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Upward We Strive

Week 7 Term 1 - March 12 2010

Time flies when you are having fun! Week 7 already!

I'd like to acknowledge the fine work that is done by our P&C. The time members of the P & C put in to organising special events, canteen and the uniform shop is much appreciated by the students, staff and families at our school. I have been impressed at the support that all parents show towards the school and how freely people give their time to help if they have any extra to spare. Don't forget that the AGM of the P&C will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday March 31st. All are welcome.

We have had a break in recently which has caused us to upgrade our security measures. If you happen to see anything suspicious at night or over the weekends, please call the **School Security Unit** on **1300 880 021**.

Nine of our Year 6 students are attending the leadership forum at Olympic Park on Monday. It will be a great opportunity to meet other young leaders and see some inspirational speakers. I'm sure these students will represent us in a way that will make us all proud as they are fine young people.

All of our Year 6 students are proving to be fine leaders and role models in their organisation of games and activities in the playground in an attempt to provide a bit of variety at play time. These children have already started to initiate organised games, for all students who are interested, utilising the sport equipment. They will add organised craft activities to their repertoire in the very near future.

We have had two confirmed cases of whooping cough. The NSW Department of Health give the following recommendation:

"If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough, watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your doctor.

Whooping cough usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever. Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Sometimes people vomit after coughing."

Please contact your doctor if you have any questions or concerns.

It is starting to get a little chilly in the mornings so please make sure the children have a school uniform jumper packed in their bags.

Jacqui Buchanan

Calendar - Term 1

Week 8

Monday	March 15	Young Leader's Day Conference AASCP
Wednesday	March 17	Year 3/4 Water Bug Survey AASCP
Thursday	March 18	Selective HS Placement Test Day
Friday	March 19	Tennis/ Ball Skills

Week 9

Monday	March 22	Harmony Day AASCP
Wednesday	March 24	AASCP Book Mobile Visit 2:30 - 3:30pm
Friday	March 26	Tennis/Ball Skills AASCP - Last session of Term 1
Saturday	March 27	Earthhour

Week 10

Wednesday	March 31	Combined Scripture 2pm P&C AGM 2pm
Thursday	April 1	Mufti Day
Friday	April 2	Good Friday - school closed
HOLIDAYS - HOLIDAYS-HOLIDAYS-HOLIDAYS ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺		
Wednesday	April 7	Book Mobile Visit

Important Dates for Term 2

April 30	Cross Country
April 21	Book Mobile Visit
May 11, 12 & 13	Naplan
May 14	Stewart House Day
June 4	Friendship Camp at Challenge Ranch



Water bug Survey

Next week students in class 3/4 will be participating in the Autumn Water Bug Survey. They will be using, for the first time, our newly constructed boardwalk platform down at the small creek which forms part of the boundary of the school grounds. This project was part of the Community Water Grant. We will be having an official opening of this boardwalk early Term 2. Invitations will be sent home closer to the date.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS



Our Coles/Junior Landcare grant of \$1000 has enabled the school to refurbish an old climbing frame into a hot house. The school wish to acknowledge the financial support given by Coles & Landcare Australia. Without such funding grants our school would not have had the funds to complete this environmental project.

News from DET Webpage

Cyberbullying website

The Department of Education and Training hosted a Cyberbullying forum late last year, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyberbullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at www.cyberbullyingforum.org

Get involved

Research shows the more parents are involved in their child's schooling, the better the outcomes for their children. If you have the time to be more involved in your child's school, and would like to know more about how you make this work - from helping in the school canteen to maths and English homework - the latest issue of School Parents ezine contains a great vodcast in several community languages to help you make the first step. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Premier's Reading Challenge OPSM bonus

The 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge has kicked off again and to ensure your child's eye health is up to the mark, Challenge partner, OPSM, is running an eye health campaign to donate books to the school library. For every eyesight test booked in at OPSM until April 1, OPSM will donate \$5.00 worth of books to your child's school library. Eyesight tests are covered by Medicare, so there is no cost to you. For more information go to: www.opsm.com.au/prc and for the latest on this year's Premier's Reading Challenge, go to: <http://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Reminders

➤ Selective High School Placement Test for Students entering Year 7 2011

Successful applicants for Year 7 placement in a Selective High School in 2011 are required to take the Selective HS Placement Test to be held from 9am to 1:15pm on Thursday 18 March at Gosford High School.

