**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PRINCIPAL’S MORNING TEA**
It was great to have morning tea with twelve of our most responsible, respectful safe learners. I always enjoy my conversations with these students as they tell me why they like coming to our school. Students often say it is because of the teachers we have and the great environment but, I think it is because we have great students. Congratulations to Tiana Phambixay, Harrison Massey, Keira, Gledhill, Keely Gannon, Cooper Zahra, Tallara Bamblet, Samantha Torrens, Isabella Khouiss, Ethan Gale, Riley Stevenson & Chelsey Torrens. It is pleasing to know I already have four students invited to my next morning tea.

**CITIZENSHIP ASSEMBLY**
Congratulations to Kyra Moutter, Mikayla Fuller, Claire Moutter, Lale Kaya, Sarah Hamann, Julia Lockrey, Lara Wood, Jarrod Hogan, Kaylah Bruton, Jerald Jose, Nathan Abou-Touma, Zoe Mate, Maya Peach, Jet Smith, Joshua Joseph, Jorga Nikifourou, Kali Madden, Charlotte Thomson, Benjamin Lever, Aishwin Jeyandrabalan, Aarti Gounder, Branden Hogan, Leilani Tsvaga, Rish Chidambaran, Rebecca Tambimuttu, Maahir Ahmed, Vaishani Yohananda, Siobhan Fuller, Athira Varughes, Samanyu Singh Sharma, Emily Bridger, Aran Yoganandha, Alisha Paetzold, Hayden Spackman, Keziah Saji, Connor Marinis, John Morris-Lin, Leanne Cho, Brayden Diasinos, Raied Hasan, Charlie Diasinos, Aarushi Patel, Angela Havea, Ceyda Demiryurek, Teena Alfi, Anna Riley, Johnson Tang, Alwyn Patel Campbell Tagaloa, Nadia Anstee and Lily Torkomian. We had our first Citizenship assembly today to celebrate these outstanding students. It was a great assembly. Please ask your students about the 20 most important things we should say.

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Year 1 held their meetings on Tuesday night and was very well supported. Years 2-6 will be holding their interviews this Tuesday. Kindergarten will hold their interviews on Thursday. The feedback from parents and teachers has been extremely positive.

**NAPLAN – Literacy and Numeracy 2014**
In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 13–15 May 2014.

**COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - REMINDER**
It was lovely to catch up with so many parents today at my first ‘Coffee with the Principal’. I wasn’t sure what to expect. As I explained to those there, it was simply an informal get together to answer questions and talk about what is happening at our school. I really enjoyed meeting some new faces and getting feedback. My next ‘Coffee with the Principal’ will be on Friday June 20. I hope to see you there.

**Craig Brown PRINCIPAL**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT**

**OPPORTUNITY CLASSES FOR YEAR FIVE 2015**
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING**
Note that this weekend, daylights savings time finishes for the summer. You need to put your clocks back 1 hour. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.

**HOLIDAY DATES**
Please note the last day of first term is Friday April 11 with school resuming for all students K-6 on Tuesday April 29.

**Bruce Francis  DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**
ANZAC DAY SERVICE
An ANZAC DAY assembly will be held on Thursday 10 April and we are asking for donations of rosemary. If you have some and are able to bring some for the staff to wear, we would very much appreciate it. Please bring it to the office on Thursday morning (10 April), we will cut it. We are asking students who are members of Scouts, Guides, or Air League to wear their full correct uniform with pride to school on Thursday for the assembly.

STEWART HOUSE
Envelopes were sent home in week 6. If you wish to participate in the Stewart House Raffle or make a donation, and have not already returned your envelope, please return the envelope completed with your name and address to the school office before Thursday 10 April. Thank you in anticipation for your support and good luck with the holiday draw.

SCHOOL DISCO
“Tonight’s the night” as Rod Stewart said. Tickets are available at the door. They are $5 each. The disco times are K-2 from 5.30pm – 7.00pm and the 3-6 disco 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

3-6 CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Due to the Band excursion, the 3-6 Choir will be singing at the K-6 ANZAC assembly on Thursday 10 April, commencing at 2pm. All welcome to come and hear their wonderful voices.
Miss C. Adams and Mrs K. Matthews
CHOIR COORDINATORS

49th PARENT AUXILIARY PEDLARS’ PARADE
It’s here! The K-2 Pedlars’ Parade is on this Thursday 10 April, commencing at 9.30am to 11.00am in the K-2 playground. At recess students from years 3-6 will be able to purchase lucky dips, cakes and sweets from the stalls for 50c - $1.00. This is the 49th Pedlars’ Parade so it has been a tradition at our school for many years.

CAKE STALL
We would appreciate donations of cakes that we can sell on the cake stall. We would also appreciate donations of small cakes, slices, sweets, toffees etc to be sold to the students across the school at recess. Last year we received some great items but unfortunately we ran out before everyone was able to purchase

Thank you in anticipation.

DONATIONS OF EASTER EGGS
A HUGE thank you to the families who have so kindly donated Easter Eggs for the raffle. We have received a lot of eggs and rabbits and we are now able to make a lot of great prizes for you to win.
Raffle tickets are to be returned to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday to go into the draw. Please ensure the name of the supporter is on the tickets along with a phone number or child’s name and class who sold the ticket.
Thank you in anticipation.
Jacki Hogan – CONVENOR

P & C ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The P & C is again selling the Entertainment Books. Pre orders may be made by returning the enclosed form to the school office with the payment. The books will be available Term 2.

SOCCER AND RUGBY CAMPS
Boys and girls aged 5 years to 15 years are invited to join in the camp from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

WANTED - MULTILIT PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS
Are you available to help with the Multilit Reading for 1 hour per week, from 2pm – 3pm either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
If so please contact the office.
We appreciate any assistance we can get.
EXHIBITION by Joanna Capon OAM at NORTHMEAD HIGH SCHOOL
An exhibition involving 15 of Australia’s leading artists.
The exhibition will be open by Joanna Capon OAM at 6.30 – 8.30pm on Friday 4 April.
Open 10am to 4pm each day from Saturday 5 April until Sunday 20 April.
Exhibition Tour-weekends at 2pm by appointment
All welcome. Phone 9890 5814 for further information.

Yrs 3 – 6 CROSS COUNTRY will be held next Wednesday.
Come along and join in the fun of the race.

DON'T FORGET OUR .................

PEDLARS’ PARADE
Thursday 10 April
commencing at
9.30am – 11.00am
in the K-2 playground
Come along and buy a lovely tray.
Plenty of bargains
cakes, sweets, lucky dips also available

Lots of lovely Easter Baskets also to be won in our raffle.

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