Principal's Report

There are times in your career when an opportunity arises that is too good to turn down and so it is that with mixed feelings I have accepted a position as Principal of Shortland PS for Term 2. I will miss my class, however, I am confident that they will be in very good hands in my absence. Mr Westcott will be relieving in weeks 1 and 2, while Mrs Thomas takes 4/5/6. From then until my return in week 5 of Term 3 the class will be taught by the relieving principal. The relieving Principal will be appointed by my supervisor, Kay Peno, early in Term 2.

Go Green Day

Congratulations to everyone for how fantastic you looked last Friday. A special congratulations to 4/5/6 who were rewarded by Lake Macquarie City Council for their fantastic look. Yesterday, the whole school was treated to a performance by the recycling pirate. It was excellent and the children really enjoyed watching his magic tricks and circus skills. 4/5/6 were rewarded with an ice block each as well. It was also satisfying to hear how well the students answered questions about how to sort rubbish and the difference between recycling and reusing.

Term 2

Term 2 is another busy term with events such as the Athletics carnival, StarStruck, NAPLAN & Leadership conference for Year 6, an excursion to Belmont Library for Years 3 & 4 and the Netball gala day. There is also a period of assessments in preparation for reporting. A calendar with events will go home with the first newsletter of Term 2. Events are also listed on our Facebook page.

Mufti Day

As tomorrow is the last day of term it is a mufti day. Students should bring a gold coin which will go towards the Year 6 gift for the school.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again on my return. I will of course be attending the ANZAC Day services and will come and watch our students at StarStruck.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

is on again—please don’t forget to bring in your cards and stickers for the school. We benefitted substantially last year and received lots of lovely craft materials. Let’s see if we can improve on last year’s efforts.

Karin Hird
Principal
Class News

K/1

In Literacy this week we have been working on blending sounds to read simple words. We have also been learning to stretch out words to write the sounds we can hear e.g. cat, it has 3 sounds, stretch it out slowly, c-a-t. Please practise this with your child at home. Nathan and Jye have written and published a good description of our class fish tank this week. In Maths we have been learning about patterns. We have been creating and describing patterns, as well as identifying the missing part in a pattern. This week the students have loved creating some wonderful objects using boxes and junk materials. I have been amazed by the creativity of the students.

The Star of the Week is Lani :)

I wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday. Please check the Lake Macquarie Council website for some fun holiday activity ideas. See you next term.

Mrs Smith

1/2

Our Star of the Week this week is Bella!

Well done to the 1/2 students who scored 100% in their spelling test last week; Grace, Alyssa, Sunny, Tenille and James S. This week has been a revision week for the sounds and sight words we have covered in Term 1.

We would like to thank all the parents for your support this term. It is great to see how the students have improved over the term. Please encourage your child to continue to read and write during the holidays. We wish you a safe and restful break.

Mrs Halligan, Miss Burgess and Mr Derbyshire
Term 1 Week 11

Thursday 11 April 2013

3/4

Coming Events

Term 2 Week 1

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Term 2 Week 2

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Canteen Roster:

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We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers for helping make our job as Canteen Coordinators so easy. Thank you for all your help during this term and look forward to working together for the rest of 2013.

Trish and Mel

Happy Birthday to:

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Mrs Karin Hird

Anaphylaxis Alert

Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Merit Awards

Class Awards
1/2
Alyssa
Elsa
Jay
Ted

Reading Awards
Mary-Jane (Bronze)
James S (Bronze)

Times Tables Wizards
Jesse

Uniform Shop News

Now open on Friday mornings
9.00—9.30 am from Term Two
Correct Money is greatly appreciated.

We accept cash and cheque only.
School skirts have arrived for the Senior Girls

Thanks Kylie

Earn & Learn 2013

Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Go Green Day Winners!! Class 4/5/6
Our School Values: Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
Sport and Recreation
Central Coast holiday activities – April 2013

CARES bicycle safety
10 – 14 years. This program will develop your child’s road sense and set the foundation of road safety they need right through life. Palmdale. 18 April. Cost $10.

