Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
This week my message for the newsletter is all about boasting about how good our whole school community is. There is a lot to boast about!

Last week our hardworking general assistant Mr Laurie Cole was presented with an award from the local Rotary Club in honour of his commitment and dedication to our school. Many other local professional people, volunteers and self-employed people received awards for their dedication to their roles. We are so proud of Mr Cole and so glad that he works at our school and keeps it in such good condition.

Then there is the School fete to boast about. Our fete committee consists predominately of a group of extremely dedicated and energetic mums, led by Jodie Stucki and Amanda Biffin supported by the P and C and a few other community members who have met regularly through the year to dream of the perfect fete and then to make it happen. If you were at the fete on Saturday, you will have seen the reality of their vision. They planned and organised a great fete. I understand the end figure hasn’t been revealed yet but a lot of money was raised. The committee members and staff started here at 7:00 am and we finished at approximately 5:30 pm. THANKYOU to everyone for supporting the school in this huge endeavour.

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I am still not finished boasting. The next big story is about two talented students we have who are going to represent not only our school but the entire Wollondilly and Macarthur areas in Public speaking. Congratulations to Jacob and Joshua Mcleod.

Also by the time that you read this you will have heard about our Grandparent’s Day activities. I certainly hope that the Grandparents that you know had a lovely time at our fantasmagorical school. We loved having them here.

Due to many factors our next whole school assembly will be Friday of Week 4, that is the 31st October.

This morning our Stage 3 children left for an excursion and two night stay over in Canberra. They will be visiting the High Court of Australia, Parliament House, the War Memorial and many other very, very interesting places. I would like to thank the teachers for this huge commitment to our Stage 3 students’ education. Many schools find it very difficult to get staff to do overnight excursions and we have 4 staff who do not get paid any additional money or get any days off in lieu, they just keep going and are on call for 24 hours for three days. Thank you!

Kindergarten are off to Symbio on Friday. Thank you to the extra sets of hands (wonderful parents) who are travelling there to help us. I trust that you will have a wonderful day.

Sharing the Learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch, Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 4, 2014

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st October, 2014

5th Wednesday: Rochelle Jones, Monique Funnell
5th Thursday: Tracey Meredith, Katrina Zafosnik
5th Friday: Rochelle Jones, Janelle Kelly, Marie Lamont

NB. If you are unable to do your duty day you need to find your own replacement. Phone Sian as a last resort. Phone numbers cannot be put in the newsletter, a copy of all numbers are available in the Canteen

Walk a Thon

All sponsorship money and forms are due now. If you haven’t brought it in as yet please do so as soon as possible.

Year 6 Farewell

As part of our School Welfare Policy you and your child need to be reminded that any child who loses 10 points or has a suspension in Term 4 will be ineligible to attend the farewell.

Intention to apply for a Selective High School for 2016

If you have a child in Year 5 in 2014, you may wish to apply for a selective high school placement in 2016. Please complete the “Intention to apply” attached to this newsletter and return it to school. You will be sent home an Information Booklet to ensure you are informed of the process.
Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 14 October 2014 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shspacement. The application website opens on 14 October 2014 and closes on 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 14 October 2014.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website.

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Student’s name: ______________________________________________ Class: ________________

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2016

Yes ☐ No ☐

If ‘Yes’ EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

OR

I do not have internet access

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Signature of parent/carer: ______________________________________ Date: ________________

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