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Upward We Strive

Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4- Week 4 - Friday 2 November, 2012

Welcome to our school....



Bandana Day was a fun day to wear the latest designs and support the SRC fundraiser for Canteen Cancer Research

We were exceptionally proud of our community for their involvement in the Mangrove Mountain Country Fair this year. Thank you to those students who performed on stage displaying their talents in the performing arts. Thank you to those students who entered into the art and craft competitions displaying their skills as budding artists. Thank you to Kylie Fletcher and parent-helpers who ran the Slushy Stall displaying their support for our school. Thankyou Mrs Mackay for being there!!

Congratulations to our students who were successful in being awarded on the day:

- Alexandra, Young Ambassador for Mangrove Mountain; and
 - Ellena and Thalia who are both Deputy Young Ambassadors.
- Alexandra made her first speech, which was incidentally made without any notice and did an exceptional job. We are very proud of you and look forward to your involvement and contribution to our whole community over the next year.

I attended the NSW Primary Principals' State Conference last week and was enthralled by the speakers over the three days. Ron Delezio, father of young Sophie, spoke about his amazing daughter and the extraordinary times his family has endured through so much adversity. There was not a dry eye as he spoke of her injuries and disabilities and their desire for Sophie to attend her local primary school. They were very grateful for the investment made by Public Education in infrastructure to allow her to attend mainstream classes so successfully. His 'Day of Difference

Calendar for Term 4

Week 5		
5	Monday	Kindy Orientation Program; Kids' Kitchen; AASCP
6	Tuesday	Gymnastics; Scripture/Ethics Class; Library 2/3A and K/1S; 2/3AH Biodiversity Incurion
7	Wednesday	Kid's Kitchen; Library 5/6M; AASCP
8	Thursday	Library 4/5M; Student Banking
9	Friday	
Week 6 National Recycle Week		
12	Monday	Last Kindy Orientation Program; Kids' Kitchen; AASCP
13	Tuesday	Gymnastics; Scripture/Ethics Class; Library 2/3A and K/1S;
14	Wednesday	Kid's Kitchen; Library 5/6M; AASCP; Book Mobile
15	Thursday	Library 4/5M; Student Banking; National Recycle Week Activity
16	Friday	
Week 7		
19	Monday	Kids' Kitchen; AASCP; AASCP
20	Tuesday	NO Gymnastics this week; Scripture/Ethics Class; Library 2/3A and K/1S; GCC Environment Awards
21	Wednesday	Musical Matinee; Kid's Kitchen; Library 5/6M; AASCP
22	Thursday	Library 4/5M; Student Banking; Evening performance Charlie & The Chocolate Factory
23	Friday	
Week 8		
26	Monday	Kids' Kitchen; AASCP - Library Stocktake; GYM
27	Tuesday	Scripture/Ethics Class; Library 2/3A and K/1S; GYM
28	Wednesday	Kid's Kitchen; Yr 5 & 6 CARES Excursion; AASCP; Book Mobile
29	Thursday	Library 4/5M; Student Banking
30	Friday	GOLD Awards Excursion
Week 9 Swim School		
Dec 3	Monday	Swim School; Kids' Kitchen;
4	Tuesday	Swim School ; Combined Scripture
5	Wednesday	Swim School; ; Kids' Kitchen; HS Transition Day
6	Thursday	Swim School; Student Banking; Community Afternoon Tea
7	Friday	Swim School;
Week 10		
10	Monday	Swim School; ; Kids' Kitchen;
11	Tuesday	Swim School;
12	Wednesday	Swim School; ; Kids' Kitchen; Book Mobile
13	Thursday	Swim School; Student Banking - last one for 2012; Year 6 Farewell Disco;
14	Friday	Swim School;

Foundation' has raised \$12 million for medical equipment, research and training, for family support to those affected by such tragedies and also for the Dragon Tooth Markings made outside schools to help make drivers aware of schools in the area and to increase the safety for children.

Another brilliant speaker was Pasi Sahlberg from Finland who spoke about Finland's Education System that places it first in the world's ranking for successful learning results. The Finnish way encompasses five major principles:

1. More collaboration and less competition;
2. More trust based professionalism and less test based accountability where students take greater responsibility for their own learning;
3. More professional leadership and less bureaucratic management;
4. More EQUITY which was supported by enormous amounts of social and income data in relation to student performance; and
5. More evidence based policies with less experimentation.

I particularly took note of his message: LESS IS MORE in regard to teachers having greater release time and less teaching time to design supportive learning plans, assess student work, evaluate performance and write teaching and learning programs. Students attend school four years less than they attend in many other countries, between the ages of 7 & 16.

Pasi described the Global Education Reform Movement (GERM) as a virus taking over the world and promoting competition, standardisation, school choice and test based accountability which is not producing the expected results.

Pasi finished by stating that we cannot undervalue a good Public Education system in every community and concluded with the "FINNISH WAY KILLS 99% of GERMS!"

