Principal’s Message

This week is Book Week. To celebrate Book Week this year we have a Book Fair, where you can purchase books for your home; we will have a Book Parade at the conclusion of the school assembly on Friday and this year we are also doing a Book Read, where every staff member will read a shortlisted book to a small group of students every day after recess this week.

Last week some aspiring writers had the opportunity to participate in a Writers Workshop at Smithtown with students from other local schools. Thanks to Ms Ransom for coordinating this fabulous opportunity for our students to improve their writing skills.

Next week our senior students will be participating in their Canberra Excursion. Mrs Rose, Mr Ashley, Mrs Felten and Mr Kerr will be the adults accompanying the excursion. We thank them for their willingness to supervise our students 24/7 for the week! The students will have an amazing time as their itinerary is filled with great opportunities including visits to the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, Parliament House, the Dinosaur Museum and the Australian Institute of Sport. Thanks to Mrs Fitzgerald for booking this excursion and for managing all of the financial aspects involved with an excursion of this kind.

ASSEMBLY – 22ND AUGUST 2014
9.30AM START
CLASS ITEM BY: 2I

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Week 6
18th Aug – Book Week – Book Fair starts
22nd Aug – Book Week Parade

Week 7
25th Aug – Senior Excursion leave for Canberra
29th Aug – NC Athletics Carnival

Week 8
4th Sept – “Spring into Art” – Gladstone
5th Sept – Father’s Day morning tea + Relay for Life activity

Our students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are also very excited about their excursion to Billabong Wildlife Park in Port Macquarie later this term.

We would like to thank Barb Miles for the huge amount of work that she has done in our vegie garden last week. We also appreciate the ongoing support of Mr and Mrs Wanstall with their provision of manure for our gardens. If anyone else is available to assist Barb it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you have any time available on a regular basis to assist us with our vegie garden.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes this Friday 22nd August. Students need to complete the reading requirement by then and record the books read online.

Mrs Evans – Librarian
BOOK WEEK and the annual Book Week Parade will be held this Friday. Students might like to think and organise their costume for the parade. Remember to focus on a character from a book.

The Senior Canberra Excursion is only 1 week away. All notes and payment should have been finalised by Friday last week. Please return the permission note for the Human Sexuality lessons. We plan to begin the lessons after the senior excursion. We require the note to be returned, even if you do not wish your child to participate in the lessons.

Our thoughts are with Jarno this week as he is at Kiama competing in the Union tournament.

Homework is due this Friday. Mr Ashley and Mrs Rose are looking for quality work and effort with writing complex sentences, using the weekly spelling words.

The term homework speech task has been sent home and explained to the pupils. It is an oral explanation and due in Week 9 on Monday 8th September. Please encourage your child to have a plan and timeline to complete this by the due date. We check in at school, but if they are experiencing difficulty knowing where to begin, how to get started or require assistance, please encourage them to ask for help.

A reminder that nightly Home Reading is checked daily and we encourage reading for at least 15 minutes each night.

LIBRARY and PE day continues to be THURSDAYS.

Students need to work on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge entries, they need to be finalised by 22nd August. Books/novels are available in the classrooms to borrow.

We are asking that each student bring in $1.50 to fund our Father’s Day gift we will be making this term. Thank you to those students who have handed in their money.

We are continuing our class auditions and preparation for our Fredo Spectacular item. It is very exciting. We need some assistance with items for props and costuming. We would like to borrow the following:

Any shearing shed items, old farm items, akubra hats, barber shop items, police hats and batons, Indian turbans and outfits, cigar, unused mobile phones, police uniforms and early Australian costuming for females (bonnets, hoop skirts etc) and for males bushman and shearers outfits. Please look around at home and ask family members to borrow these items.

Mrs Rose and Mr Ashley

FOR SALE
We still have some second hand, freshly washed, various size blue school jumpers and school hats. Come and have a look - $2 each – VARIOUS SIZES

Relay for Life - Father's Day Assembly
This year the SRC will be supporting Relay for Life by holding an obstacle course after the Father's Day assembly on Friday the 5th September. Fathers, Uncles, Pop's and special guests will be served morning tea after the assembly while students have an early recess. At 10:45 students will begin the obstacle course and parents are invited to stay and watch, assist or participate. A barbecue lunch will be served and sausage sandwiches will be available to purchase for $2 and drinks for $1. Students are encouraged to wear Cancer Council colours (purple and yellow) and to bring a gold coin donation for wearing mufti.

Fredo Idol
I continue to be dazzled by the creativity and talent of our students as they practice their acts in preparation for Idol. Due to the large number of acts for inclusion in this year’s idol the SRC has decided that it will be held over two days. Students will be informed in advance as to which day their act is scheduled. Idol will be held at lunchtime (1:20 pm) on 9th and 10th September.

Ms Ransom

Infants Excursion
Please remember to return notes and money as soon as possible for the Infants excursion to Billabong Koala Park on 12th September 2014. Parents are welcome to attend at a discounted price, but will need to make their own travel arrangements. Please see Ms Ransom for any queries.

Fredo Spectacular - Our Australia
Preparations are well underway for this year’s spectacular entitled ‘Our Australia’. It will be held on Wednesday 17th September and tickets are available for $2 a seat. Please be aware that this year tickets will not be available on the night.

Book Fair
Our Book Fair opens today. There is a wonderful selection of quality fiction and non-fiction books, puzzle and colouring books and posters. There is also a variety of fun pens, pencils and erasers.

A percentage of the total of items sold is given back to the school to purchase even more books for the library. Items range in price from $1 to $30, but most are quite affordable and would make wonderful gifts. The book fair is open at recess and lunch each day this week and also on Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am.

Book Week Parade – The theme this year is “Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect”. The year’s Book Parade will be held shortly after the normal assembly. Children may wish to come to school in their costumes or they can get changed after the assembly when they will have a fruit break. The Parade will be held in the hall. We look forward to seeing family and friends at this fun occasion.

Mrs Evans
Librarian
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK ON YOUR ROSTERED DAY WE NEED MORE THAN THAT MORNINGS NOTICE SO THAT A REPLACEMENT CAN BE FOUND.

Canteen News

Chicken and Mushroom Quiche - $1.50
    with salad - $5.00
Small Salad - $3.00
Baked Potato – Corn & Ham - $2.50
Baked Potato – Bolognese Sauce - $2.50
Fried Rice pack - $3.50
Hokkein Noodles Pack - $3.50

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

STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

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

Date of Absence: _______________________________

Reason For Absence: _________________________________________________________________
South West Rocks Nippers News

Bring on the 2014/15 NIPPERS SEASON...It's that time of year again kids.
Time to get your swimmers out, plaster the sunscreen on and hit the beach.
We have 2 NIPPER SIGN on DAYS coming up, you will be able to purchase new swimmers, your compulsory high visibility rash tops and age caps and ask loads of questions, they are:-

FRIDAY 5th September 5pm till 7pm
SUNDAY 14th September 3pm till 5pm

Both of these days will be at the SWR Surf Life Saving Club.
The Bistro and Bar will be open on these afternoons and there will be a Special Nipper Meal Deal, buy 1 Adult meal and get a child's meal for free [excludes specials].
Bookings advised.
Please LIKE us on Facebook, South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club, for all updates and information.
For any enquiries please call Shannon on 0434 316 273.
Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Miss Julie with our up and coming band at Playgroup today

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Kempsey Little Athletics Fees 2014/2015

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$15 equipment levy per family