We have 4 current Year 6 students sitting the test on this day. We wish them all success on this day.

➤ Expression of interest for placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government's Secondary School in 2011.

A couple of weeks ago all current year 6 students were given an expression of interest form for their placement in a High School in 2011. Please ensure all forms are returned to the school office by 19 March so this enrolment process can be completed by the Department's due date.

➤ EdAlive Software Plan Orders Due

Included in Week 5's Newsletter was an EdAlive Community Software Plan 2010 Catalogue. Families wishing to purchase software from this catalogue will need to have all orders with payment returned to the school office by Monday 15 March.

Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival.

Our students who attended this carnival - Ryan, Graeme, Shawn, Oliver, Tyler and Connor - impressed us with their sportsmanship and their excellent efforts in their races.

Congratulations to Connor who is going on the Sydney North Regional Carnival to represent Brisbane Water Zone and our school in 3 races.

Thank you to the tireless efforts of all the parents who ensure their children make it to all these events.

Harmony Day 22 March- Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day, celebrated by schools each year, is an Australian Government initiative promoting Australia's culturally diverse and cohesive society. The day also coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The 2010 theme is 'Express Yourself'. This gives you the opportunity to share with others the importance of diversity in your workplace, school and community through action, performance, fashion and food.

Our school will become involved in the range of activities being used to celebrate Harmony Day. These include:

- **Mufti Day with the colour 'ORANGE' as the theme.**
- Special Lunch items available from Kid's Kitchen - see attached order form.
- All classes will be participating in activities where students have the opportunity to write and talk about the culture, origins and traditions of their family.

For further information visit www.harmony.gov.au/harmony-day.



AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 1 Week 5 & 6



Class	Student	Presented for
K/1/2	Toby	Great sentence writing
	Thomas	Great sentence writing
	Ramani	Great sentence work
	Jessie	Great sentence work
3/4	Abi	Neat work
	Declan H	Bird's eye vision aerial art
	Rohan	Bird's eye vision aerial art
5/6	Ahmad	A big effort in homework
	Heather	A big effort in homework
	Taylor	Excellent reading, writing & grammar work
	Heather	Excellent reading, writing & grammar work

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 1 Week 5 & 6



Thomas W	Great attitude to work
Jake A	Excellent effort in reading
Abby F	Great sentence writing
Corey	Recount writing
Ellena	Working well in all areas
Sarah K	Always doing her best
Hannah	Pride in her work
Grahame	Nastily Ghoulish Narrative
Shawn	A well organised & enthusiastic worker
Connor	A hardworking, well mannered student
Tyler	A hardworking, well mannered student



BUS AWARDS: Term 1 Week 6

Stephanie	Always sitting down while travelling on the bus. A good role model
Danielle	For being a quiet and safe traveller on the bus.

Attachments included this week are:

- Quick and Easy Healthy Eating Ideas
- Harmony Day Lunch Order Form

P&C Minutes

Minutes of General P&C Meeting 24th February 2010

Present: Deb Chu, Julia Kostalas, Kylie Fletcher, Lynette Callaghan & Sharlene Sullens.

Apologies: Karen Stapleton, Joy Arnott

Previous Minutes Read and Accepted. Sec K. Fletcher

Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

1. Reptile talk. Deb still to investigate
2. Sign for front of school. Jacqui to find out final figure for P&C to pay.
3. Swimming Carnival for our school. How do Somersby School run their carnival within regulations?
4. Sign for Library - Karen?

Correspondence:

P&C

P&C Day, Elections, Conference Invite, Latest News, P&C Journal, P&C Handbook (DVD), Invoice.

