WHAT A WEEK

Thank you very much to everyone who sent in something for our Christmas Hamper. The response was fantastic!

We hope that we can make enough money from this event to subsidise the Young Leaders Day next year. All stage 3 students are offered the chance to attend because of this fundraising. There are more tickets available at the office if you need more!

So far very few tickets and money have been returned.

It was lovely to be able to thank some of our volunteers this week at our annual helpers’ lunch. We know that some people were not able to attend unfortunately but please know that we really appreciate your support for a range of programs at our school.

We also had a lovely Scripture event to finish the year’s scripture lessons. These volunteers do a great job in supporting religious instruction for those who value this.

We also had Steve Galbraith here to hold discussions with groups of children and teachers. We want to get feedback from both these groups to help us with our school planning for next year.

Unfortunately quite a few families have decided not to support our school by paying the voluntary contribution! This has left us with a shortfall of $1700 with which to pay for our online programs “Maths On-line” and “Reading Eggs”.

We will be asking parents to at least pay the $20 for these programs as all children have used them throughout this year.

We don't want to stop providing these sorts of activities for all students but school funds do not cover the cost.

If the families concerned could help us out with this it would be much appreciated! A reminder note will go out soon.

Reports are all completed and will be sent home on Monday. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report with the class teacher please make an appointment via the office.

Coming up is our Presentation Assembly so please help us to ensure that this event goes smoothly and the focus is on the students receiving awards.

Dorothy Cass

UPCOMING EVENTS

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AFTER SCHOOL SPORT IS NOW FINISHED

Save the Date:
PPS Swim Carnival 3rd February 2015

Next Assembly: December 11
Presentation Assembly
Five Islands Secondary College

P&C MEETING WEDNESDAY DEC 10 5:45p.m.

Sadly our long term canteen supervisor Wendy Dyer has decided to retire from working with us. Family commitments will keep her very busy in the future.

I would like to thank her for many years of service to our school. It is a huge job to run a school canteen and most of her time has been voluntary.

She has spent many years also as a member of the P&C as well as being the fete and fundraising organizer.

She hasn't given us much time to express our thanks and say good bye but her last day will be December 8.

Thank you Wendy you have done an amazing job over many years for us! Our very best wishes to you for the future!
**URGENTLY NEEDED!**

Someone that is able to help sew our knitted squares together.

Parents prepared to cover work books for students next year.

Please contact Mrs. Connell if you are able to do either of these important jobs.

**PARKING NEAR THE SCHOOL**

Please be considerate of others when parking the car around the school site.

It is upsetting to hear that some parents are not doing this!

We need to be good role models for our children of behaving responsibly and respectfully in all aspects of life.

Keeping parking rules and considering others in all our actions is important.

Thanks for your practical support for our school values.

**BADGES AND WRISTBANDS**

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**PARENTING TIP**

Sibling relationships matter!

Healthy relationships make kids happier but how do we go about teaching kids to get on?

Start by encouraging children to do small acts of kindness which build empathy.

Help them mend relationships that have broken down.

Start with siblings first, but with only children; make sure you build these skills through plenty of interactions with peers.

*(From Michael Grose – Australia’s no 1 parent educator)*

**REPORTS**

A great deal of time and effort has gone into assessing each child so that parents get an accurate picture of their child’s academic focus.

The report will include areas of need and it is in the best interests of the children for parents to try to implement any suggestions.

It is also important for parents to understand that the report results indicate what their children can do at that point in time and many factors will impact on whether or not children fall back or continue to progress.

Over the long summer break many children don’t continue to practice, others do lots of reading of a range of text types. The same applies to tables and other maths facts.

Without continual practice children can lose confidence and fluency which will impact on comprehension of texts and problem solving ability.

Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions or would like more information to help your child over the school holidays so that they don’t have to relearn skills.

**LIBRARY**

Reminder – that all books and home readers need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.
**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**

This event is actually a school day from a legal perspective so children MUST sit with their teacher, follow the usual school rules and the directions of their teacher at all times.

Children must ask their teacher for permission to go to their parents. They are not to be expected to look after their younger siblings during the assembly.

We have tried to streamline this event and learn from the mistakes made last year.

We want the focus to be on celebrating achievement but we want to do this respectfully.

Please clap for all children but we do not want parents to yell out and whistle and stamp their feet etc. as this is a formal occasion.

Waiting for the noise to stop also prolongs the whole event and we could end up with a rushed concert again which is what we are trying to avoid.

Parents are asked to take photos during the event from their seat or at a designated area after the award is presented.

Last year we lost a lot of time waiting for parents to take their photo so if you could work with us on this we hope that you will get a good photo but the rest of the presentations will be able to continue.

It is absolutely vital from a safety point of view that preschoolers stay with their parents at all times during the assembly.

**Assembly agenda**

- 9:50 a.m.: Welcome and class awards
- 11:00 a.m.: Recess where food and drinks will be for sale.
- 11:30 a.m.: Special awards and medals. This year we have several guest presenters and some additional awards.
  - Year 6 certificates and gifts will also be presented.
- 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.: Concert and raffle draw.

We must be on the buses to go back to school at 2:30 p.m.

The year 6 Farewell dinner will start at 5:30 p.m and the rest of the school is invited to the disco at 6:30 p.m which will end promptly at 8:30 p.m.

