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Upward We Strive

Week 2 Term 2 - April 30 2010



*Mr Dedman, Tyler, Alicia and Billy
busily engaged in a Mathematics activity*

Our school is set for a big term. Teachers have planned their programs and are implementing them to appreciative and respectful students. We plan many learning experiences with all students in mind to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in all key learning areas. We provide as varied a program as possible for students to experience the different styles of learning. Through formal and informal assessment activities teachers are able to identify learning needs of students. This information helps teachers to develop programs which provide successful learning and help students to reach their potential.

It's certainly a pleasure to be back at this school to see how well it operates in all aspects of providing quality education. Students are very well behaved and doing their best to learn in class. It's very satisfying to watch children as they grow in confidence and ability.

Our school welcomes, Mr Dedman, a casual teacher who is upgrading his skills to incorporate primary teaching and working here for a 4 week practicum through Newcastle University. He will be working with 4/5/6A and already is making a positive contribution to our school.

Welcome also to our newest student, Alanah Mant. Alanah has already settled well into her new class. We hope that you enjoy learning at our school and make lots of new friends.

The BER program is marking time waiting for the foundations to be poured so that the building can be erected. The team of workers are certainly keen to progress to the next level of building.

Please remember that the staff carpark is only for school staff and builders. Please note that parents should only use the top carpark. Some parents continue to drive down to the bottom car park and this needs to be addressed.

May 4	Tuesday	Coles/Landcare visit AASCP starts - Rugby League Skills
May 5	Wednesday	Photographs - Summer Uniform Mothers' Day Stall AASCP - Tennis skills Book Mobile 2:30 - 3:30pm
May 6	Thursday	AFL Day at Gosford
May 11, 12 & 13		Naplan
May 11	Tuesday	AASCP - Rugby League Skills
May 12	Wednesday	AASCP - Tennis skills
May 13	Thursday	P&C 7pm at Country Club
May 14	Friday	Stewart House Day
May 18	Tuesday	AASCP - Rugby League Skills
May 19	Wednesday	AASCP - Tennis skills Book Mobile 2:30 - 3:30pm
May 21	Friday	BW Cross Country Wyoming
May 25	Tuesday	ICAS Computer Competition AASCP - Rugby League Skills
May 26	Wednesday	AASCP - Tennis skills
June 2	Wednesday	Book Mobile 2:30 - 3:30pm
June 4		Friendship Camp at Challenge Ranch
June 9	Wednesday	ICAS Science Competition
June 16	Wednesday	Book Mobile 2:30 - 3:30pm
June 22	Tuesday	ICAS Writing & Spelling Competition

Our staffroom was broken into over the holidays and our special scanner and digital projector were stolen. We would appreciate anyone who notices any unusual behaviour around our school to notify security on 13000 338 001

Best of luck for the Cross-Country Carnival tomorrow. This year could be our school's year to improve our results and maybe take out a significant placing. Thank you to Mrs Mackay who has professionally organised the event for our local small schools to participate. It's a day we can enjoy having fun and competing together.

Looking forward to a great term.

Lorene Alexander

Calendar - Term 2

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Our Term 2 program will commence in Week 3 (4 May).

- **Tuesdays:** Rugby League Skills
- **Wednesdays:** Tennis Skills

All sessions will run from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on these afternoons. Children are supplied a 'free healthy afternoon tea' before each session.

Current students attending the Term 1 sessions were automatically sent an enrolment form for Term 2. New comers are always welcome. Each session is limited to the first 24 students who return an enrolment form. Extra forms are available from the school office.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT (ASR)

Our 2009 Annual School Report is now available from our school website: www.centmangro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

A printed copy is also available from the school office. Please return attached RSVP form if you require a copy to be sent home.

PARTIAL ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child is late for school, needs to leave early or is absent for part of the day then parents must report to the office to receive a special yellow note which must be given to the class teacher.

