Principal’s Message

TERM 2, 2014 IS HERE
Welcome back to everyone for what is shaping up to be a super busy term of only 9 weeks. Details of all events will appear in the newsletters prior to them happening.

PARENTS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN’S PROGRESS
Parents often seek information about how their children are progressing. The very best person to provide this information is your child’s class teacher. A child’s specific class teacher can provide professional, informative and timely advice about academic progress and behaviour that other teachers or staff or other parents cannot. Class teachers welcome the opportunity to speak with parents at any time about their students. Class teachers are generally available before and after school but are happy to make appointments if these times are taken with other parent interviews or school commitments.

PARENTS APPROACHING CHILDREN
Parents are asked not to approach other children in the school if there are concerns. Children become frightened and upset when confronted by other parents and then their parents become very upset. If you do have concerns about other students please see your child’s class teacher, Mrs Murray, Ms Schroder or myself so that we can provide support on issues of concern.

REMINDER
Assembly this week will be held on Thursday instead of Friday as Friday will be school photo day. Thursday’s assembly will also be the presentation of cross country ribbons.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM NEWS
As from Wednesday, May 7, 2014 the breakfast program will be organised and served in the demountable next to the car park from 8:30am until 8:50am.

CANTEEN NEWS
As from this coming Monday, May 5, 2014 the school will once again be responsible for the running of the canteen. In the past the school has kept costs to parents as low as possible by heavily subsidizing the price of canteen items. Unfortunately, in the present, difficult economic climate the school budget can no longer absorb these costs. There has also been continual price increases by suppliers. These factors have made it necessary for the school to increase prices of all canteen items. A new canteen price list was sent home last Friday.

It is Departmental policy that food purchased from school run canteens must be paid for at time of purchase so no credit will be given. If any families need assistance with the provision of lunches for their children please contact Mrs Smith in the front office.

FUNDRAISING
Flavoured milk is available for purchase from the canteen. 6 small cartons or bottles for $5.
Easter Hat Parade & ANZAC Day Assembly

Easter Hat Winners

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This term we are meeting every 3 weeks so the next meeting will be on May 23, 2014. Please feel free to attend and any one is welcome to join. It has been decided that due to unforeseen circumstances, the fete that was going to be held on October 18, 2014 has had to be cancelled. The P&C however have a number of different fundraising events coming up, with a Monster Mash Halloween Bash set for the end of October, a Tupperware Fundraiser, Mother’s Day Stall, Father’s Day Stall and lots of other fun and exciting events.

Thanks again for everyone who helped with our first pie drive for 2014. It was a great success.

The P&C also have boxes of cereal for sale for $2 in the canteen.

Also, please see the add in the newsletter about either joining Tupperware as a Demonstrator or booking a party. Everyone who books a party through Elle Berze and her team of lovely demonstrators on 0405669798, Elle will donate $10 to the school for every party held. This is also for anyone who comes and listens to Elle talk about the Tupperware opportunity and then joins Tupperware.

Our school could make some great money out of this, so book a Tupperware party today or join to make some extra tax free money for yourself and support the school.
The children are back from holidays and have settled back well. The children have all taken a real interest in dinosaurs this term and therefore, educators will ensure they keep with this theme flowing while ever this interest is shown. (EYLF)

We are conducting vision screenings on Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} May and Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} May 2014, please speak to your child’s teacher if you have not completed a form.

Week three we will be having crazy hair day! This is not compulsory, just something a little fun for the kids to enjoy.

Week five we will have a stay and play morning tea where parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. can stay and play with their pre-schooler.

Sam is in her fourth year at Charles Sturt University and will be in the Buroo room for the next three weeks.

Enjoying play with sand and sieves

Dramatic play enhances our creativity and imagination

Painting using a range of resources including our fingers is FUN!

We wish all our mum’s a very special mother’s day.
Tips on Student Attendance #5

Good Attendance - There is a number of good reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on. For older students, being absent interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child’s return to school. Birthdays, haircuts, Pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school.

ATTENDANCE CLASS OF THE WEEK!

HB 5 with 100%

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK!

87%

Attendance Target 92%

NAIDOC SHIRTS!