**Expectations**

So that everything goes smoothly and the focus remains on the students who are receiving awards we ask for the support of family and friends in the following areas.

We want to make the day about your school age children so the focus needs to be on them. If it’s possible to organize babysitting that would make it easier to maintain this focus.

- Preschoolers need to stay with their parents and be as quiet as possible (bring something quiet for them to play with and a small snack if necessary).
- Make sure that preschoolers do not end up on the steps or the stage.
- Take crying preschoolers outside
- Please clap for every student not just your own child and stay for the whole session unless you really have to go.
- Take photos from your seat or move to the designated photo area
- School children must remain in their area with their teacher and are not to take preschool siblings to the toilet or leave their area to sit with their family. It is still a school day and enrolled children are the responsibility of the teachers until they go home.
- Make sure that all rubbish goes in the bin or is taken home.
- Remain in the hall until the next break.
- Purchase and eat food only at the scheduled breaks

Please remind your child prior to the day that not all children will receive an award. Children need to understand and cope with the feelings that are part of missing out.

Being able to cope with feelings of anger or sadness when this happens is an important aspect of becoming resilient. Children should not see it as a sign of personal failure but in fact appreciate that the winner is deserving of the award.

Everyone can feel proud of themselves if they know that they have done their personal best!

Thanks for your support!
**CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

Please send tickets and money back as soon as possible. Even if they are unsold they must be returned as each child has been issued a unique number and is accountable for their tickets.

*A push bike has been included in this year’s prizes.*

If you need more once you have sold the first book they will be available at the office.

The money from this fundraising event will go towards subsidizing next year’s programs. All children benefit from your generosity.

Tickets will still be available at the Presentation Assembly which is when the raffle will be drawn!

Good luck everyone!

**UNIFORMS**

All uniform orders are now ready for collection once the final balance has been paid.

These can be collected from the uniform shop on Tuesday mornings from 8.40am till 9am, and Tuesday afternoons from 2.45pm-3pm for the next 2 weeks.

**NOT RETURNING TO PRIMBEE PS IN 2015**

Please return this slip if your child is not returning to Primbee PS in 2015 so that we can organise our classes for next year.

**2015 Enrolment**

My child will not be returning to Primbee PS in 2015.

Child’s Name:__________________________________

Class:__________________________________________

Signed:________________________________________

**BUS PASSES**

Students who require a bus pass for next year should be applying next month. Please forward the applications to your school.

Students moving into year 3, students moving into year 7 and any students who have changed their address will need to apply now so applications can be processed over the Christmas break.

**NOTE:** There will be a 2 week period at the start of the year for students eligible for free travel to receive their passes, but students who are ineligible will be charged for travel and after the 2 week period other students who have not received their pass as yet may also be charged.

**CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

The foundation for healthy permanent teeth in children and teenagers is laid during the first years of life. Therefore, it is essential to establish proper oral hygiene routines early to help safeguard the development of strong and healthy teeth. The Australian Government has made available the Child Dental Benefit Schedule to assist parents and young people in maintaining proper oral hygiene.

**BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

Benefits will cover a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fixed sealant fillings, root canals and extractions.

In 2014, benefits for basic dental services are capped at $1,900 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years.

**WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

To be eligible a child must be:

- aged between 2 and 19 on the first day of the calendar year
- eligible for Medicare
- you can confirm your child’s eligibility by calling the Medicare general enquiries line on 132 031 or simply come to our Centre and we will check it for you.

**HOW TO USE THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

- Make an appointment with Centre Health Dental (Barrack Heights) - Ph: 4255 1944 and we will bill the service.
Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it’s absolutely FREE.

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN?
Go4Fun runs for 9 weeks after school or on weekends during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN?
Each week you and your child will learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The program also includes a supermarket tour where you get to put everything you’ve learnt into practice.

Every week the children will also be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active.

START UP PACK
Your child will receive a start-up pack including a:
- Go4Fun backpack,
- Go4Fun t-shirt,
- Go4Fun water bottle

Your child can also earn bonus rewards including:
- Wristbands
- Bouncy balls and
- $30 Sports equipment voucher*

HOW DO I ENROL?
Registrations for Term 1 programs are now open.

Wollongong program - Saturdays 9:30am - 11:30am at UOW Sports Hub starting Saturday 31st January

Unanderra programs - Thursday 4pm - 6pm at Unanderra Community Centre starting Thursday 5th February

We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your child’s place in a program by contacting 1800 780 900

*who complete 8 or more sessions & Healthy Growth Check 2
ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Five Islands Secondary College was established in 1990 on the site of the former Port Kembla High School. It is one of only four Department of Education and Communities Senior Colleges operating in NSW.

The College provides an adult-oriented learning environment in which students are encouraged to take greater responsibility for their own learning. College organisation supports this different approach to suit mature-age, re-entry and continuing students through full-time and part-time pathways.

The College offers a high-quality education to all students across a wide range of academic and vocational programs, including special interest subjects.

The College is recognised by the Department of Education and Communities as a Centre of Excellence in integrating education and training in recognition of its outstanding achievements in education.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Due to the popularity of the afternoon cluooz, students who wish to enrol should have their name placed on the waiting list, to avoid disappointment.

Enrolment applications are welcomed from August.

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