**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and caregivers,

Welcome to what will be a really busy term and a relatively short one of only 9 weeks. We trust that you enjoyed the additional time with your children over the school holiday, Easter and Anzac long weekends.

**This Week**

Our school leaders are conducting an ANZAC service at 10.00am on Friday in the hall. There was information about this event sent home yesterday in a separate note. Please feel welcome to join us.

After this ceremony the children from Years 2 to 6 will be walking to the grounds for our Cross Country event.

**Staffing** – As we advised you last term Mr Hyslop has taken a permanent position at another school. As a result staffing has appointed a permanent teacher to our school to fill this position. Our new teacher is Mr Wales. At this stage I am expecting him to commence duties at The Oaks on Monday, 5th May. I am sure that you will all make him feel welcome. For this week we have Mrs Grieve helping us.

**What is happening this term?**

A calendar of known dates for the term went home yesterday. We will keep you informed of new dates as they arise.

**OC Class Placement**

There is also an opportunity for parents to consider sending their 2014 Year 4 child to an OC class in 2015. An OC class is an Opportunity Class for gifted and talented students. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) are able to apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. **Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.**

Regardless of how you will apply please send the attached ‘Intention to apply’ to school by Friday 9th May.

Application packages will be available in schools from 28 April 2014.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 2, 2014

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th May, 2014

1st Wednesday: Vivien Jones, Jenny Wootton, Deuryn Williams
2nd Thursday: Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Sian Bryant
2nd Friday: Kylie Wheeler, Rochelle Jones, Roisin Piefke

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

LIFE EDUCATION

Dear Parents / Caregivers,
You are invited to the Parent Session of Life Education on Monday 12th May at 2.45pm

Cross Country 2014.

On Friday 2nd May, 2014 the students from Year 2 to Year 6 will be walking to Dudley Chesham Oval for The Cross Country age races. This will follow our Anzac Service at school. Students will be having an early lunch at 11:15am and departing the school at 11:30am and return after the races by approximately 2:45pm.

All students will be required to wear their sporting house colours or sports uniform. They need to bring 2 water/bottles, school broad brimmed blue hat, running shoes, sunscreen, asthma puffers (if needed) and a jumper (in case of change of weather).

In preparation for this event, we are encouraging students to be active daily in either a walk or run. Parents are welcome to come to watch these races however, you are requested to park outside the venue (gate will be locked) due to students running within the grounds and on the road around the tennis courts and football oval.

Mrs Scotney
Cross Country Organiser

Camden Show Results

We were thrilled to find we had 3 winners in the Juvenile artworks.
Brydie Davies – McDonald’s Encouragement Award for her artwork of circle pattern cut into segments.
Kaea Jowett-Wilson – Highly Commended for her comic face portrait.
Stephanie Ermogenous – 1st Prize for her painting of a group of friends.
Stephanie’s prize included prize money and a free art class lesson to a Camden art studio.
Ms Stevenson
Thank you
Thank you to Mrs Mathiasch for organising to have the slot made bigger in the Pink P & C Letterbox.

We are now able to have the students place their bank books in the pink P & C Letterbox for security reasons.

Workers Wanted
Stage 1 is studying the unit ‘Workers in the Community’ in their H.S.I.E. this term.

Instead of the students going on an excursion we have planned for an incursion where different people (parent, grandparents, family friends) may like to come and talk to the classes about their work. This would possibly include showing uniforms, tools, vehicles and any other important things that make up their job. It would require a short 20 minute (or less) talk for a large group or two smaller groups explaining very simply what they do for work.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in this activity could you complete the form below and return it to the school office. We would love to hear from a variety of workers in our local area showing the children how diverse our community is.

Please send in your Expressions of Interest by Tuesday 6th May and we will contact you to arrange a suitable day and time.

Stage 1 Teachers

Expression of Interest
I am interested in giving a short (20 minute or less) talk to Year 1 and Year 2 students at the school explaining my job and the things related to my work.

Name _______________________________________

Contact Number _________________________________

Book Club
Book Club orders will be taken in the Library next Thursday, 8th May between 9 and 10am.

P & C News

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Thursday 8th May, 2014.
All gifts are $5 each

Easter Raffle
The Easter Raffle raised $1,074. Thank you to all those who sold / bought tickets and made donations towards the prizes.

The Prize winners were:-
1st Gavin
2nd Beck
3rd Heyburgh
4th Butcher
5th Leet
6th Buckley
7th Brooks

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product description</th>
<th>Price incl. GST</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tattoo</td>
<td>$0.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Sticky Note Pad</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Activity Bag</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Keyring</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product description</th>
<th>Price incl. GST</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Harold Hand Ball</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harold Stationery Set</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Small Harold Soft Toy</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large Harold Soft Toy</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.
Easter Parade 2014

It was lovely to see so many parents and guests come to support our Easter Parade. Even though the weather looked a little threatening it held off just enough. The pre-schoolers and baby/toddler parade was a particular highlight. The children did an amazing job decorating their hats and everyone looked appropriately bright and colourful.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this special event.

Parade Co-ordinators
Mrs Aldridge and Mrs Gard