Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a very cold and wet week to start Term 2, 2015. It is certainly time to change into Winter uniforms. The uniform shop is open at its usual times on Monday and Friday if you need to purchase additional warm school clothing.

You will have noticed the exciting things that have happened at the school during the Easter holiday period. The first is the new pedestrian entrance on John Street. The Department of Education and Communities has built us a new footpath that allows pedestrians to use this entrance more safely. We now have a yellow concrete path that is our entrance and exit for our children. Please encourage your child to use the pathway and to stay out of the driveway.

The other exciting feature is our new school playground provided by our P and C. The playground is just waiting for some earth to be removed and a little more artwork on the soft fill. It will be ready to play on very, very soon. At the moment teachers will be taking their classes to look at it and to have our values of Be a good learner, Be respectful and Be safe explained to them so that they can enjoy the playground. For the first few weeks there has been a roster organised so that each class has a fair turn to play on our wonderful new equipment. THANKYOU P and C.

Included with this newsletter is the new Canteen price list. It has been colour coordinated to show which foods are the healthiest choices (they are coloured green) and which foods are relatively healthy (they are the amber ones). The P and C subcommittee has worked very hard to get this right for our school community. We hope that your child will enjoy these yummy and healthy foods. The canteen will continue to be open for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Term 2.

The P and C will also be holding a Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday 7th May from 12.30 pm in the hall. Please read more about this later in the newsletter.

This week our Year 5 and 6 children will be participating in training for our Peer Support Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for our senior people to take on leadership responsibilities. Thank you Mrs Grieve, Mrs Scotney and Mr Connor for all your wonderful work in this programme.

This Saturday, as I am sure you all know, is the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Our school will be conducting an ANZAC service on Friday 24th April at 1pm. You are very welcome to share our assembly with us. Our school will also be marching at the Camden ANZAC day march. If you would like your child to march with us, please read the note further on in this newsletter. We need to meet at 10.00am in Camden. Children will be expected to wear their Winter school uniform and wet weather gear if it is raining. Children who require asthma sprays or epi pens will need to bring them and carry them during the march. Staff do not know who will be coming so are unable to cater for children. (READ KRSTLE’s note)

Looking forward to a great term.
Sharing the learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 2, 2015

Wednesday 29th April – Friday 1st May, 2015

5th Wednesday: Rochelle Jones, Monique Funnell, Laura Affleck
5th Thursday: Tracey Meredith, Katrina Zafosnik
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

Canteen News

As many of you are aware, the P&C Canteen Sub Committee has been reviewing the Menu and Price list and as a result we are able to put forward a new menu starting today (see attached copy). The review has caused some disruption to stock whilst we sold out certain items to remove from the Menu. We do apologise for this inconvenience.

The review undertaken included a Survey sent out to the community for comment and we would like to thank all of those who participated in the Survey and also those who did speak to us about their ideas.

The survey produced the following results:

- There were 43 responses to the survey.
- Usage of the canteen is varied but the majority use the canteen at least monthly.
- 72% see the canteen as a service for parents
- 60% see the canteen as a fund raiser
- 37% see the canteen as provider of treats
- The most popular day for the canteen is Friday. Only 3 surveys didn’t pick Friday and all of these 3 didn’t choose any day.
- Wednesday and Thursday are more popular than Monday.
- “Healthy choices” is the most popular food type (88%)
- closely followed by “ice blocks, frozen products” (81%)
- “Lollies and chips” was the least popular nominated item (44%)
- “Other” was even less popular (14%)

From the results of the Survey, the NSW Department of Education “NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS POLICY 2011” and the “Fresh Tastes @ School” NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy CANTEEN MENU PLANNING GUIDE, we have formed the new menu.

You will note that we have included healthy options for treats for our children and we have simplified the menu, with the minimum spend of $0.20.

We hope that you will embrace this menu and also look forward to special items that we will bring to the Canteen every term.

Thanking you

The P&C Canteen Sub Committee

ANZAC Centenary: 100th Anniversary


This year marks the Centenary of Australia’s involvement in World War 1. Our school has been invited to march at the Camden ANZAC Day Commemoration Service. Those who would like to march are asked to assemble in Elizabeth Street between Mitchell and Elizabeth Streets from 10.00am with the March commencing at 10.30am The March will then move to Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park (right opposite the Camden RSL Club Limited) for the commencement of the 2015 Camden ANZAC day Commemoration Service at 10.45am. Students who wish to march are required to wear full winter school uniform.

The school is holding an ANZAC Day Ceremony in the assembly hall on the 24th April (Friday, Week 1). The Senior Choir will be performing and a special guest from the Camden RSL will be attending. If families wish to lay flowers or a wreath they should send them to school with their child in the morning. Each class will lay their flowers at the war memorial in the morning at staggered times. The ceremony in the assembly hall will take place at 1.00pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Mrs K. Levings
ANZAC Day Coordinator
Book Club brochures have gone home today. The orders will be taken in the Library on Thursday 30th April (next week) between 9 & 10am.

Stewart House Envelopes
Stewart house envelopes have been sent home today with this Newsletter. If you would like to donate $2 to Stewart House, place it in the envelope provided, fill out the entry details on the back, send it back to school by the 8th May, 2015 and you will go in the draw to win a $4,000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

Easter Raffle Results
The Easter Raffle raised $1,412.00. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. The winners were:-

1st  Anika Campbell
2nd  Ellen Stucki
3rd  Shane Taylor
4th  Ben Mathiasch
5th  Hoffman Family
6th  Ellen Stucki
7th  D. Butcher

The following children won prizes for selling the most tickets.

Rory Leet, Maya Eade & Jack Carroll

Harmony Day Poster Competition
Nine students from Kindergarten to Year 6 submitted wonderful artworks showing how they feel about living a peaceful life in our diverse and multicultural world.

The students are: Paul Vella, Willem Kroh, Fletcher Kroh, Charlotte Francis_Reynolds, Claudia Bush, Lara Bush, Gillian Bush and Holly Mills.

Good Luck to our budding artists. We will keep you in touch with any updates.

Ms Stevenson

Special Community Assembly

FAREWELL MRS GARD

A special assembly is to be held for Mrs Gard on Friday 1st May 2015 to say goodbye and thanks for the tremendous help in the many years she has taught at this school.

Any families, past students & friends in the community who would like to attend this farewell assembly are most warmly invited.

The assembly will be held on Friday 1st May starting at 2.30pm

Please pass this on to others in the community who may also like to come and say farewell to Mrs Gard.
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is no excuse for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are no apologies for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children’s lives at risk. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.
(Penalty: exceeds $311 + two demerit points)

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.
You must not stop for more than two minutes.
(Penalty: exceeds $373 + two demerit points)

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.
(Penalty: exceeds $311 + two demerit points)

**CHILDREN’S CROSSING**
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.
(Penalty: exceeds $415 + two demerit points)

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked on the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.
(Penalty: exceeds $311 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

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**ZUMBA KIDS WITH CHELLE**

Monday afternoons
At The Oaks Public School
Classes will be held in the school hall
from
4pm to 5pm
Class cost is $7.00 per child

Any further queries please contact
Michelle on 0400602285

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www.s-t-a-d-s.com

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**Join scouts today**
Scouting is for boys and girls that are keen to experience the outdoors and have fun.

Cubs age between 7.5 - 11
Scouts age between 11 - 15

1st Burragarorang meet on Monday nights
Cubs 6pm - 7:30pm
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm

Corner Burragarorang Rd and William St.

For more information call Wayne Stevens on 0413304379.