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Upward We Strive

Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4 Week 6 - Friday 19 November 2010



Welcome to our school...

*P*inocchio was an evening of excellence where our students were able to showcase their skills and talents in performing, acting, dancing and singing. We were blessed with the weather at the last minute after the incredible deluge that had staff digging out drains to clear the flow and kept our phones ringing with concern of the performance going ahead.

*T*hank you, to the teachers for preparing the children so capably to perform. Thank you to the enthusiastic audience for your unconditional support and appreciation of this event. We really do value your role in your child's education.

A big **THANKYOU** to Rob Carraro, our Lights & Sound Man for organising the equipment for both the Tuesday and Wednesday evening performance. Rob so generously gave up a day's work to be available for Tuesday.

*A*nother big **THANKYOU** goes to Sue Cruickshank who also gave up valuable time to take the wonderful photographs. Many are already in our new foyer looking splendid in their frames. Orders can still be made for photos (\$5) or a CD of snapshot photos (\$5).

*Y*et another big **THANKYOU** to Andrew Clarke who so generously gave up his time to set up the stage and take it all down again using his expertise gained over many years.

*T*hanks also to Robyn Hamilton who is our costume organiser and had each child looking the goods. **A reminder**, to everyone that costumes should all be washed and ironed and returned to school ASAP as Robyn will need to store them in our new storeroom ready for the next show. We are still missing 6 black lycra skeleton hoods from last year. Please return all parts of your child's costumes.

*P*lease understand that our school administration depends upon notes being returned as quickly as possible. We really need to know that parents are aware of school happenings and must have parental permission for many programs so that arrangements can be finalised.

Calendar for Term 4

Week 7

Nov 22	Monday	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic After School Sport
Nov 24	Wednesday	CARES - Bike Education Years 5 & 6 GYM sport program Session 5 After School Sport
Week 8		
Nov 29	Monday	Life Education Van Visit Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic <u>After School Sport-Last Monday</u>
Dec 1	Wednesday	Community Special Morning Tea GYM sport program Session 6 Combined Scripture After School Sport - Book Mobile
Dec 2	Thursday	Parent Information Session 3:30-4:30pm
Week 9		
Dec 6	Monday	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic SRC Welcome to Summer Ice Cream Day
Dec 7	Tuesday	Free Golf Clinic Yr 6 KMHS Orientation
Dec 8	Wednesday	Presentation Assembly Gym Sport Program Session 7 After School Sport- Last Wed. session
Dec 9	Thursday	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Dec 10	Friday	Report home
Week 10		
Dec 13	Monday	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic
Dec 14	Tuesday	GYM sport program - Session 7
Dec 15	Wednesday	Terrigal Beach Excursion - last day for students
Dec 16/17	Thursday/Friday	School Development Days - Staff only at school

*H*ot weather has arrived and our students require hats, sun screen, plenty of water to drink and healthy lunch boxes - something frozen to keep food fresh and **Keep Them Sun Safe**.

*M*any responses have been returned for our Community Morning Tea on 1 Dec. It's difficult to make a date that's suitable for everyone but we hope most people can attend. Please send in your RSVP as teachers need to bake and numbers are important.

*C*WA representatives, Margaret and Kaye Pointer returned our Scotland Projects submitted by Yr 4/5/6 students last Wednesday and 3 students, Sarah B, Hamish C and Blake S highly commended certificates.

LUCKY TICKET DRAW PRIZE for Pinocchio goes to **The Muscat Family**. Congratulations! Your money for one ticket will be returned to you.

*M*rs Gallagher will be on leave until the end of next week and Miss Jones is enjoying working with 2/3G during Mrs Gallagher's absence. It's a pleasure to see how settled the class is working under her guidance.

Our school enrolments for 2011 have peaked at 79 students and those numbers entitle us to maintain our staffing for 4 classes. We need to maintain those enrolments until the end of February to keep our new staff members. Two teachers have been appointed and we are looking forward to working with both, **Mr Neil Mathew and Miss Skye Stilgoe** next year.

School Development Days for the end of this term will keep teachers busily engaged in professional development sessions to prepare for the new year.

Sessions will include:

Wednesday 16 December

- Student Reports using Momentum Easy School Reports Program and support programs such as Teaching Programmes, Assessment and Markbook for possible introduction to Teacher Administration.
- Thinking Skills Framework using Bloom's Foundation and Higher Order Thinking Skills run by Mrs Mackay.
- Interactive Whiteboard using Notepad for implementing teaching programs run by Mrs Mackay and Mrs Gallagher. Both teachers attended a two day professional learning course last term and will share their knowledge and expertise.
- Curriculum Development to review scope and sequences for our Key Learning Areas this year and planning for 2011.

Thursday 17 December

- Implementing Athletics and planning Gifted and Talented programs.
- Implementing Spellodrome more effectively using PEG Spelling Program which provides a flexible, sequential and individual program for the whole school K-6.
- All teachers will complete our School Based Induction Program for Occupational Health and Safety.
- Designing Teaching Units using Notepad technology

SURVEYS

We have received two Satisfaction Surveys and look forward to more input into our evaluation of 2010. Please send them back ASAP. There are more at the office if required.

