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Upward We Strive

Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4 - Week 8 - Friday 2 December 2011



After School Sport students participated in Circus Skills activities during Term 4

Welcome to our school.....

Congratulations Declan H for the magnificent speech he presented on Endangered Animals and to 4AH, and our School Choir for performing BIODIVERSITY at the Gosford Council Environmental Awareness Awards Ceremony the Monday before last. We thought we were in the running for winning as we were on stage at the end of ceremony. However, we just missed out to Ettalong PS and their act was really great as well. We won \$150 worth of Bunnings Vouchers for our participation in the program and vow to do our best yet again next year.

Thank you for attending our 'Community Morning Tea' on Thursday 1 December. It was another delicious occasion to celebrate the support of all those community members who go the extra mile to ensure our school is able to provide the best learning environment for all our students. We had a wide range of guests including representation from the Scripture teachers, current parents, new families and student teachers. Your contribution is very well appreciated by all our school staff and students.

On Monday, 5 December Year 6 students who are enrolled in a Government High School for 2012 will be attending a High School Orientation Day at Kariong Mountains or Gosford High School. We wish them well as they venture off on their very own for the day to meet the staff and learn about the layout of the school. It's such an exciting time for everybody, including their old teachers and parents.

Next week we're also looking forward to Charlotte's Web. Words can't express just how exciting this event is for all our school. We are ready and we can't wait for the curtain to go up. Break a leg, Central Mangrove!! Tickets on sale now and also available on the night. Bring a family friend or two.

Don't forget to come along to our Presentation Day celebrations on Wednesday, 14 December. Students will have the best last week of Term this year with Presentation Day, Movie Day (SRC activity), and Terrigal Beach Surf Awareness Excursion on the last school day.

Year 5/6 will have the night of their life attending the Y6 Farewell Dinner/Disco on the last Thursday night.

Calendar for Term 4

Week 9

Dec 5	Monday	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Dec 6	Tuesday	Kid's Kitchen; AASCP - Last Monday session
Dec 7	Wednesday	Combined Scripture, Student Banking Day
		Charlotte's Web Matinee Performance
Dec 8	Thursday	Kid's Kitchen; AASCP - Last Wednesday session
Dec 9	Friday	Charlotte's Web Evening Performance 7pm; Gym
		P&C Pancake Day; Garden Working Bee

Week 10

Dec 12	Monday	Kid's Kitchen,
Dec 13	Tuesday	Student Banking Day; SRC Movie Day
Dec 14	Wednesday	Presentation of Awards Day; Kid's Kitchen,
		Reports home
Dec 15	Thursday	Gymnastics, SRC Talent Quest, Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Dec 16	Friday	Surf Awareness Day @ Terrigal Beach
		LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS

Week 11

Dec 19	Monday	Staff Development Day - NO students at school
Dec 20	Tuesday	SCHOOL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS ☺☺☺

Kariong Mountains Learning Community Band

It is anticipated that next year students will have the opportunity to participate in the Kariong Mountains Learning Community Band.

In order to make all the necessary arrangements we need to first survey our community to seek interest.

Students will be able to use their own instrument or hire one. I have a contact to hire cheap instruments, \$25 small new violins available. We aim to make this venture affordable for all our students so please consider the possibility and your ability to follow through with the commitment.

Please complete the attached survey and return to school by end of next week.

The expression of interest preferences are:

1. Those students with experience
2. Beginners
3. Instrument/s student would like to learn:
 - Brass Instruments
 - Wind Instruments
 - Violin
 - Drums
 - Bass Guitar
 - Lead Guitar
 - Acoustic Guitar



COMING EVENTS

Charlotte's Web Evening Performance 7pm 08/12/11



Tickets are now available for the evening performance of our 2011 musical 'Charlotte's Web'. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per school aged child. CMPS children are not required to purchase a ticket as they are all performing on the evening. Pre ordering tickets makes for a quicker start to the evening's performance.



Families may BYO chairs or hire a chair from our year 6 students for a cost of \$2 per chair. The P&C will also open Kid's Kitchen for light refreshments.

All students were given a letter last week with their costume requirements. Please contact the school if you have a concern regarding your child's costume.

Student Schedule for next week:

Wednesday 7 December :

- Matinee Full Dress Rehearsal - students to come to school in full make-up - (wear normal school uniform).
- Students take home costumes ready for night performance.

Thursday 8 December:

- Students arrive at school by 6:30pm in full costume & make-up.
- Students take costume home after performance and laundry (by hand is the preferred method) :returning costume item by Tuesday the following weeks so they can be sorted and stored before the Christmas holidays.

2011 Major Fundraising Raffle

Did your family receive a book of raffle tickets sent home last week? We greatly appreciate all your support in this fundraising activity.

