**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My aim this week in the newsletter is to provide an update on some of the areas that I have written about during this term.

1) **The School Canteen**: Last week our school canteen opened for business as usual after being shut for two weeks because of a mouse problem. We have had our volunteer canteen manager and a great crew of helpers working tirelessly to ensure that the canteen is a clean place to make your child’s lunch. The canteen will be open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the rest of term.

2) **Breakfast Club**: This term we will not be able to provide Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings. Breakfast Club will commence again in Term 3, but we may need to change the day.

3) **Trees**: As you are no doubt aware we have trees in our school playground that we have been advised by a fully qualified arborist not to play under or go near. Those trees have been fenced off so that our children know not to play under them. Unfortunately the children’s soccer balls, footballs and some handballs do not know that they are not supposed to go under there either. In order to help the children enjoy other areas of the playground we are bringing out different games for lunch and recess play times. We are encouraging the children to play elastics, on stilts, and skipping ropes. We are also starting to put up a more solid fence so that the children who choose to play with balls are able to have the ball stopped before it goes into a dangerous and therefore out of bounds area.

4) **Premier’s Reading Challenge**: This year because our teachers are working on the new English Curriculum and teaching a conceptual English program we will not be reading the Premier’s reading books during class time. We would love any families who would like to be part of this initiative to do so as individuals through the website. You are very welcome to borrow the books from our school library. Enjoy the read 😊

5) **Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea**: A reminder that you are invited to attend an afternoon tea hosted by myself on the 12th June. The purpose of the afternoon tea is for you to be able to ask questions about school life that you may not otherwise get an opportunity to do so. If you wish to attend, please complete the Response form in this newsletter and return it to school by the 6th June, for catering purposes.

6) **New School Polo Shirt** – The uniform shop has a very impressive new sports shirt available for purchase. There is one hanging in the school front office if you would like to see it. Our school uniform shop is open on Monday mornings (9-10am) and Friday afternoons (3-4pm).

7) **UNSW tests** – Last week the first group of children completed the University of NSW testing for Computer Skills. We will receive our results in approximately 6 weeks. The next group will sit for the Science test next week.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
Principal
**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 6, 2014**

**Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th June, 2014**

**1st Wednesday:** Vivien Jones, Jenny Wootton, Deurn Williams

**1st Thursday:** Tracey Meredith, Rochelle Jones, Kim Pes

**1st Friday:** Janelle Kelly, Kelly Mathiasch, Julie Redmond

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.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Last Wednesday, Mrs Crouch participated in a reading of 'Too Many Elephants In This House' by Ursula Dubosarsky for National Simultaneous Story Time. This event was a highlight for the Kindergarten classes as they stomped and trumpeted around Eric’s house (the school hall) in their elephant masks. Mrs Crouch played elephant music on the piano and the Kindergarten children were enthralled by her reading of the story. This is what Kindergarten said:

Keynan: “I liked it when we marched like elephants”

Jake: “I like being Eric and an elephant”

Elise: Mrs crouch made me laugh when she pretended to be the Mum”

James: “I liked it when Mrs Crouch played the piano”

Natalie: “I loved being an elephant”

Mrs Ralston: “I liked it because someone read me a story (for a change)”

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**Zone Cross Country**

Twenty four students from our school proudly represented at last Friday’s Cross Country Zone Carnival.

The day was unseasonably hot and a new course awaited the competitors.

Most races had 80-120 competitors from over 20 schools so we are very excited to say all our students finished in the top half of the pack.

Special congratulations to Kyron Bryant and Jacob McLeod (12/13yr boys) and Jalen Bryant (8/9yr boys) who were successful in going through to the Sydney South West Regional Carnival.

Thankyou to Mrs Scotney for her detailed organisation and to Mrs Brooks for washing our singlets.

Mrs Watling

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**School Captain & House Captain Photos**

Any parent wishing to order a School Captain or House Captain photo, please ask for the photographer’s order envelope from the Office.

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**Lost Property**

Again we have a large amount of lost property in the office foyer, especially lunch containers & drink bottles. There are also lots of school jumpers. Please label all your children’s belongings so we can very easily return them to their owner.

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**Parent and Principal Afternoon Tea**

I, ____________________________ would like to participate in the Parent and Principal afternoon tea to be held on the 12th June, at 2.30pm. My child is in _______ class.

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**Book Club**

The Book Club brochures went home today. Mrs McLeod will be in the Library on Thursday 5th June, from 9am – 10am to take the orders.
Find out what is so…

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At Holiday Bible Club 2014
Wed 2\textsuperscript{nd} July 9:30am – 12 noon, Thurs 3\textsuperscript{rd} July 9:30am - 3:30pm
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At St Luke’s Anglican Church Hall Merlin St The Oaks
Registration forms available from 8\textsuperscript{th} June

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