This week we are looking for your opinions about Learning in different areas of school life. Please complete and return by end of next week.

We will also be looking at School Teaching and Learning Programs conducted at our school during this year at the Community Morning Tea and hopefully receive some feedback about the most successful programs, those less impressive and those that should be maintained as part of our programs for 2011.

Lorene Alexander
Principal

CARES - Bike Education Years 5 & 6



As the CARES Bike Education Excursion is on Wednesday 24 November we urgently require all excursion permission notes to be returned to your

child's teacher by Monday 21 November in order to finalise the transport arrangements.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

All parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Session on 2 December at 3:30 - 4:30 in the Year 6 classroom.

We will cover topics such as:

- NAPLAN Review
- Packing a Healthy Lunchbox
- Opportunity for discussion about curriculum matters

Please return the RSVP by end of next week so that we can check numbers and organise an extra meeting if numbers are high.

Success at Gosford City Council Green House Awards

WE WON!! Central Mangrove Public School is the 2010 winner of the Gosford City Council's Environmental Small School of the Year.

Students from across all schools within the Gosford Shire Area participated in Environmental Awareness Program. This is the 5th time we have won this award since 2000.

Congratulations to staff, students and families who have assisted this year in Garden Club, garden working bees, environmental projects and performances.

This award gives recognition to our committed staff and enthusiastic students who have worked so hard in a variety of environmental areas to increase awareness about environmental sustainability by 'recycling, reducing, reusing and refusing' as well as this year's theme of 'Think Green - Eat Green and Reduce Food Miles'.

Environmental education has been a high priority in our school for many years. It has been the perfect vehicle to implement quality education providing experiences to build upon intellectual knowledge in a practical learning environment that has become part of our daily practice.

Increasing this awareness and understanding of the importance of building a sustainable environment is vital for our students to develop strong environmental values to create a better future for all generations.

Our prize included two trophies (both proudly displayed in our office foyer) an award certificate, \$300 gift voucher from Bunnings, \$100 gift voucher from Rebel Sports, a free bus voucher from Busways and a habitat box for our habitat tree.

Many students also received individual gift packages for their outstanding project work. All students who submitted a project for the Think Green - Eat Green competition will receive (coming home today) a free entry pass to the Australian Reptile Park.

Congratulation also to our year 4, 5 and 6 students who performed their 'Think Green - Eat Green and Reduce Food Miles' presentation at Laycock Street Theatre on Monday. Their performance gained great approval from both the judges and audience. Thank you to the wonderful volunteer drivers who assisted with transporting our students to and from the venue.

Our students were supervised on the day by Mr Derbyshire and Miss Nelson who both reported the good behaviour and manners displayed by all our students at this event. Well done!

Environment Day at Kulnura PS

Reports from students:

On November 11 Central Mangrove Public School went to Kulnura Public for Environment Day. We had several activities such as survival skills, platypus, Remembrance Day Ceremony and bushwalking. We sang a song called 'Less We Forget'. Some cadets attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony. I loved it.

By Billy Year 4/5

On November 11 the students of Peats Ridge and Central Mangrove Public Schools travelled by bus to Kulnura PS for an Environment Day. It was also Remembrance Day.

The activities that Kulnura PS had planned for us included survival skills where two teams navigated through a series of obstacles and the team that finished first won.

There was bushwalking, a platypus talk about how they are endangered and how unique they are. The fire brigade came and presented a talk about bush fires. There were dances as well as some singing.

At the end of the day some army cadets came to Kulnura and we had a ceremony to remember the soldiers who have given their lives serving our country in war time. Environment Day was a fun day for everyone.

By Connor Year 6

Major Fundraising Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have returned their sold raffle tickets. It would be greatly appreciated if all tickets (both sold and unsold) along with monies raised be returned to your child's teacher by Monday 6 December. Extra books of tickets are available from the school office.

Special offer:

Every full book of tickets sold gives your family a chance in the draw for a \$50 gift voucher to spend of an item of their choice.

Prizes will be drawn at Presentation Day Ceremony on 8 December.

For Sale

- It was disappointing this year to have 4 year 6 students deciding not to purchase our special Year 6 T/Shirt. As the school has already paid for these items we are offering any year 6 student the opportunity to purchase a spare T/Shirt at half price - \$5 each. Please see Mrs Wright at the office if you are interested in this offer.
- Medium size wooden storage cupboard in very good condition. Any offer will be considered. Need to organise own delivery.

Garden Club Living Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who supported the Garden Club's Living Fundraiser. Our profit of \$106 will be used to purchase equipment for our Garden Club. All vegetable and herb kits were sent home earlier this week.



Active After School Sport

Monday 29 November is the last Monday session for Term 4.

Wednesday 8 December is the last Wednesday session for Term 4.

Free Sports Clinics

During Term 4 we have the following free sports clinic organised for all students. Students will be required to wear their sports uniforms on these extra days as well as the normal Wednesday Sports Day.

