PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

The P&C held its Annual General Meeting on Friday morning. Mrs Janet Cox is now the President, Mrs Kate Bult is Vice President, Ms Karessa Smith is Secretary assisted by Ms Ashley Ford and Ms Mary Christian is Treasurer.

I would like to thank the 2014 P&C Executive for all their hard work and want them to know how much all their efforts are appreciated by all of us at the school including staff, parents and students. They all gave their very best and collectively and individually helped and supported the school so much. Enormous thanks to Mrs Nina Gentle, 2014 President, Ms Sharon Brownlow, 2014 Treasurer, Ms Katie Welsh, Vice President 2014, and Ms Karessa Smith, also Vice President 2014. A special thanks to Mrs Elle Berze, 2014 Secretary, who has served in various capacities over many years as both a general member and in various executive roles. Mrs Berze's son has moved on to high school but she remains part of the general membership. Thank you again to the 2014 Executive and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all of you in 2015 for the benefit of all the children.

This year is proving quite exciting already. The DEC has expressed their delight with how well the support students here are progressing, how efficiently the classes are conducted and the outstanding leadership of the Support Unit by Ms Schroder. They are so impressed they are looking into locating 2 more support classes in the school. I am now waiting to hear if Head Office will approve the allocation and delivery of 2 more demountables and other costs associated with establishing these classes. I will let you know when I hear more.

EASTER HAT PARADE RAFFLE

WE NEED YOUR CHOCOLATE EGGS! The SRC will be holding an Easter Hat Raffle and need the help of all the parents/caregivers and wider school community in donating a chocolate egg or 2! Please hand to your child's classroom teacher ASAP. This week children will receive a pack of raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle to take home and sell. Tickets will be $1.50 each or 3 for $3. Please return your money to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for supporting the SRC.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This is your last chance to return your note for the 3-6 Primary swimming carnival. Students in YEARS 3-6 will be leaving straight away from school Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child is at school on time ready to mark rolls and board the bus. We look forward to a fun filled day!

Don't forget to
- wear swim wear under school clothes to school
- pack a plastic bag inside your child’s school bag with recess, school hat, towel, UNDERWEAR
- Dress in house colour
- put on sunscreen at home

PARKING

This is a reminder that the bus zone at the front of the school is a bus zone and unfortunately can not be used as a pick up and drop off zone. There are taxi buses that are constantly using this space, buses and mini buses. Furthermore keep your money in your pocket as rangers are often patrolling the area and have been know to hand out parking fines for parking in the bus zone.

Upcoming Events

- Swimming Carnival 11th March
- ANZAC Performance 18th March 12pm
- Harmony Day 20th March
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Sunday 29th March
**Weekly Awards**

**Medal**
Lily, Nicholas

**Class of the Week**
Kurrilwa (HB1)

**Infant Merit Award**
Tahlia, Maddison, Mason, Zane, Jerara

**Green Award**
Ford, Amelia, Nicholas

**Reading Award**
Joel, Reba, Makayla, Paige, Mckenzie Bella, Stephenie, Tyrese

**Birthdays**
Noah, Bella, Zane, Maqtada, Railey

**Primary Merit Award**
Liam, Matthew, Blake, Blake, Brooke, Lilly, Josh, Mya, Ivana

**ART FOR 3-6**
Students in year 3-6 need surf magazines or magazines or pictures with waves and surfers. Please help the students create their art work and donate if possible your old surf magazines. Please hand to Ms Schroder or Mrs Smith at the front office.

**EASTER HAT PARADE**
Don’t forget to start thinking about your Easter Hat Parade HAT. The wilder and quirkier the better. The Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday 2 April.

**BIKE/SCOOTER SAFETY**
It has come to our attention that a number of students have been riding their bikes and scooters to school without a helmet. Due to the safety of the children it is important the students are wearing the required safety equipment when riding their bikes and scooters. The school is located in such a busy area with heavy traffic flowing in both directions. It is also important to keep in mind there are often rangers and police vehicles utilising the roads around our schools. Since July 1 1991, cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear a helmet. By law, all riders and passengers must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet. Helmets need to be securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head. Advice on how to correctly fit a helmet can be found in the RTA publication Information for parents and caregivers about safety on wheels. It is very encouraging to see so many students riding their bikes and scooters to school so lets help make them safe by ensuring they are wearing the relevant safety equipment including a helmet.
Students in HB7 recently followed a procedure text on how to make a healthy lunch to stimulate their tastebuds. They used a variety of healthy toppings to make a happy face on brown rice and corn biscuits. Students were encouraged to sample a variety of nutrient rich foods with a focus on their sense of taste and smell which they have been experiencing in science with Miss Baker and Mr Brown.

Since Narelle’s retirement, Chris (Monday and Thursdays) and Karran (Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays) have stepped up in the Wombat room to try and fill Narelle’s big shoes! The kids are started to get acquainted with the new helpers by having some fun with hula hoops. The kids have also been showing off their wonderful talent by drawing artistic pictures with chalk on the concrete and painting with water.

The kids in the Buroo room have been having a lot of fun with sensory play. They have been playing with rice and colouring it and also making things out of play dough.

They have also been reading ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’ and have been enjoying the story immensely. They made a bridge, just like in the story and also have made a troll that lives under the bridge. His name is Trevor!
Community Noticeboard

- **Coerver Coaching** is the world's #1 global soccer program. Registration online beginning in FEB. Mondays and Wednesdays located at Albert Butler Oval, Kemblawarra. email: nswnscah@coerver.com ph: 0459 532223

- **Kids' Fishing Workshop**
  Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn how to fish safely and responsibly. At Lake Illawarra Thursday 9 April, 10am-2pm. Cost $40.
  Contact: Stephen Thurstan ph: 0438 245190 email: stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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 4276 5199.

**ZUCCHINI SLICE**

**BY MRS MURRAY**

**Ingredients:**
- 500g grated zucchini
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 3 rashers of bacon (chopped and pan fried/grilled)
- 1 cup cheese
- 1 cup SR Flour
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 5 eggs (lightly beaten)
- Salt and Pepper

**Method:**
- Combine ingredients
- Pour into a well greased lamington size dish
- Bake in a moderate oven for 40 mins.

Word of the Week

**culture**

**Noun**

**Meaning:**
1. artistic and intellectual pursuits and products. 2. development or improvement of the mind by education or training. 3. the sum total of ways of living built up by a group of human beings and transmitted from one generation to another.

**Used in a sentence:**
The high school students had to read Plato's writings for their class on Western Culture.