**What a Week**

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Kite Challenge last Friday. We hope you enjoyed doing this activity with your child.

We did end up with perfect weather and there was one very successful kite. The children had a great time trying to get their kite to fly.

Teachers also had the chance to talk to the children about the importance of welcoming people from all different cultures to Australia. We can learn a lot from all the people that we meet.

On the same day we also talked about the importance of bystanders being helpful to victims in bullying incidents. It is important to try to get help for people who are being bullied, not create an audience for them.

Next week our senior SRC and other stage 3 children are off to Sydney for the Young Leaders Day.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about leadership.

We also hope that the weather will be fine so that we can hold our school Cross Country.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to make sandwiches and cakes to sell at this event. Any money we make will go towards subsidizing the Dance 2Bfit program.

Year 6 will use their money to purchase something for the school as their gift at the end of the year.

This week’s newsletter comes with a risk assessment for the playground equipment and the sand pit. Each year the teachers go over the safety issues for these items with the children.

Parents are asked to reinforce these safety issues at home with children whenever they can.

The next couple of weeks are very busy but we hope you can support all these events.

**Dorothy Cass**

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Next P&C meeting: May 20**
**Next Assembly: May 7**

**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**
- Fee reminders – please pay asap

**Reminder**
If you need to give your child something at school e.g. lunch, jumper etc. **DO NOT GO TO THE CHILD OR THE CLASSROOM.** It must be left at the office please!

**Assembly Awards**
Bryson, Sean, Samuel, Takitumu Mo, Alyssa, Joel, Kye, Keiran, Jacklyn, Tamika, Bianca, Riley, Indianna, Nakeisha, Connor, Shaylee, Jayden
Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are completed for excursions and school events as well as any activity that may cause an injury to anyone at school.

Use of school equipment is one of the areas where we identify the potential risks and work out a plan to minimize the risk.

When it comes to the use of the playground equipment and sandpit it is vital that children understand and follow the safety instructions.

Unfortunately we have had a couple of accidents recently so it is important to encourage parents to remind their children to be mindful of others when playing.

Often the accidents occur when children are using the equipment inappropriately.

Generally speaking we have very few accidents but even one is of concern to us.

Thanks for your support!

Attendance

Attendance awards were handed out to children with good attendance. Receiving these awards also means that your child has not been late to school.

We are trying to encourage children and parents to make sure that children are at school and on time for the start of the day every day.

We know it is vital that children participate in the whole range of activities and learning experiences that we provide.

On the other hand it is also important that children do stay at home if they are really sick. This will help them to recover more quickly and will stop the infections spreading.

Unless there is a very important reason for absences or lateness it will be recorded as unjustified and reported to the Home School Liaison Officer.

Cross Country – Wednesday 2 April

Weather permitting we will be having our Cross Country event on Wednesday 2 April.

Parents are invited to come up and watch. You may like to buy something to eat or drink and perhaps some more raffle tickets.

Time: 9:15 a.m. – approximately 11a.m.

Venue: Ray Crump Oval

Requirements: Children will need:

- water to drink,
- footwear appropriate for running,
- a sunsafe hat,
- a T-shirt in their house colour.

Kindergarten and new children will be told their house colour soon.

Parents will need a folding chair or blanket to sit on.

Please remember that there is NO SMOKING AT SCHOOL EVENTS.

This means that those people who do smoke need to leave the venue and the school grounds and should not smoke near children on any part of the course.

Unless it is torrential rain we will try to run the event.

If it has to be postponed it will be rescheduled for the following week.

Reward Day/Easter Mufti – Friday 4 April

Friday April 4

This is another mufti day for Easter Hamper items. This time we are encouraging people to send in Easter eggs of any sort.

We hope to be able to make up several hampers of various sizes so that there are lots of prizes for the draw at the Easter hat parade.

It is also the catch up Gym day and the children’s Reward Day is a sport tabloid.

This means that the mufti clothing MUST be suitable for physical activity and must be sun safe.

Green Meal Deal

Information about the final one for the term will come out shortly!
**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 as this helps
- 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 here on the day.

**Harmony Day Kite Challenge**

**Getting to and from School Safely.**

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

**Captains Report**

We hope all Stage 3 students have fun at the Young Leaders Day and learn a lot from the speakers. Next week we will be having the Cross Country so make sure you continue to practice running. Good luck to everyone that participates.

Last week we had a gardening session. We planted some yummy winter crops and we can’t wait to do it again.

Claudia & Tahni

**Cross Country Stalls**

Mrs. Erwin has asked 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 look after this stall.

Thank you everyone!

**ANZAC DAY**

This important event occurs during the school holiday but we do celebrate it at school.

Our special assembly will be on Wednesday April 30

Stage 3 will run this assembly but children may bring in a bunch of flowers to lay on our memorial stone.

**UNIFORM**

The cooler weather is on its way, and the rain...

Our smart looking microfibre jackets are becoming quite popular. They are water repellent and can double to provide extra warmth over the top of another jacket or jumper for the colder months ahead! These cost $30 and include our school logo embroidered. We do have some of these in stock at the moment. Feel free to try them on Wednesday mornings between 8:30-9am.

Fleece jackets are also available with embroidery for $22 and V neck fleece jumpers for $20 with embroidery. We do have some sizes of all styles available for immediate purchase.

We are selling tracksuit pants which are of great quality to match our fleece jacket and jumper. Samples are available to try at the uniform shop.

There are pants to suit both boys and girls of great quality which can be ordered.

Please ensure you are ordering the correct size as exchange is not available as we cannot afford to keep a large amount of stock. Please remember to fill in an order form which are available outside of the office.

Your support is appreciated.

**MUSIC LESSON**

You will receive a flyer next week regarding an offer of music lessons being made available at the school. This offer is not endorsed by the school. It is your decision entirely whether or not you want to give it a go. It is completely independent of the school.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Draft Play Wollongong Strategy**

Council is currently seeking feedback from the community on the Draft Wollongong Play Strategy and encouraging everyone to have their say.

Play Wollongong is a framework that will guide how Council will plan, deliver and manage play spaces for children aged 0-12 years, across the Wollongong local government area over the next 10 years.

The draft strategy has been developed with lots of help and feedback from our community over the past two years including recent engagement activities undertaken with primary school children and professionals in children’s development. We’d like to thank everyone who has provided input so far, especially the local children.


Feedback can be provided via an online survey, or by emailing engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Closing date for feedback is 30/4/2014
Free Parenting Course
“Circle of Security”

The Circle of Security Parenting (COS-P) program is an eight week course designed to help parents and carers build supportive relationships with their children.

Licensed COS-P providers Lynne Bailey and Carolyn Frohmuller will guide parents and carers through this eight week course.

Each Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm
13th May 2014 – 1st July 2014
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43 Illawarra Cres, Primbee

Limited places – bookings essential.

To book your place in the course:
Contact Lynne on 4260 7400

Limited Childcare available – bookings essential.
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