- Mondays 22, 29 Nov & 6, 13 Dec NRL Yrs. 4, 5 & 6
- Tuesday 25 November Zumba classes - all students
- Tuesday 7 December Golf Years 2,3,4,5 &- 6

Year 6 Transition Day at Kariong Mountains High School

On Tuesday 7 December all year 6 students are expected to attend a transition into high school day at Kariong Mountains High School. More information regarding transport (by volunteer drivers), the day's activities and lunch arrangements will be sent home soon.

News Tips from the DET webpage

Sexting

Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'- the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the education department's website

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click



Have you used your Family ACTIVation pack yet? All Year 1 students recently brought home zip lock bags loaded with fun games for families to use. These games reinforce the skills that your children are learning at school in PDHPE, they are easy to use and with pictures to follow.

Get out and get skilled, get active and get healthy!

For more information or to download a copy of the pack check out the website Q4: Family Activation Pack at:

www.healthpromotion.com.au

Mariners Visit Report

Last Friday years 3 to 6 were lucky to participate in the Mariners "Be Active" program. This program encouraged students to be active and also have some fun playing non competitive sport. Students were randomly put into teams of 3 or 4 and played multiple games lasting up to 8 mins. Damien Brown who was the first Mariners player ever signed to play for the Central Coast Mariners Football team was happy to talk with the students and run the event. He was also seen participating with the students which only added to the fun. We would like to thank Damien Brown for coming to our school and keeping us active.

Carl Derbyshire

Attachments this week

- Invitation to Presentation Day Awards Ceremony
- Parent Survey about Learning

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Love the beach? Got concerns about the coast? Want to do something about it? Get connected with other passionate, like-minded individuals and groups at a FREE workshop. Clean Beaches - Connecting Our Coast CENTRAL COAST REGION
DATE: Wednesday 24th November 2010
TIME: 10.00 - 12.00am
VENUE: Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club
Bookings are essential. Please advise which workshop you will be attending.
Contact Rosemary Hadaway 02 9633 3380 or 0414 603 399
cleanbeaches@kabnsw.org.au

Awards and Certificates

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 4



K/1/2	Carla	Settling in well to a new school
	Lachlan C	Working well in class
	Dylan	Excellent results in maths
	Ramani	Excellent results in maths
2/3	Katie	Well thought answers in Bookweb
	Michayla	Settling in well to her new class
	Abby	Completing literacy work with more care
	Declan H	Bringing his homework in on time
4/5	Declan K	Improved effort in playground and class.
	Annabel	Excellent effort in all her work
	Bilal	Excellent effort in all his work
	Rohan	Improved effort in Journal
6	Ahmad	Being a considerate and responsible learner concentrating in all assessment assignments
	Chloe	Being a happy and considerate learner at school enjoying all activities
	Amelia	Being a confident and responsible learner completing all assignments on time.
	Taylor	Being a settled and co-operative student who is working towards her potential in class.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 4



K/1/1	Lachlan Z	Excellent improvement in work presentation
	Alyssa	Excellent book work
Bronze : 23/09/10 - Emmays 26/06/10 - Caitlin		
Silver: 23/09/10 - Sarah 29/10/10 - Emmaya, Caitlin 05/11/10 - Macgregor, Declan, Oliver, Kiara, Grahame and Charlie		



RETURN SLIPS

Gymnastic Sport Program Permission/Payment Slip

I give permission for my child/children to participate in the Term 4 gymnastic sport program at a cost of \$4 per session for 6 weeks = \$24.

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____

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YEAR 5 & 6 CARES PROGRAM AT PALMDALE ON 24/11/10

I give permission for my child, _____ to attend the CARES program at Palmdale on Wednesday 24 November.

- I acknowledge that transport is by private car driven by volunteer drivers.
- I have enclosed \$7 to cover the cost of this activity.
- I am able to assist with transport for this excursion. My car will carry _____ children including my own child.
- My child will not be attending this excursion

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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CD of Pinocchio Photographs Order Form

I wish to order _____ copies of the CD of Pinocchio Photographs @ at cost of \$5 each.

I have enclosed payment of \$ _____.

Family name: _____ Eldest child's class: _____

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SURF AWARENESS DAY

- I give permission for my child/children to attend the Surf Awareness Day at Terrigal Beach on 15/12/10.
- I have enclosed full payment \$9 for Kindergarten - Year 2 or \$19 for Years 3 - 6.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

- My child/children will be returning to school on the afternoon bus
- I will be collecting my child/children from Terrigal Beach at the conclusion of the excursion (2:00pm) and they will travel home by private car.

My child/children will not be attending this excursion

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Central Mangrove Public School- PAYMENT OPTIONS

If you wish to pay by cash or cheque please send it in an envelope to your child's teacher
If you wish to pay by credit card (FOR AMOUNTS \$10.00 AND OVER ONLY) please fill in the following information and return the note to the office

Credit card payment can also be made by phone
Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Payment for: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Mastercard Visa Expiry Date/

Card No _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:
Authorisation No: _____ Receipt No: _____

