PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Friday this week is the last day of term 1 for 2013. Students will return to school on Wednesday, May 1. I wish everyone well as they take a well-deserved break from a busy term. Please remain safe and return to school next term for another busy and productive time. Remember, Bee Safe, Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful and Bee a Learner.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (PUPIL FREE) DAYS
On Monday, April 29 and Tuesday April 30, our staff will be participating in professional development focussing on the new curriculum. The English syllabus will be the first implemented. This will take place in 2014.

DISCO
Last Friday night’s disco was a great success. Children enjoyed themselves and they were well supervised by a band of enthusiastic parents. Thank you to the P & C for running it, and a special thanks to all those staff and parents who turned up in support. I think this was our best supported disco since I have been here!

ANZAC CEREMONIES
The school will commemorate ANZAC day on Friday at our school assemblies. Students belonging to service groups such as scouts and girl guides are welcome to wear or bring their uniform on this day. Year 3-6 will hold their ceremony at 11.30am. K-2 will be held at 12.15pm.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents who have met with teachers over the past week. I know there are still a few to go. I hope these meeteings have been productive. The aim of the earlier interviews is to provide information in a more timely manner. Reports will go home at the end of term 2.

P&C DONATION
Our school P&C and their sub committees do a fantastic job raising funds for our school. I would like to thank them and our generous school community. $11,000 has been given to the school to provide a further three shelters for our Nature Area. This area is getting more and more use due to the improvements we are making.

Craig Brown – PRINCIPAL

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL X-COUNTRY
Our school X-Country will take place on Thursday May 2nd. We will be holding this event on Binalong Oval. Students from Years 3-6 and those Year 2 students who turn 8 this year are invited to run. Students should come dressed in sports uniform.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
After a very busy term, the students and staff are very much looking forward to the chance to recharge the batteries. Have a safe and happy holiday everyone. We will see you on Wednesday 1st May next term.

SPELLCHECK
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

HOMEWORK PLANNER
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

MANAGING DEPRESSION
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Bruce Francis – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations and well done to our recent ‘finishers’: Shivangi Agnihotri, Cameron Drinnan, Sobhithan Sivakumar and debika Thirukodeswaran. Please remind students participating in the Challenge to keep up their reading over the holidays. For more information regarding the PRC, please visit: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc
Renata Redman TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

CANTEEN NEWS
On Wednesday 10 April, we will be having our last meal deal for the term. It will be a sausage sizzle (Roll & Sausage) plus a paddle pop for $4.50. NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY, except noodles.

PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN WILL NOT OPERATE ON FRIDAY.
Janice Smith CANTEEN MANAGER

WANTED: People to cover books during the holidays. If you are able to assist please see Mrs Redman in the Library. Thanks!
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Woolworths Earn & Learn will be commencing on 8 April. Please save your docket or tokens please then send them to the school office. Last year we received great prizes for the students to enjoy. We look forward to your ongoing support
Christie Adams COORDINATOR

UNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS
The last day for payment for the University competitions for English, Maths, Science, Computers, Writing and Spelling close tomorrow. If you would like to participate in any or all of these competitions, please send your money and form stating competitions required to the office.

PARENTS AUXILIARY – MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
The Parent’s Auxiliary wrapping morning for the Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Monday 6 May in the hall. All welcome to come along and help.
Jackie Hogan CONVENOR

UNIFORM SHOP
The last opening for Term 1 will be Thursday 11 April from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The uniform shop will reopen Term 2, Week 1, Staff Development Day Tuesday 30 April from 8.30am to 9.30am, then Thursday 2 May from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Commencing Week 2 the shop will be open as normal, ie Monday and Tuesdays 8.30am to 9.30am and Thursdays 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS
CONGRATULATIONS to the Seven Hills / Wentworthville & Blacktown 11yrs Rugby League Team who won the Sydney West School Sport Regional Rugby League Championships today. The boys played 7 games and defeated Penrith / Blue Mountains in an exciting Grand Final 12 nil. We are very proud of Brayden Abou-Touma and Jaxon-John Moala who were are a part of this successful team. Congratulations to Daniel Bailey who has been chosen to represent the school in the zone PSSA boys’ Softball Championships. Congratulations also to Aiden Johnson-Gustowski who has been chosen to represent Sydney West in Hockey for the third year in a row. What a great effort!

MUSICAL TUITION
Musical Tuition is available for guitar, bass, vocals for all ages and skill levels. Cost is $25 for ½ hour lesson or $40 for an hour lesson.
For further details and bookings please contact Michael at Affinity Music Studio, 8 Faye Street Seven Hills or phone 0432 221 1512, Or email AFFINITYMUSICSTUDIO@HOTMAIL.COM. The studio is open Monday – Friday from 9am to 6pm.

VIDEO EXPRESS and IGA OLD TOONGABBIE
Video Ezy Express and IGA Old Toongabbie have come to the rescue if this describes you in April school holidays. Pop into IGA and check out the great range of DVD’s and Blu-Rays in the newly installed Video Ezy Express movie rental kiosk located inside the store.
There are plenty of family movies and kid friendly favourites for you to choose from.
As a special offer for the April holidays, you can rent any movie from the kiosk for just $1.00. after selecting your movie enter the Promo Code KL172082 before you checkout to get it for $1. This great deal is valid from 10 April to 28 April.

The staff would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday

SUMMER PSSA is finished for Term 1.
Please finalise payments
WINTER PSSA will commence on Friday 10 May. The winter PSSA games will be played in the afternoon. Further details next term

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