Children can only leave the school grounds with a parent or carer. Students will not be allowed to leave without permission from the principal or a delegated person.

DET PRIMARY SCHOOLS DEBATING TRAINING

Our school has received an invitation for our years 5 & 6 students to attend a debating training & development workshop on Wednesday 19 May at Bateau Bay. These workshops are appropriate for students of all levels of experience from beginner to advanced. This training will enable our students to confidently compete in The Premier's Debating Challenge 2010 for Years 5 & 6.

The workshops run from 9:30am - 2:45pm. Cost is \$20 per student.

We need an urgent RSVP for these workshops as numbers are limited. **Please return the attached form by Wednesday 5 May.**

VARIATION TO TRAVEL ROUTINE

Written notification or a phone call to the school office should also be given for variations to a child's usual means of travelling home. Emailing and faxing is a great way to easily communicate with the school, especially if the phone line is busy. However, please be aware that our school faxes are now scanned to our school email address and sometimes, due to a busy office workload, the school email may not be re-checked until after bell time.

In the event of a child being too ill to remain at school, the emergency contact person will be called.

2011 Year 5 Selective HS Class Placement

Parents with a gifted and talented Year 4 child may be interested applying for opportunity class placement for Year 5 2011. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 28 July. More information is available for the school office.



Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Training provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure they can continue to provide important services to children. Just place a gold coin donation in the Donation Drive envelope and return it to your child's school to be eligible for the draw of a \$4000 family holiday to the destination of your choice. Please return by 24 May.

The following merchandise is also available for purchase. See attached return slip.

Stewart House Keyring with LED Light \$3 each OR
SOS Tattoo \$1 each



BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Please return all orders with payment to your child's class teacher by Monday 5 May. Extra catalogues/order forms are always available at the school office. Catalogues are only sent home to families who have previously requested this to happen. Changed your mind and now require a catalogue each book club issue? Just contact the school office on ☎ 4373 1156 with this request.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge - Reading Rewards: Sun-Herald Subscription offer. The Sun-Herald donated \$10 from every subscription back to NSW schools. Just pay \$30 for a 40-week subscription (that's over 60% off!), simply nominate your child's school when you order and \$10 will be donated to their school. Check out www.heraldeducation.com.au and click on special offers.

Scholastic Book Club Classrooms Care Program

This year, our school is proud to participate in Scholastic Book Clubs' Classrooms Care Program.

When our school reads 100 books by 30 September 2010 Scholastic Book Clubs will make a donation of 50,000 books to Australian children in need, through its charity partners, The Smith Family and Learning Links.

Since Classrooms Care began in 2006, Scholastic has donated 200,000 books to Australian children in need. By encouraging children to make a difference in the lives of kids in need, Classrooms Care demonstrates that Reading Is Giving!

At CMPS we will commence this program on Tuesdays lunch times with an older student reading to willing listeners.

News from DET Webpage

Tips for parenting tweens (9 to 14 year olds)

Simple things you can do right now:

- Sit together at mealtimes - there is a lot of evidence that shows this is powerfully protective for kids in modelling good behaviour and giving them a sense of belonging.
- Know what your kids are up to with their friends and online encourage activities outside of school run by trusted adults go to school parent open-days, and other events and functions provide clear and consistent ground rules for behaviour undertake a parenting program or read books on parenting this age group.

More advice about tweens at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

The **NAPLAN 2010 Tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9** will be held from Tuesday 11 May to Thursday 13 May 2010. For more information and test samples, see www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

Education Tax Refund

If you receive the Family Tax Benefit you may be entitled to claim a tax refund of up to 50 per cent off eligible expenses for your child's education for items such as stationery, computers, printers, Internet and educational software. Find out more at www.ato.gov.au

Positive Parenting Podcast

Listen to James O'Loughlin interview Professor Matt Sanders with practical tips that parents can use to help their children get on well at school, interact with others, and have the emotional, behavioural, and social skills they need to do well in life. Podcast can be heard at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezone/yr2010/issue01/1_parenting/index_t.php