Canteen

Canteen Network Invitation, Price Busters Catalogue, Healthy Kids Products 2010, Gelato Cups, Canteen Fresh, Food Service Expo.

Fundraising

Fundraising Directory, Product List Fundraiser, Passion Hair & Beauty Fundraiser, Smart Fundraiser, Mothers Day 2010, Make cents, Australian, Vision Portraits, Fundraising Team, Family Organiser, Sock it to you, Laura Jean Photography, Mobile Climbing

Wall, Sun Block , McDonalds, Mother Day Stall, Promo Products,
Show Bags, Cheque Book, Christine Dark Acct, Westpac Chq Acct
Note/Coin Counter, Musica Viva.

Uniform Report:

Order placed for hats and polo shirts. Only hats available have a gold trim. Plenty of 2nd hand uniforms for sale. Julia to price \$5 or lower based on quality. Blue polo shirts will now have logo.

Treasurers Report:

N/A

Canteen Report

1. Canteen expo 9th March if anyone interested in going with Kylie.
2. Are we member of Healthy Kids School Canteen?
3. Suggested survey to students of canteen menu items so they could select what they would like on the menu. Plan to change each term.
Deb Chu to draw up list of suggestions and Lynette will create survey.
4. A new mum for canteen Jacqui Buckley - once a month on Wednesday.
5. Confectionary items in canteen to be limited to one canteen approved item as too much selection last term and students purchasing one of each item.
6. Popcorn not so popular so introduce JJ's again.
7. Menu needed for Cross Country Carnival 13th April.
Helpers needed on this day.
Suggestion Sausage rolls, Quiche, Chicken Burger or Veggie Burger with a juice drink as a meal deal. LTC to check prices between \$4 and \$5.
8. Canteen manual for canteen helpers completed by Kylie Fletcher. Thank you to Kylie.
9. Menu for Harmony Day. Deb Chu to come up with ideas.

General Business

1. Sunscreen in classrooms discussed. Deb Chu to investigate further as in place in other schools. ? Fundraising or P&C to sponsor.
2. Student numbers - If we get 4 more children we will get another teacher. 5-6 Kindies for 2011 but unfortunately 15 yr 6 students leaving.
3. Walkway still under construction and still progressing
4. Discussion on how to increase parent involvement for P&C and also positions for P&C. Family Fun get together?

Meeting Closed 3.25 pm

Community Notices

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Kulnura Hall School Holiday Show

'Ghana Have Some Fun' on Thursday 15 April from 11 - 11:45am at Kulnura Hall. This is an exciting show with African drumming,

singing, dancing, stories and lots more especially for families with preschooler to primary school children.

Cost 5 each or max. \$15 per family (under 2 years free).

Kulnura Hall Car Boot Sales and Fun Day


Saturday May 1st 8am - late.

To book a staff phone ☎ Colleen on 43908152, Annette on 43561196 or Christine on 43761318

Your trash could be someone's treasure! Sites are \$10 each.

BMX National Sign On Day

Come and try BMX Riding free of charge on Saturday 13 March at 1:30pm at Duffy's Road, Terrigal BMX Track

 Warren 0411404272

Receive a free show bag just for participating.

Polished by Donna

Interested in your child participating in a grooming deportment and etiquette school program over the school holidays. The course is split into 2 parts and runs for a week overall. Its main focus is to improve self-confidence for 11 - 17 year olds. ☎ Donna 4304 5735

RETURN SLIPS

K - 6 TENNIS/BALL SKILLS Payment Slip

I give permission for my child:

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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To participate in the 8-week Tennis/Ball Skills Program.

Cost: \$24 for full program OR \$3 per week- Enclosed \$

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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ICAS PERMISSION NOTE AND PAYMENT FORM

Subject	Cost	Payment By	Exam Date	✓exam chosen
Computer Skills	\$6.60	21 April	25 May	
Science	\$6.60	5 May	9 June	
Spelling	\$8.80	18 May	22 June	
Writing	\$12.10	18 May	22 June	
English	\$6.60	25 June	3 August	
Mathematics	\$6.60	30 June	17 August	

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____