Canoe/Kayaking
10-16 years. Experienced guides will ensure safety is the number one priority, followed closely by lots of fun. Kayaks, paddles and life jackets are provided. Participants must be able to swim 50 metres. 15 April. Cost $33.

Circus stuff with an intro to Aerial
6 – 11 years. This is an action-packed workshop. Have a go on the static trapeze and the aerial hoop, try riding a mini clown bike, spin a plate on a stick, use a flower stick, have a juggling lesson, walk the tight wire, and more! Make your own balloon animal or flower to take home. CCYC, Niagara Park. 16 April. Cost $40.

Circus Stuff – AERIAL WORKSHOP
(12-17 years)
Aerial skills are great fun and in this workshop you will get to have a go on the aerial hoop, the static trapeze and the silks. Your trainers are professional performers who teach at Young Talent School Central Coast. Participants will be grouped according to age. All participants will need to arrive on time to join in warm-up and basic tumbling skills before participating in the aerial skills. CCYC, Niagara Park. 16 April. Cost $31.

Kids’ multi-sports
6 – 13 years. A jam-packed day including trampolining, indoor hockey, indoor volleyball, soccer, the jump pit, wheelchair basketball and lots more. Includes sausage sizzle and an ice block for lunch. Central Coast Youth Club, Niagara Park, 18 or 24 April. Cost $25 first child and $20 for additional family member(s).

Saddleclub (Entry or Intermediate Level)
7 – 16 years. Come and get saddled up and experience all the fun of owning and looking after a horse. All parents are requested to vacate the premises after dropping off participants due to insurance reasons and return to pick them up again at the designated time. Please indicate your preferred group at time of booking. Marena Stud, Wyong. 24 April. Cost $47.

Surf Life Saving
5-12 years. Kids will learn about beach and water safety and develop skills and knowledge in beach and surf recreation whilst having loads of fun. Terrigal Beach. 23 April. Cost $20.

Surfing (three-day program)
7 years+. Learn to surf with Central Coast Surf School in a fun, safe environment with professional experienced instructors. Soft surfboards, wetsuits, rash vests and sunscreen are supplied. You’ll be stoked with your progress in our 3-day course. Avoca Beach – 17, 18 & 19 April. Umina Beach – 24, 25 (Anzac Day) & 26 April. Cost $95.

Stand Up Paddle
11-16 years. It’s fun and easier than you think. Within just one lesson, we will have you up and paddling. This program is jam-packed with useful tips and techniques so you quickly gain skill and confidence. Avoca Lagoon. 18 April. Cost $33.

Tennis (Wyong – three-day program)
6 – 18 years. Catering to all levels, this program covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, technique and rules of the game. Play games, mini-tournament and includes a small party on the last day. 15, 16 & 17 April. Wyong Tennis Club. Cost $67 (inc GST) (third sibling free).

Trampoline (two-day program – beginners)
5 – 15 years. This program will include safety and equipment familiarisation, basic landing positions, aerial positions and supervised practice. Central Coast Youth Club, Niagara Park, 22 & 23 April. Cost $32.

Trampolining for kids with a disability
7 – 17 years. Learn basic trampolining techniques with some of the best coaches on the Coast. Suitable for kids with intellectual and mild physical disabilities. Central Coast Youth Club, Niagara Park. 22 April. Cost $5.

Tennis (Gosford - three-day program)
5 – 18 years. Learn stroke production, forehand, backhand and volley and serve as well as match play and scoring. Lunch can be ordered at the Centre on arrival. Suitable for beginners to advanced. 17, 18 & 19 April. Cost $130.

All prices include GST. To avoid disappointment, pre-bookings are essential. Times vary between programs and programs are subject to change, for more information or to make a booking call 13 13 02 or (02) 4362 3164 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au