YEARS 3 & 4 FRIENDSHIP CAM



On Friday June 4 all year 3 & 4 students from Central Mangrove, Somersby, Peats Ridge, Kulnura and Spencer Public Schools will be participating in a Friendship Camp at Challenge Ranch. This camp will provide a great opportunity for students to learn all about making friends and maintaining positive relationships while having fun. A permission note with more information will be sent home shortly. Cost of the day will be between \$25 - \$30 per student.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS DAY -WED 5 MAY



All students are to wear full school summer uniform on this day. Please note, we ask all families to send in the order form with payment by Monday 4 May. Each student was given their own personalised envelope. If this has been misplaced, please let the office know ASAP. Make cheques payable to MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS and enclose correct money in the envelopes. The school does not handle the money or give change. If you wish to use your credit card to pay, please use the school payment option form attached. Family portrait envelopes are available from the school office.



Wanted - Knitting Wool

Our SRC students have organised craft activities during lunch times. Knitting has proved a popular activity. Our current supply of wool is running very low. All donations of spare wool would be most welcome. Any colour, any ply, just send it along to your child's teacher. Pom Poms making is planned for Term 2.

Thank you to Mrs Robyn Larson (Grandmother of Sarah B in 3/4) for her donation of a large bag of wool.

P&C NEWS

MINUTES OF AGM 31/3/10

Apologies: None Minutes of last AGM read and accepted.

President Report

Treasurers Report see attached.

- Closing Balance \$7708.76
- Nominated Jean McCloud as Auditor. All accepted
- P&C membership \$5. All Accepted.

Principals Report

- Not all classes are Staged Classes due to increase in Year 4 numbers.
- SRC is running very well and is organizing activities in playground and sport.
- Mrs Gallagher successfully filling in.

Declared all positions vacant. Mrs. Buchanan to be returning officer.

- Call for nominations for President.
- Karen Stapleton nominated by Lynette Callaghan Sec Kylie Fletcher.
- Karen accepted.
- Call for nomination for Vice President
- Deb Chu nominated Sharlene Sullens. Sec Julia Kostalas.
- Sharlene Sullens accepted.
- Call for nomination for Canteen Organiser
- Lynette Callaghan nominated Kylie Fletcher. Sec Debbie Chu.
- Kylie accepted.
- Call for nominations for Uniform Organiser.
- Kylie Fletcher nominated Julia Kostalas. Sec Lynette Callaghan.
- Julia Kostalas accepted
- Call for nomination for Country Fair Delegate.
- Lynette Callaghan nominated Sue Cruickshank.
- To be confirmed.
- Call for nomination for Treasurer.
- Kylie Fletcher nominated Lynette Callaghan. Sec Karen Stapleton. Lynette Callaghan accepted.
- Call for nomination for Secretary. No nominations.

Positions declared as follows:

President	Karen Stapleton
Vice President	Sharlene Sullens
Secretary	
Treasurer	Lynette Callaghan
Canteen Organiser	Kylie Fletcher
Uniform Organiser	Julia Kostalas
Country Fair Delegate	To be confirmed
Meeting Closed 3.10pm	

Minutes of General P&C Meeting 31/03/10

Apologies: Lynette Callaghan

Previous Minutes Read and Accepted. Sec K. Fletcher

Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

- Croc Encounters for Reptile Day. \$275 1 hr. (\$4.75 per child)
- Bill for \$500 presented to P&C for new sign for front of school.
- Swimming Carnival still to be investigated.
- Sign for Library - Karen?

