Principal’s Message

Aboriginal Parent Meeting
I would like to invite our Aboriginal parents to a parent meeting on Friday 23rd May after the school assembly (approximately 10am). I would like to discuss ideas for our Naidoc Day celebrations, the possibility of designing a yarning circle/new garden/outdoor learning area and elements of our school Spectacular.

K-2 Cross Country
Our K-2 Cross Country was held last Thursday afternoon. We were blessed with perfect weather and the students did a great job.

NAPLAN Testing
Last week all year 3 and year 5 students participated in the NAPLAN testing. The results of these tests are usually released in September.

Walk Safely To School Day
Whilst we hope that all students who walk to school do so safely every day, Friday 23rd May is the National Walk Safely to School Day. Please discuss this with your child.

National Simultaneous Read
Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centre’s, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Our school will again participate in the National Simultaneous Read on Wednesday at 11am. The book that the nation will read this year is “Too Many Elephants in This House “.

Money Matters
I realise that we have made a number of requests for payments for performances and buses recently. I apologise that this has seemed to have all come at once, however we need to book performances when they are touring this part of the state or our students miss out. We do not like to think that our students miss out due to financial pressure, please if you need some assistance to pay for these ask Helen for a student assistance application. These applications are treated with confidentiality.

What’s Happening........

Term 2
Week 4
20th May – Yr 6 Mini Transition visit to KHS
20th May – Yr 3 Hat Head Dune Care activity
21st May – Simultaneous Storytime
23rd May – “Walk Safely to School” Day
23rd May – Questacon Visit - $5/child

Week 5
30th May – Lower North Coast Cross Country

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Debbie Bradshaw - Principal

Questacon Science Circus
We are very excited to announce that we have the highly entertaining team from Questacon, The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra, visiting our school on the 23rd May to conduct The Shell Questacon Science Circus. This is an experience not to missed - developed and presented by graduated scientists it is a major outreach program designed to stimulate and challenge an exploration of science and technology among its audience. This educational experience is adapted for each stage group. The cost to participate is $5 and we are hoping all students will attend. Please ensure your note and money is returned by this Thursday 22nd May – as those students who have paid will be the only ones attending this fabulous activity.

House Ticket Tally
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 5R, the winning house was Hunt and the five lucky students were: Emma C, Emma I, Peter, Sam C and Megan C.

HEAD LICE ARE ABOUT – PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR AND TREAT.
1O News
Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to cheer on our class at the Infants Cross Country. Just a reminder that we have Crunch and Sip (fruit break) each morning, please send with your child some fruit or vegetables each day to eat. Also our library day is on each Thursday. Please remember also that we are currently trying to complete 1 hour of physical activity each day for 10 weeks as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. We play at lunch time and try to spend time each day in class time being active, but we are hoping parents and carers will support this at home of an afternoon and on a weekend.

Stories about cross country from 1O
Yesterday at school the year 1 and KD had to run around the school with some cones. Then the school had to go to the COLA and I got a ribbon. By Tyrelle

Yesterday at Frederickton Public School the 5, 6 and 7 year olds had their cross country race and my mum and dad came. I came second. By Kirsten

Yesterday was my school cross country. I ran some of the race then I was tired. By Travis

My dad came and took pics of me. Zahkaylah won and Rylan won too. I came 21st. I ran really fast. It was fun. By Aaliyah

Yesterday it was the cross country race and it was fun. I had to run around the school and people cheered me on. By Kaysha

Yesterday at cross country my mum came and watched me racing and it was fun. After that mum took photos. After that we went to the COLA. Then we went to get our bags and went home. By Lachlan

News from 2/3W
Year 3 students will be going on a Hat Head Dune Care and Trial Bay Gaol excursion tomorrow – 20th May. Students will need to take with them water for drinking, school hat, to wear school uniform (long pants or shorts) and good walking shoes. This activity will tie into our “Communities Working Together” HSIE theme this term. The bus will be here to pick the students up at 11.00am. Students will have recess before they leave school and the Parks and Wildlife organisation has organised a sausage sizzle for lunch at Hat Head.

ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 23RD MAY – KINDERGARTEN PERFORMING

Premier’s Reading Challenge
As a school we have supported the Premier’s Reading Challenge for many years as it is yet another way to promote reading and literacy. Students at Frederickton Public School are again being encouraged to participate in the 2014 challenge and read the required number of books. They have until 29 August to do this. To support the reading challenge each class has been given a wide selection of books to have available in their classroom. The Premier’s Reading Challenge books can be used for class reading and home reading. Students (not infants) login to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website to record the books they have read. Please encourage your child’s participation in the challenge and ask them about the books they may be reading or have read to them (in infants).

News from A and R Class
This term we will be investigating, researching and learning about the science topic, Light and Sight. The homework Speech task will be sent home in week 4, after Naplan, and pupils will have 5 weeks to research their speech and present in week 9 this term. Further details next week and the task sheet will be sent home in Week 4.

Reminder - The senior students involved in the Camden Haven Dance Festival, this term, should be finalising their costume/outfit. Two notes were sent home last term, requesting $5 as a deposit, and outlining costume requirements.

Students need to bring in costumes this week.

Year 6 mini transition – tomorrow Tuesday 20th May – 9.30am – 1.30pm

Stage 3 Athletics Training
Don’t forget Athletics training this Thursday for those students who are participating.

Library News
National Simultaneous Storytime
This Wednesday at 11.00am all our classes will again be participating in Australia’s National Simultaneous Storytime. The National Simultaneous Storytime campaign aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books and promotes the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas.

The Simultaneous Storytime book for 2014 is Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner. The book will be read aloud at the same time in schools all over Australia.

Class Library Day
Thursday is library day for all classes. Please remind your child to pack their library bag and book/s in their school bag. However children may borrow and return books on any day. There are some students who come into the library almost every day to borrow new books.

I will be sending out reminders for overdue books shortly so in the mean time I would appreciate it if everyone would do a check at home. If you receive an overdue notice and believe the book has already been returned just let Mrs Barnes or me know. Sometimes books get misplaced in classrooms and don’t make it back to the library.

Mrs Evans
HELP NEEDED FOR FRIDAY 30TH MAY, MONDAY 16TH JUNE & FRIDAY 27TH JUNE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

Canteen News

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If you are available to help in the canteen please contact the office and put your name down on a vacant date.

Mild Spicy Coconut, Pumpkin and Spinach Soup Small $2.50 & Large $3.50
Chicken and Corn Kofta’s with pita bread and salsa salad - $5.50
Milo & Muffin $2.00 (but must be pre-ordered)

Canteen News

Rock Star Award™ in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner: Isabel Ruthven

Isabel please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

Keeping kids active during winter –

Walk in the rain – don’t forget the

Inside dance-a-thon

Notice when children are being active and join in

Ten minute bursts of exercise, like star jumps, running on the spot and hopping

Escape to the park and play some ball games

Rug up and go for a walk on the beach

Live Life Well @ School

The simplest way to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Thursday 22nd May 2014
Time: 9:00am until 10:30am
Venue: Gladstone Public School
Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer?
This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – Please RSVP by Monday 19th May. Book your place by:
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NEW DENTIST OPENED
SOUTH WEST ROCKS

HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM-5:00PM
OPENED 7PM MONDAYS
FOR LATE
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FOR MEDIBANK
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SOUTH WEST ROCKS

Sophie and Katie receiving a Citizenship Certificate at last week's assembly.

STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: ................................................................. Class: ......................

Date of Absence: __________________________

Reason For Absence: .................................................................

Parent Signature: .................................................................