P&C Amalgamation

This week I have attended two very important meetings: the School Council meeting and the Band Committee meeting. Next week is the P & C meeting. In a small school community it is a challenge to fill positions on so many committees. There is also an overlap in the content of each meeting. It has therefore been agreed to amalgamate the three committees under the P & C banner.

It was also noted that several interested parents were unable to attend P & C meetings as they have other commitments on Mondays. At the end of this newsletter is a survey regarding days and times. If you are interested in being involved with the P & C then please complete the survey and return to school by TUESDAY.

As a trial, next weeks P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday, starting at 6:30 pm.

At this meeting we will make decisions about the structure of P & C meetings and finances. Executive positions have been filled for this year. We need to increase our general membership so that the work of the P & C is a true representation of the parents within our school community.

T-Ball Gala Day

This year we entered more teams than we have in any year since at least 2008. We had a Junior Boys team, a Junior Mixed team, a Senior Boys team and a Senior Mixed team. Thank you very much to the parents who assisted with transport and with three of the teams. We couldn’t have had so many students participating without you. From all reports the students showed consistently good sportsmanship and put in their best effort. Although no official scores were kept, the students were confident that they won several of their games.

The next gala day will be the netball gala day at the end of Term 2.

Sports Leadership Day

Stage 3 students are at Swansea High School today involved in a range of sporting activities together with the students from each of the Galgabba schools. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for assisting with the supervision and to the parents who assisted with transport once again.

Book Fair Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday we will be holding our annual book fair and Easter hat parade. Parents are welcome to attend. Books can be purchased from the library starting at 12:40 pm. These are books from Ashton Scholastic. Profits go back into the library.

The parade will commence at 1:45 pm and be finished by 3:00 pm.

Reptile Park

On Wednesday, April 9 the students from Years 3—6 will be travelling down to the Australian Reptile Park. Students need to be at school by 8.30 am to leave at 8.45 am. They need to have all of their belongings clearly labelled. All students need to be in school uniform.

School Maintenance

In the current round of school maintenance projects we will be getting new carpet laid in the 3/4 and 4/5/6 classrooms. This will happen while the classes are on their excursion.

Ice-Cream Day

Year 6 students are organising an Ice-cream day fundraiser on Thursday, 10 April. Ice-cream in a cone will be on sale at recess and lunch for $1 each.

ANZAC Day

In 2014, ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays. For this reason we will be having our school ANZAC Day commemoration service on the last day of term.
On ANZAC Day, April 25, the school leaders will represent us at Catherine Hill Bay Dawn Service and at the march through Swansea. It is always wonderful to have many of our students in attendance at these events. Students should come in full school uniform. They may wear the medals of war veterans on their uniform.

The Dawn service commences at 6 pm at the Catherine Hill Bay Life Saving Club. This is always a popular event and is generally standing room only so I would recommend coming early. Our school captains and one SRC leader will be delivering prayers at this event.

The march through Swansea begins from the front of McDonalds at 11 am. Please arrive at around 10:30 am so that we can get organised. We march as a school, through town and up to the RSL, where our School Captain, Jesse Green, will be delivering one of the prayers.

Last Day of Term

As well as our ANZAC Day service we will also be having our normal school assembly on Friday of next week. The band will be playing. This will be the first time that our new members for 2014 join with the Band for a public performance.

The last day of term is always a mufti day. Please bring a gold coin donation. Money raised goes towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

Term 2

Students start school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 29 April.

NAPLAN Testing

Each year students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN testing. A note went home to the parents of these students last week.

NAPLAN will be held over three days: May 13 – 15 with a back-up day on May 16.

Karin Hird
Principal

Class News

Kindergarten

It was so fantastic watching students and their families being creative this week while they were making their Easter hats! I can’t wait to see them all on parade and hope you can join us for this special event next Tuesday. We have uploaded photos from our Cross Country event and the Crazy Hair Day onto our school website. Head to www.nordswharf-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and select the Gallery section to have a look.