Correspondence:

P&C

P&C Journal
Global School Fundraising

Canteen

Healthy Canteen Recipes
Small School Membership Healthy Kids Assoc.
Price Busters Catalogue
McCain promotion

Treasure

Cheque Acct Statement

Uniforms

LW Reid Invoice
LW Reid March Catalogue, April Catalogue
Perma Pleat Schoolwear
Drybodz
MacDougall Company - school ribbons

Fundraising

Crazy Camel Fundraising - calendar and cards
Footprints - educational board game
Make Cents Fundraising
Jennoli Art Fundraiser
Majestic Cinemas
Penguin Portraits
Pens Plus
Bargain Galore Wholesale
Glowsticks Ltd

Uniform Report:

Ample 2nd hand uniforms to sell. About to place winter uniform order.

Treasurers Report:

Closing balance 7946.76

Canteen Report:

Mondays will be Asian day.
Wednesday to offer "cheesy Rice Balls"

General Business:

- Mothers Day Stall to be held Wednesday before Mothers Day. Kylie has already purchased some items for stall.
- Next P&C meeting to be Thursday 13th May, 7pm at Country Club. Only 1 per term. Need to add request to newsletter for helpers in canteen for X Country.
- Motion put forward for next Harmony Day to organize families to cook heritage food and arrange cultural activities and displays. Debbie will assist Kylie to organize the day. Need to liaise with the teacher in charge.
- Sunscreen Policy. Central Mangrove is now a participant in the Sunsmart Program (Cancer Council). Mrs Mackay is the school

represent. Costing during Term 2, with a view to implement in Term 3.

- Suggestion by Deb Chu - have a Splashathon as a fundraiser.
- Fun P.E. Day. Children to pay \$5 and P&C to subsidise \$1.70 per child - \$170
- Author to be invited to School.
- Playground Improvements to be made.

MOTHERS' DAY STAFF REMINDER

Our annual Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Wednesday May 6. Donations are most welcome. Gifts will be sold from \$2 - \$5.

Attachments included this week are:

Stewart House Donation Envelope

Another successful grant application!



We have been awarded a \$1100 Coles/Landcare grant for a project to install galvanised planter boxes in our school vegetable garden.

The planter boxes have arrived and we are now waiting for the new soil and drainage gravel to arrive.

Volunteers are needed to help install these new planter boxes down at the vegetable garden. Please see Mr Murcott if you can assist.

A representative from Coles Tuggerah will be visiting our school on Tuesday 4 May to present the Garden Club students with seed and plants for our school vegetable/herb garden.



Preparing the vegetable garden for new planting.



Garden Club students moving compost into the vegetable garden.

RETURN SLIPS

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 it in an envelope to your child's teacher.

Credit card payment can also be made by phone

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Payment for: _____ Amount: _____

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Expiry Date/.....

Card No:

[illegible]

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

=====XXX=====

Office use only: Receipt No: _____ Auth. No: _____

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ICAS PERMISSION NOTE AND PAYMENT FORM

Subject	Cost	Payment By	Exam Date	✓exam chosen
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: \$ _____

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

YES, our family required a hard copy of the school's 2009 ASR.

Family name: _____

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS DEBATING TRAINING FOR YRS. 5 & 6

YES, my child _____ will be attending
the Debating workshops at Bateau Bay on 19 May.

I have enclosed \$20 to cover the costs of this activity.

☐ YES, I can assist with transport on this day.

☐ NO, my child will need assistance with transport. .

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STEWART HOUSE MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Class: _____

☐ Key ring with LED light @ \$3 each - Number required: _____

☐ SOS Tattoo @ \$1 each - Number required: _____

Total payment enclosed: _____

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 1 Week 9

Class	Student	Presented for
K/1/2	Alyssa Hannah	Fantastic effort in spelling
	Abby Michaela Katie	Great play about animal friends
3/4	Corey	Spelling
	Nicole	Spelling



TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 1 Week 3 & 4

K/1/2	Caitlin	Excellent effort in reading
	Isaac	Excellent effort in maths
3/4	Ryan	First in maths test
	Alexandra	First in spelling test



BUS AWARDS:

Ellena and Harry - For always sitting down on the bus