This year our raffle will support the SRC in their efforts to raise enough funds to replace our 'fairy garden' seating (permanent seating in a circular design) lost when the new building was built.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5's. The prize draw will be on Awards Presentation Day, Wednesday 14 December. Extra books of tickets are available from the school office.

***Sell a complete book of raffle tickets and your family will go into the draw for a meal voucher at Ourimbah RSL to the value of \$30.

Awards Presentation Day Invitation



All families should have received last week an invitation to the Awards Presentation Day on Wednesday 14 December starting at 10:30am. Please mark this special day in your diary. You may join your child/children for a picnic lunch at the conclusion of this event. Kid's Kitchen will be open for counter sales and light refreshments only. NO lunch orders on this day.

Surf Awareness Day at Terrigal Beach on 16-12-11



With the summer holidays fast approaching it becomes even more important for children to be aware of the importance of being safe at the beach. Our annual Surf Awareness excursion offers the students in Years 3-6 an opportunity to learn these valuable skills under the supervision of SLSC life guards whilst students in K-2 can enjoy an action packed and fun day celebrating the end of the school year.

The excursion will be held on Friday 16 December (last day of term 4) with the bus departing the school at 9.20am returning by 2.50pm. This year the cost is:

- **K-2 students:** \$5 for activities and \$4 bus fare = **\$9 each**
- **Years 3-6 students:** \$15 activity fee to Central Coast Lifesaving and \$4 bus fare = **\$19 each**

Parents and siblings are welcome to meet us at the beach but as this is a **formal school day all students must travel on the school bus to Terrigal Beach**. Parents are able to collect their child/children from the beach at the conclusion of the day. Please indicate this transport arrangement on the attached RSVP. We also welcome students and staff from Spencer PS who will be joining us for this fun day.

What to wear:

- Shorts and shirts with sleeve - no bare shoulders please
- Swimmers and towel
- K - Year 2 students need a rashie or swim shirt.
- Hat
- Apply sunscreen before leaving home
- Thongs and or sandals - NO bare feet

What to bring:

- Morning tea and lunch with plenty of water to drink
**Hint: freeze a drink container over night
- Sunscreen
- Jumper in case the weather changes
- Bag for sandy or wet items
- Manners

Please return the attached RSVP with payment by Wednesday 14 December.

***If your child is **NOT attending** school this day, please indicate this on the RSVP slip.



Active After School Sport Training

Currently we are in the planning stage for our 2012 Active After School Sport program. We are seeking interested community members who would be willing to undertake the training required to present a sport session for this program. Please contact the school for more information.

Combined Scripture

All parents are invited to join their child at the combined scripture session on Tuesday 6 December start at 2:00pm. The scripture teachers wish to thank all families who sent in donations for Christmas present for the 'Shoe boxes for Christmas Child' appeal.

REMINDERS



Active After School Sport

****NB: Change of date for last sessions of the Active After School Sport Program.**

- Last Monday session is now 5 December.
- Last Wednesday session is now 7 December.
- There is NO After School Sport the last week of school.

P&C Pancake Day



All Pancake Day lunch order forms need to be returned by Wednesday 7 December. There are 2 pancakes per serve with your choice of topping.

Whole School Garden Working Bee - Friday 9 Dec



If you are available to assist on this day please return the attached RSVP slip. Don't forget to bring your garden gloves and wear a hat and sun screen. Join us for a 'pancake lunch' on this day.

Book Mobile Van

Next Wednesday, 7 December is the last Book Mobile van visit for the year. This visit is for returns only - no borrowing. This service will recommence on Wednesday 8 February 2012.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Josie Rutherford for winning 1st place for her entry in the Gosford City Library Book Mobile Van colouring competition. Josie prize was a \$30 book store voucher.

Gymnastics Program

As our 2011 Gymnastics Program finishes next week we request all families with outstanding payments for this activity to please forward monies to the school ASAP.



IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Challenge Ranch

On Thursday and Friday 17 & 18 November, our Year 5 and 6 students attended the Challenge Ranch Outdoor Education Centre. They were joined by the Stage 3 students from Somersby, Peats Ridge and Spencer for two fantastic days of outdoor challenges, leadership activities and transition to high school tutorials.

Year 5 students completed a leadership course designed to assist them in identifying the qualities and attributes of leadership.

Students then participated in a series of activities designed to build team skills, responsibility, organisational skills and confidence and to assist students in developing a greater recognition of what these qualities mean for leadership. The students were also addressed by Mr Chris Holstein, the State Member for Gosford.

Year 6 students also participated in a number of activities designed to assist their transition into high school. They were addressed by Mr Beau Crum, the 2012 Year 7 advisor from Kariong Mountains High School, along with current Year 7 students, also from KMHS.

