**WHAT A WEEK**

Thanks to the team of hardworking volunteers who made a delicious Green Meal Deal for us this week. I enjoyed my spaghetti!

Bec Bazzano did a great job and it was lovely to see so many parents helping her. Thank you to Mrs Yates, Mrs Balatti, Mrs Turner and Sue.

Coming up soon is our annual Easter Hat parade and Easter Raffle. For parents who are new to our school I have included a few relevant details in this newsletter so that you are aware of how it works.

It is usually a great day and we have the opportunity to raise some much needed funds.

Unfortunately we have had an outbreak of nits in Kindergarten so please check out our suggestions to nip the nits in the bud.

Kindergarten has decided to take on the organization of the morning tea stall at the school Cross Country so please support them. A note has gone home calling for a donation and volunteers.

There is also a year 6 fundraising cake stall at the school Cross Country which will go towards a gift for the school.

Unfortunately I have had to remind a few people this week about wearing non uniform items.

In particular parents need to remember that BIKE PANTS, TIGHTS and very short shorts are NOT part of the uniform.

Thank you to all the parents who sent in a donation for our Easter Hamper.

Thank you to Mrs Connell for organising our Kite challenge. All the teachers have supported Harmony Day by talking to children about how Australia welcomes people of different background from all over the world to live together in Australia and make it an even better place.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Next P&C meeting: May 20**
**Next Assembly: March 26**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Wednesday mornings - 8.30 – 9am

Orders with payment can be placed in the letterbox outside the office at any time and will be processed asap.

**NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**

- Getting to and from school – Must be returned
- Young leaders
- Fee reminders – please pay asap

**FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL** session next week

**Dorothy Cass**
PLEASE UNDERSTAND

All school offices are moving towards a cashless system and we are encouraged to make sure that we do not hold cash on the premises.

It is for this reason that we have an On-line payment system which we are encouraging parents to use. This does mean however, that we often don’t have money to provide change.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could try to have the correct money if at all possible for all payments.

When our new administration system starts, at the end of this year, it will be very difficult to provide any change at all.

ONLY 7 OUTSTANDING GYMSPORT PAYMENTS!

THANK YOU!

BADGES

Respect – Melody, Moe
Responsibility – Claudia, Caieta

ATTENDANCE REMINDER-LATENESS

We are having a blitz on lateness at the moment. Teachers are extremely concerned about the impact that this has on student learning.

Children are missing important explanations of activities and school work starts straight away in the morning now that we do not have an assembly.

There may be times that lateness is unavoidable but there are very few acceptable reasons for this.

The acceptable reasons are:

- Family emergency
- Car breakdown
- Medical appointment that cannot be organised for any other time

It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure that the morning routing at home will ensure that children are at school on time.

Congratulations to the vast majority of parents who do this really well.

If we do not have a parent sign in late children or there is no note or phone call then we will let you know via an orange reminder slip. This just reminds you of the correct procedure.

It is vital that we have a reason because in some situations Community Services want to know whether or not children are safe. Regular lateness may be considered as an opportunity for children to be at risk of harm.

If the reason for lateness is simply ‘late’ or ‘appointment’ this will be considered as an unjustified absence and will be recorded as such.

Frequent unjustified late notes will be reported to the Home School Liaison Officer.

To encourage children to be on time we will include lateness statistics when working out our attendance awards. This means that lateness will be counted as an absence if it is unjustified.

SCHOOL HATS

We are concerned that so many children do not have the school sun safe hat that was given to them at the start of the year.

Teachers made sure that the student’s name was in each hat but quite a few children do not have theirs.

It is a requirement that children have this hat for:

- Excursions
- Displaying badges
- Representing the school at any special event.
- All outdoor activities i.e. fitness, sport, fun days, outside reward days, playtime, gardening etc

So it is important that children know where it is and do wear it all the time. Please have a look at home over the weekend to see if it is there.

If you think you missed out on the free one please let us know at the office.

We are waiting for a shipment of hats to arrive. If you need to purchase another one you can place an order with the correct money and they will be in first thing next term.

Children can play if they are wearing a sun safe hat but if not they will have to stay in the shade for their protection.

A baseball cap in NOT considered sun safe by the Cancer Council
NITS
Although nits are not considered a health hazard they are a nuisance.

We recommend the following to help keep them under control:

- All parents treat hair on the same weekend after the letter goes home about nits being in the classroom
- Leave white conditioner in the hair after washing it
- Put a little tea tree oil in the water spray used to help put hair in a ponytail or braids
- KEEP HAIR TIED BACK

Our little children like to get close to each other when they are playing so unfortunately it is very difficult to stop them sharing their nits with others.

EASTER EVENTS

Thursday, April 10
Each year we have an Easter hat parade at school. The children make their hats at school.

It is not a competition and the children make their hats WITH A BUDDY.

Parents are asked to send in a hat shape or sheet of cardboard to make their hat.

Children can also bring in glitter, crepe paper and any other bits and pieces to decorate the hat. We encourage children to share these items.

Parents and grandparents are invited up to see the parade and stay for a picnic lunch with their children/grandchildren.

The canteen will be selling sausage rolls and pies as well as sandwiches and cakes before and after the parade.