NAIDOC Day T-Shirts will be available to purchase from Ms Schroder. The shirts need to preordered so make sure you come and let Ms Schroder know if you wish to purchase one. If you wish to purchase a shirt the cost is between $11.50-$12.50 and come in kids and adults sizes. They are a great buy and support the awareness of Indigenous Australia.
School Photos
School photos will be taken on Friday 9th May, Term 2, Week 2. As in previous years they will be done on a pre-paid system.
Each child must have an envelope.
Exact money must be in the envelopes.
All money and envelopes must be in by the morning of Friday 9th May.
Children must wear school uniform on the day.
Sibling photo envelopes can be obtained from the office.
No late payments will be accepted.

General Info
Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. 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) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this Internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.
Online applications open 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 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Zoo Camp
School camp is not far away and we urge all student’s attending to make sure they have everything required on their checklist for the overnight camp. Please be aware the weather has defiantly got a chill in the air. We ask that all parents ensure they pack enough warm clothing for their child particularly for night time activities. All payments need to be finalised and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Wild Australia App
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia
2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
Bunnings Warehouse is giving you the chance to win one of three prizes valued at $50.
All you have to do is colour in the Mother’s Day scene and deliver it to your local Warehouse by 6pm on Sunday 11th May.
The winners of the colour-in competition will be drawn on Monday 12th May and the winners will be notified by mail or telephone.

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Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM for Primary and Secondary Students at Port Kembla.

Enrolment Essential

Program commencing on
Tuesday 6 May to 24 June 2014 for 8 Weeks
4pm – Junior Program, 5pm – Senior Program
FREE

Phone Marie on 4276 1229 for enrolments

Sponsored by BlueScopeWin
Cross Country

Last Thursday Kemblawarra held our annual Cross Country Tournament, and a fantastic day was had by all. The children looked wonderful decked out in house colours and we have already received noise complaints about how loud our chants were—very impressive, guys!

Almost all of our students participated in the event running 500m, 2km or 3km depending on their age group. While it wasn’t easy, many showed great strength of character and persevered through the entire race.

A huge congratulations goes out to these students who will be heading to the District Cross Country Carnival:

Junior Boys
1st. Corey
2nd. Blake
3rd. Alex
4th. Zach

Junior Girls
1st. Lilly
2nd. Lexi
3rd. Shayla
4th. Jasmine
5th. Ashley

11 Year Boys
1st. David
2nd. Christopher

12/13 Year Boys
1st. Christian

Those students who are going to District will have received their notes already, we need those in quick because it’s coming up very soon.

Jay Trew - Sports Coordinator
During circle time on the first Monday back after the school break the students’ general consensus was how happy they were to be back at school. The reasons put forward by the students were to be back with their friends, their eagerness to resume learning and their overall enjoyment of participating in all aspects of school life.

Students took little time to immerse themselves diligently into all key learning areas as well as positive social interactions with their peers.

Handwriting with Sarah  
Celebrating Nicholas’s 8th birthday.  
Enjoying Shared Reading

Warrawong High School will again be testing for the 2015 Selective Class.

Any students who missed the first round of testing and would like to be considered for the Selective Class, are invited to attend Warrawong High School on Wednesday 21 May 2014, from 9.00am until 11.00am. For further information please contact Mrs Sandra Horlsey at Warrawong High School on 4274 0707.
Notice Board

- 8th May Weekly assembly 9:15am
- 9th May School Photos
- 9th May P&C Mothers Day Stall
- 13–15 May NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Camp 20–21 May
- Student reports Wednesday 26th June (week 9)

Safety and Security

Students, staff and school property are protected under the Inclosed Lands Act. It is an offence to verbally and physically assault any student or staff member on school premises.

School grounds are private property. No one is allowed on school grounds out of school hours unless they have permission. If anyone sees anybody they think shouldn’t be on the school grounds please contact School Security or the Police on 4232 559.

ROCKY ROAD (RESPLENDENT)

BY MRS WHELAN

Ingredients

1x 200g-250g Plain chocolate
1x 200g-250g hazelnut chocolate (optional)
1x Jelly lollies (snakes, raspberries, frogs, etc)
1x packet marshmallow
½ cup desiccated coconut

Method

- Chop up lollies and marshmallow into bite size pieces; place in a bowl. Mix well.
- Melt both chocolates and add to lolly mix.
- If adding coconut, add now; mix until the chocolate coats all ingredients.
- Place into moulds or a lined baking dish.
- Refrigerate until the chocolate sets; cut into squares for serving or wrapping.