Ms Hook

1/2

Our Star of the week this week is Max! Congratulations to Allyah, Keely, Daniel and Alyssa who wrote all their spelling words correctly in the spelling test last week.

Thank you so much to all the parents and relatives who came in to help us with our Easter Hats and for sending in the Easter materials too! The students had a lovely afternoon and the hats look fantastic! I know the students are looking forward to parading next Tuesday afternoon. We hope to see you again then. We can now see a few shoots of life in our class garden, hopefully we will be able to taste some beans, silverbeet or cucumber before winter kicks in. (if it does not come early like last year) Our class has been so lucky this week as we have had some new parent helpers come in, this is always very much appreciated and never expected, so a big thank you again.

This week is the last week for spelling homework. Thank you so much for your support with homework this term. Please send your child’s home reader in next week if you would like a few readers for the holidays.

Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire

3/4

We had our spelling test on Friday with over forty words tested. Congratulations to Eloise, Evan, Tiahna, Eva, and Madi who all scored 100%. The biggest improvement was made by Kaylan who almost got them all correct. Well done Kaylan!

I’ll be away tomorrow as I’ll be at the Regional Soccer Trials, Mr Nissen will be taking my class for the day.

Next Wednesday is the Reptile Park excursion. Hopefully the weather will be fine.

In Mathematics this week our topic has been Position. This is where the children learn to describe position using coordinates and everyday terms such as to the right, middle row, last column.

In Literacy we have been reading a poem by C.J. Dennis called The Ant Explorer.

Mr Westcott

4/5/6

This week we have discussing how different points of view can be expressed in speech, in film and in a comic strip. We have discussed how the use of close ups, different camera angles, music and expression impact on who we sympathise with. They have really done well at this and it is the beginning of making them into discerning consumers of media.

In Mathematics, we have started talking about Patterns
and Algebra. Work in this area is a lead up to what will be taught in high school.

Year 5 students have had a practice at NAPLAN spelling and Mathematics in the past week. We have also been doing a lot of talking about grammar and punctuation as preparation for the Language assessment.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Grace  1 April
Torhi  4 April
Mrs Loughlin  6 April

Coming Events

Term 1 Week 11

Monday 7 April  P & C Meeting—5.30 pm
Tuesday 8 April  Easter Hat Parade
Reptile Park Excursion
Yrs 3—6
No Guitar
Wednesday 9 April  Ice Cream Day
ANZAC Day Ceremony at school—10.40 am
Rescheduled Guitar Lesson
Mufti Day ( Yr 6 Fundraiser )

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 28 April  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29 April  All students return

Canteen Roster:

Friday 4 April  Sidone Lambert
Monday 7 April  Caroline Kumar
Wednesday 9 April  Trish Irwin

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held in the Library on Tuesday 8 April from 12.45 to 2.00 pm. It will be open before the Easter Hat Parade. This is a great time to purchase gifts for birthdays and Christmas. The purchase and donation of a book to the Library would be greatly appreciated. A donation sticker is added to the book to acknowledge the child / family who donated the book. The commission on book sales is used to purchase books for the Library.

Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Mrs Stoppini

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Class Awards

K
Talia
Billy
Shontelle
Ruby
Harley

1/2
Brooklin
Nathan
Felix
Annie
Daniel

Merit Awards

3/4
Tenille
Madi
Kaylan
Bella

4/5/6
Lachlan
Jesse K
Liam
Stanley
Jarrad
Montanna
Jesse G

Reading Awards

Harley

P & C SURVEY (please return by Tuesday 8 April)

I would like to be involved with the P&C. My preference for meeting days is as follows:

(Please number 1, 2 & 3. Cross days that you are unable to attend on.)

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

My preference for the starting time is as follows:

3:30 pm  5:00 pm  6:00 pm  7:00 pm  Other ________________

Regards,

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