens are starting to look fabulous. I would like to thank Mr Silvia and Mr Whealey for their assistance designing and building the garden beds as well as all the teachers, parents, children and community members who gave up their Sunday morning to help with this endeavour. We also received many generous donations which helped turn our plans for the school garden into a reality. Thank you to Sydney Trains for the donation of hardwood sleepers, Campbell’s Home Timber and Hardware for supplying equipment needed to hold the beds together and Roy Lamb who has donated soil for each bed.
An excellent job was done by all resulting in helpers keen to come back in the near future. We will be holding another working bee soon to continue beautifying our school. If you are interested in helping, please leave your contact details with the front office.
V. Bain (Handley)

Spelling Bee
The 3-6 Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday the 13th of August at 11:30 in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend. The winners from each year will then compete in the Regional Spelling Bee. Good Luck to all 3-6 class representatives.
Miss King

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS.
TERM 3 – WEEK 4

Year 5 – Liam, Sophia,
Year 4 – Emmanuel, Kate,
Year 3 – Luke, Evie, Montana, Jordan
Year 2 – Lahna, Eliza
Year 1 – Charlotte, Finn, Alexxia
Kindy – Nathaniel, Piper, Ella

Congratulations to our First Gold Medal Winner of the Year.
Guy 5/6L

Congratulations to our Silver Medal Winners
Charlie 4P and Peyton 4P

Aussie of the Month – Riley 3/4B

Superstar Awards.
Summer Matthew, Liam, Riley, Courtney, Max, Heidi
Bonza Bear – Noah 2B
Class of the Week – KF

Assembly Behaviour Award – Seth 1A
Woysies – Archive, Lincoln, Charlotte, Cassie, William, Millie

TERM 3 – WEEK 4

Don't forget to come and have a look at the wonderful work our Kindy, Yr1 and Yr2 students have done this week. We are so lucky to have so many talented little ones in our school.
The lucky students to have their work on display this week are:

KF - Bethany
KH - Alannah
1H - Finn
1/2K - Keegan
2B - Saria
2S - Lahna
2Y - Reegan

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING.

PBL – COOPERATION
Topics covered include-
*When is cooperation important?
*Why is it important?
*The importance of cooperation, both at school and at home.
Students will be completing lessons on each of these topics every Monday. Lessons will include whole class discussions, role play and songs that are based on each strand.

Community News.

PENINSULA JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL.
Peninsula Junior Touch are changing over this year to ONLINE registrations only.
Register and Pay Online RIGHT NOW via our Online Registration page.
$75 per player (incl shirt)
If you don't want to pay online you can attend our payment days on Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th August at Rogers Park from 4.30 to 6.30. You must register online before you come to payment day.
Please see our website for more details.
www.peninsulajuniortouch.com.au

5-a-side soccer (Futsal) comp notice
Where: Umina Tennis and Sporting Club, Umina
When: Sept 2014 – Registration now being taken
Time: U 9 Mon from 3:45pm, U13 Mon from 4:45pm
   Adults Mon from 7pm, U16 & 18’s Tues 4pm
Cost: Kids $5 per game, adults $6 per game
Included: Refs, bibs, trophies etc
No Registration fee required
With soccer season coming to a close why not keep playing the sport you love during summer. Teams will be made up of min 6 players, one game per week, game duration 30mins for kids, 40 for adults, shin guards must be worn – trophies for winners. Games played on outdoor synthetic grass surface.
For more details or to register a team or as an individual please phone John 041 5506635.
A huge “THANK YOU” to the Garden Bee workers
The Sibley family—Angela, Jordan, Rhiannon and Trevor
The Heggen family—Jamie and Jameson
The Symington family—Ainsley, Karen and Brian
The James family—Michelle and Sam
The Howe family—Jasmine, Bethany and Chris
Trevor Lumb, Vicki Ross, Steve Collins, David Hosford, Edmund Burgess, Matt Cox,
The Silvia’s –Katie (Fazzolari) and Mark
The Bains –Vanessa (Handley), Matthew and Richard,
The Whealeys—Mrs Kim and Mr Kim