Highlights over the two days also included the numerous outdoor activities such as team orienteering, low ropes, abseiling / flying fox, canoeing and swimming. Special thanks to Kristina Jones and Garry Standen who organised and coordinated the Year 5 Leadership Program and the Year 6 Transition Program respectively.

SRC News - Ice Cream and Boardies Day



Thank you to all the families who supported our ice cream and boardies day on Wednesday 23 November. Profit for the day was \$100. This year SRC students will present the school with a Digital TV purchased with monies raised through all their fundraising activities.

News from the DEC Website

School facilities standards review: You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28.

www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent

Short film competition: Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register: <http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

Australia Day film and photography competitions: Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian. The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp.



The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?' There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera. Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at:

www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au

Healthy lunchbox ideas: We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school. The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas. The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive.

And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes

Awards and Certificates		
TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 6 		
K/1M	Teagan	Great comments during talking and listening activities
	Bellana	Very interesting independent writing
	Jordyn	Improved effort to complete work
	Drew	Always trying his hardest
2/3S	Chris	Fantastic results on Mathletics
	Alyssa	Great procedure writing
	Lachlan	Great procedure writing
	Toby	Fantastic effort in gymnastics
4AH	Thalia	Writing detailed complex sentences in spelling work
	Kallie	Extra effort in dance and singing
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week  2		
K/1M	Zander	Excellent independent writing
	Telarna	Excellent independent writing
2/3S	Katie	Procedure
	Jake	Procedure
GOLD AWARDS:		
CLASS	DATE	NAME
4AH	11.11.11	Daniella
SILVER AWARDS:		
CLASS	DATE	NAME
4AH	21.10.11	Matthew
	28.10.11	Declan H

Attachments with week include:

- Surf Awareness Day information/permission note

Community Notices

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 **Mingara Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament**
11am to about 4.30pm Monday, January 16, 2012 at
Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi

Players must be Under 18 on the day of the tournament. No minimum age. Entry of \$10 is payable on the day. Players must pre-enter at glosh51@dodo.com.au or on 4390 8176. Entries close on Saturday, January 14. Field limited to the first 50 entrants. Prizes awarded in several age-groups. This is a non-profit tournament with all entry fees after minimal expenses to be returned as prizes. Beginners very welcome, but must know the basic rules of the game and how the pieces move. Lessons will be given for those not familiar with chess clocks.

MANGROVE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLES & KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

- December 9th Christmas Toy Raffle over \$2,000 worth of Toys to be won, 6 numbers for \$1.00 draw starts at 7:30pm
- December 16th Christmas Ham Raffle over 40 half hams to be won, 6 numbers for \$1.00 draw starts at 7:30pm
- December 23rd KIDS Christmas Party, Jumping castle, music, games and a visit from Santa 5pm - 9pm
- Visit the Club for full details.



Free Healthy Lifestyle Program

The Go4Fun Program is a healthy lifestyle program aimed at improving the health, fitness, self esteem, and confidence of children 7-13 years who are above their ideal weight. The program runs after school for ten weeks over the school term at various Central Coast locations. It is **completely free of charge** to participants. Registrations are now being taken for Term 1 2012, and places are filling fast. Please note: A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

Families interested in participating should contact **Louise** on **4394 7974**

Peats Ridge Festival Half Price Tickets for Locals

Day and season tickets are available at half the normal cost for locals in this area who wish to go to Glenworth Valley for this Festival, which runs from 29th December to 1st Jan. Please contact Phil and Sue Douglas at Kulnura for details. Ph 43761350, email douglassueann23@gmail.com



RETURN SLIPS

Charlotte's Web Ticket Request

Family Name: _____

Adults @ \$10 each - Number of tickets required: _____

Children @ \$5 each - Number of tickets required: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Gymnastic Sport Program Permission/Payment Slip

I enclosed payment for the Term 4 gymnastic sport program at a cost of \$3 per session for 8 weeks = \$24.

Eldest child's name: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

Term 4 Garden Working Bee Friday 9 December

Yes I /we will be available to assist with the Term 4 garden working bee on Friday 9 December starting at 9:30am

Name: _____

Expression of Interest Kariong Mountains Learning Community Band

Yes my child/ren is interested in joining the Kariong Mountains Learning Community Band.

Name: _____ Experience Yes / No
(Please circle)

Preferred or Accomplished Instrument/s (please tick)

- ☐ Brass Instruments
- ☐ Wind Instruments
- ☐ Violin
- ☐ Drums
- ☐ Bass Guitar
- ☐ Lead Guitar
- ☐ Acoustic Guitar

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 place 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: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

Authorisation number:

Receipt no:

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SURF AWARENESS DAY – Return by Friday 16 December

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Surf Awareness Day at Terrigal Beach on Friday 16 December.

I have enclosed full payment \$9 for Kindergarten - Year 2 or \$19 for Years 3 - 6.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

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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: _____

