**WHAT A WEEK**

Wow! What a lot of people to thank this week!

Thank you to:

- Everyone who showed support for our SASS staff this week. Our admin and support staff members are invaluable in ensuring the efficient running of our school. They appreciate your thanks.
- People who volunteered to help at the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday. It was a very successful day thanks to those who cooked or bought a sausage sandwich.
- Parents who drove the children to and from camp
- Parents who completed an awful lot of paperwork that needs to be provided for overnight excursions. It is important to do everything we can to make sure that children are safe and that everyone enjoys the camp experience.
- Our Public Speaking finalists who did a great job at the final and their parents.
- Parents who keep an eye on the school. We had a broken window at the weekend but someone phoned the police. Nothing was stolen fortunately.
- Renee and Kerryn who organised our very successful father’s day stall. There were lots of lovely gifts and I am sure all the Dad’s will be happy.
- Everyone who helped us with the Father’s Day breakfast and the Walkathon. If you want to get more sponsors that is fine but all money must be in by the end of the term.
- Everyone who ordered pies or slices.

Several staff members and the students requested an extra week for our 5c collection competition. Hopefully the weather will be fine next Friday as we see which class raised the most money.

NAPLAN results were sent home this week so please contact the school if you did not get your child’s.

We are also planning a sausage sizzle meal deal for the last week of term. We would love your help especially with serving on the day.

It makes such a difference when we have everyone’s support.

*Dorothy Cass*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Dates for Term 4**

- Students return on Tuesday Oct 7th
- Kinder Orientation – October 21st
- Kinder Orientation – October 29th
- Kidzwish Christmas Party November 20th
- Swim Scheme 24th November – December 5th
- Yr 6 Orientation Day – December 3rd
- Volunteers lunch – December 4th
- Reports Home- December 8th
- Presentation Day/Yr 6 Farewell – December 11th
- Jamberoo/Movies – December 12th
- Last day of term – December 17th

**School Banking – Tuesdays**

Please put bankbooks in the tub at the office.

**Enrolment forms MUST be completed for all children starting school here in 2015.**

The school is not open until 8:30 a.m.

All children should be picked up at 3p.m.

Appointments to see the class teacher can be made by completing a request form and dropping it into the office.

**Office Hours are 8.30am – 3.15pm**
**NEW MATHS SYLLABUS**

Next week is a very maths oriented week as all teachers take part in professional sharing session about the new Maths syllabus.

Although it is very similar to the old one, there are some differences and teachers need to understand what these changes are.

We are working closely with the Lake Illawarra H.S. maths staff to support the implementation of the new syllabus and to also improve the transition of our Year 6 students into High School.

Some High School maths teachers will be visiting Stage 3 next week to see how we teach maths at that level.

Mrs. Connell is also involved with some training in the area of maths assessment to focus our teaching more effectively on real student needs.

This is just one example of how staff maintain their knowledge and skills as teachers.

**READING FOLDERS**

Children MUST return their folder every day so that their book can be changed regularly.

It WILL improve children’s reading ability if they read a little bit every day.

Make it an ENJOYABLE experience by emphasizing that it is a special time for just that child and mum, or dad.

The book that comes home in the folder should be easy enough for the child to SHOWOFF their skill without too much intervention from their parent.

Make an APPOINTMENT to see the teacher if you have concerns about how to best help your child.

It is vital that children experience SUCCESS as a reader during the first couple of years at school.

Your support as their parent is INVALUABLE to your child’s success.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Although we know that the $40 class levy is not mandatory, it is an incredibly valuable amount of money for each class to access.

Currently we have quite a few families who have not paid which is approximately $1 520. This would help us with the cost of the following resources.

- Kinder – Reading folder-$10
- Headphones -$10
- Reading Eggs (computer reading practice) $20
- Stage 1-ipad for the class ($20 per student buys 1)
- -Reading Eggs $20
- Stage 2- maths practice kit worth $900 OR
  - 1 laptop
- Stage 3 – Maths on line (computer maths practice program $20)
  - New atlases or dictionaries ($20 per child would buy a class set of one or the other)

These are items that are very expensive and difficult to afford unless we have everyone paying their levies.

P&C money generally goes toward larger items that the school need. Funds for these items are only available if there is a lot of support for P&C events.

If you have not already paid your class levy we would really appreciate it if you would. We don’t mind installments and any amount will help to pay for this year’s expenses.

We really need your support in this area.

**ARE YOU GOING ON HOLIDAY IN SCHOOL TIME?**

It is a legal requirement that parents request leave of this sort from the school principal.

This will usually be approved and the student’s absences will be recorded as justified when the Home School Liaison Officer checks the roll.

If the child is away on a holiday without the form being completed then the absence will be recorded as unjustified.

The exemption forms are available from the office.

**WET WEATHER GEAR**

Despite frequent instructions by teachers for children to stay out of the rain we still see children deliberately getting wet.

Please make sure that children have a raincoat with a hood or rain hat. An umbrella on its own is not effective.

This should be folded up in a plastic bag if not needed on the way to and from school. PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE STUDENT’S NAME.

Unfortunately our toilets cannot be accessed without going outside (except kindergarten), so children do need wet weather gear.
**5C COIN COMPETITION**

Due to popular demand we have extended this event for one more week.

Keep bringing in the coins next week.

We will be seeing who wins on FRIDAY SEP 12, at 2:30 p.m.

**P&C REPORT**

**Pie Drive**

Don’t forget to order your pies. **Order forms due back on Wednesday.**

The pies are coming from Queen St Bakery at Warilla who make lots of delicious goodies. More order forms are available outside the office.

Thankyou to everyone who supported our school by helping at the Bunnings BBQ. We made over $800! Thankyou to everyone who came along to the Father’s Day Breakfast and Fun Run. It was a lovely way to start the day. Happy Father’s Day to all the Dads out there and we hope you enjoy all of your gits.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL**

Congratulations to our finalists who all performed well and we are very proud of them!

Although we did not win in any section I think we were very close.

Thank you also to Mrs. Burden who was our school organiser and to all the teachers for supporting their students

It provides an authentic situation in which to assess children’s ability in this area.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Become A Volunteer Host Family**

**Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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NO CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS will be taken on

Canteen Red Meal Day

On **Friday, 12th September**, the canteen will be having a Red Meal Day instead of lunch orders. For $6.00 you can get nachos, bag of lollies and an ice block.

Please place order and correct money in an envelope and place in the letter box outside the office by Wednesday 10th September.

*Unfortunately no online payments can be made for this meal as the canteen is run separately to the school. Thankyou*

Canteen Red Meal Deal – **Friday, 12th September**

Name: ___________________________   Class: __________

Nachos (please tick what you would like)

Cheese:  

$6.00 enclosed:  