Raffle tickets for the hamper will also be for sale and the raffle will be drawn after lunch.

There will be several hampers as prizes depending on the donations we receive.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents and grandparents her on the day.

GARDENING

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY.

There are still a few that need to be returned please!

CAPTAINS REPORT

The kite challenge was a funny and great experience. It was amazing to see all the different kites everyone had put together. Well done to the few children that have already gotten badges and we know that a lot of others are very close.

We had an SRC meeting and decided we are going to sell Stuart House High Bounce Balls for $3 each. We will let you know when these arrive.

CROSS COUNTRY STALLS

Mrs. Erwin has organised for her children’s parents to organise the sandwiches, tea and coffee stall.
Other parents who have volunteered already are helping them too.

Stage 3 will be holding a cake stall which is to raise funds for the year 6 gift to the school.

Details will be going home soon and we need a couple of people to set up and man this stall.

Thankyou everyone!

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

This is a great experience for our students and has been heavily subsidised by the school using parents’ hard earned fundraising money.

The senior SRC members are paid for with school funds and the ticket price has been halved for the first 14 senior students who would like to go. There are 3 spots left.

All children will need to pay for the train. See the permission note for details.

UNIFORM

All embroidered jackets and jumpers have arrived and all orders that have been paid in full have been sent home today. All other pre-ordered items are awaiting final payment and can be collected from the office or will be sent home once balance paid.

There is other stock of jackets and jumpers available at the uniform shop however once sizes sold out items will need to be placed and current timeframe is 2-4 weeks for embroidered goods.

Leisure pants (new item for the girls), track pants and gaberdine pants are available to try on in all sizes at the uniform shop on Wednesdays 8:30-9am orders placed for these items will generally be filled for these items within 1-2 weeks.

We have discovered that the gaberdine shorts and gaberdine pants sold in our uniform shop are in fact unisex items therefore any girls wishing to have shorts or basic long pants can come and try them on for size!

Reminder to try all items for size prior to purchase as items can not be returned to the supplier for incorrect size reasons and we can not afford to hold stock items!

Your support is appreciated.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kasey and Bianca.

Kasey completed in a Little Athletics Competition last weekend and came away with lots of medals. She came 2nd hurdles, 2nd 1100m walk, 2nd 1500m walk, 3rd longjump, 2nd high jump and 2nd in shotput.

Well done to Bianca for being selected to participate in the Under-8’s Tennis Australia talent development camp in Sydney last weekend. Bianca and two other girls for the Illawara Tennis Academy were put through their paces, taking part in drills and point play.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CITYLIFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

COFFEE AND DROP IN MORNING
INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

For parents, carers and friends of children living with ADHD/ASD and associated disorders. We also support Adults diagnosed with these disorders.

WHEN: Last Friday of the month
TIME: 10.30 am
WHERE: Citylife Church
2/129 Jardine St (west end), Fairy Meadow 2519
Information: 0242844414, 0401246765 Joanne, 0413048453 Jill

No time for Breakfast?
Try some of these quick breakfasts children will enjoy on the go.
* Reduced-fat yoghurt
* Reduced-fat milkshake
* Fruit smoothie
* Hot or cold Milo with low fat milk
* Wholemeal toast with cheese
* Slice of banana or fruit bread
**What's for Recess?**

Children need snacks throughout the day to meet their growth and energy needs. These foods should also contribute to their daily nutrient needs rather than just contribute energy. Every day snack foods include:

* Cheese and crackers
* Plain popcorn
* Fresh or canned fruit (in natural juice)
* Plain or fruit yoghurt
* Vegetable sticks and dip
* Fruit bread
* Wholemeal biscuits with spreads
* Corn cob
* Rice cakes with spreads

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**South Coast Volcano Tour: The Journey Begins**

Celebrate parks week on this day-tour of the south coast. Join our geological expert aboard a 22-seater coach as we follow the path of a volcanic hot spot that created the south coast 250 million years ago, forming many of today’s well-known landmarks.

Along the way, we’ll also meet people who look after some of the region’s parks and protected areas including, Jarvis Bay Marine Park, Booderee National Park, Been Free Range and Shoalhaven City Council.

**When:** Sunday 9 March, 9:30am to 5:30pm
**Where:** Meet at Henry Sewling Park, Graham St, Nowra
**Grading:** Easy
**Price:** $25 per participant
**Bookings:** Bookings required
**Contact:** Phone 02 4423 2170

For details on this and other Discovery activities visit:


or phone the National Parks Information line: 1300 361 967

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**Nature’s Hidden Treasures Kayak Tour**

Join National Parks Discovery Rangers for a unique opportunity to explore Coramary Regional Park by kayak. Connect with nature as you paddle through the unspoilt estuaries of St George’s Basin on the south coast, experiencing hidden lagoons, creeks and rivulets first-hand. All equipment supplied.

**When:** Saturday 8 March, 9:30am to 12:30pm
**Where:** Meet at Picnic Area, Coramary Regional Park (Details for getting there are on the website)
**Grading:** Easy
**Price:** $40 per participant
**Bookings:** Bookings required
**Contact:** Phone 02 4423 2170

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