It was indeed inspirational with much for our leaders in education to consider if we want our student performance to return to the dizzy heights in the top five global positions.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has begun rehearsing on our new stage which we have been fortunate enough to attain for the cost of delivery and nothing more. We are so excited to own our stage and everyone is so excited! **THANK YOU Concord PS** for your wonderful donation to our school.

Lorene Alexander - Principal

Other Important Dates for your calendar:

Term Dates for 2012

- Term 4 Dates: 08/10/12 - 19/12/12
- Presentation Awards 17 December @ 10am
- Surf Awareness Day Wednesday 19 December
- Last Day of Term 4 Wednesday 19 December

School Development Days

- Term 4 Thurs 20 & Fri 21 Dec (last 2 days of term 4)



REMINDERS

Uniform Shop

Uniform order forms available from the school office. The Uniform Shop is open every 2nd Monday from 8:45 - 9:15am on the following days:

- 12 & 26 November
- 10 December



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- *Wednesday 30 January (1st day Term 1 Yr1-6)
- *Thursday 31 January (1st day Term 1 Kindy)
- *Monday 4 February



All Wednesdays are WASTE FREE LUNCH DAYS!!!
Please support this SRC initiative.

Swim School Deposit

All students were given an information sheet regarding the Swim School Program being held during weeks 9 & 10 of Term 4 (Monday 3/12/12 to Friday 14/12/12). The total cost of this program is \$70 per student. Please forward your **child's swim school \$10 deposit and permission note by 5 November**. For your child to participate in the program **all monies MUST be paid in full BY 30 November..**

End of School's Financial Year

The end of the school's financial year is 30 November 2012. In order to complete our financial reports for this period we ask all families to endeavour to finalise payment for all outstanding excursions, extracurricular activities, sport programs and workbook levies before this date.

A current statement of account will be sent home early next week. Please phone and make an interview time with Mrs Alexander if this request is of a concern.

CMPS is a proud SunSmart School



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into Selective High Schools in 2014

Complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 16 November 2012.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013.

COMING EVENTS



Year 2/3AH Biodiversity Audit Incursion



Students in Year 2/3AH will be participating in a Biodiversity audit of the school grounds with staff from the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre on Tuesday 6 November.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Thursday 22 November at 7pm



Tickets on sale now! - you can pre order your tickets by using the return slip attached. Adults \$10 each School age children: \$5

****NB:** no cost for CMPS children as they are all performing items on the night.

BYO chair if possible or hire one for \$2.

Kid's Kitchen will be open for light refreshment, ice creams and confectionary.

Swim School - 3 to 14 December



Our Term 4 Swim School program runs from **Monday 3 to Friday 14 December**. Sessions at Gosford Pool are from 10:15 - 11am each day for the 2-week program.

The cost of these sessions will be **\$70 per student**. A deposit of **\$10 is required ASAP**. A permission has been sent home with students involved with this program next week.

Terrigal Beach Surf Awareness Day -19 December



A permission note has been sent home with all students. Cost is \$5 per student for K to Year 2 students and \$15 per students for Year 3 - 6 students. Please see attached RSVP Slip.

CARES Bike Education Day for Year 5 & 6

On Wednesday 28 November all year 5 and 6 students will be participating in a Community and Road Education Scheme Program (CARES) at Palmdale.

The cost of this program is \$4 per students. All students involved have been given a permission of this extracurricular activity. In order to reduce costs, transport for this excursion will be by private car leaving the school at approximately 9:15am.

The Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) Program is a road and bicycle education program for Years five, six and seven school groups. This is linked to NSW Department of Education and Training Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus.

Students benefit from the expertise of two NSW Police Officers appointed to the centre to teach the CARES Program. The classroom lesson covers safe cycling, road rules, hand signaling and safe use of helmets.

Outdoor lessons include bicycle safety checks, basic riding skills and obstacle course, riding on the road environment training track which features a roundabout, traffic lights and other 'real life' road characteristics.

Please return your permission note with payment ASAP.

Community Afternoon Tea - Thursday 6 December

Watch out next week for your invitation to our Community Afternoon Tea on Thursday 6 December at 2:00pm. This special afternoon tea has been organised to acknowledge your contribution to education in our school.

The Staff and Students of Central Mangrove Public School wish to thank families and friends for their support through activities, excursions and programs at our school during 2012.

Please mark this important date on your calendar and join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

Because You're Special - author unknown

We sometimes take for granted
In the rush of all we do,
And forget to say a special thanks
To volunteers like you!

So we send this note to tell you
How much all you do means,
Your gifts of time and of yourself
Are special ones indeed



Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco Thursday 13 Dec.

This week all year 5 and 6 students received their invitation to attend the Year 6 Farewell Celebration Dinner on:

- Date: Thursday 13 December
- Time: 6:00—9:00pm
- Place: Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
- Cost: \$12 per student
- RSVP: Payment due 07/12/12

This will be a fun filled evening with dancing and games so our Year 6 students can leave with fond memories.

Evening Program:

- Dinner
- Presentation of Special Awards
- Disco and Games

Many thanks to CMPS P&C Association for their support of this special event.

Presentation Day Monday 17 December at 10:30am

Another important date to mark on your calendar. More information will be sent home shortly.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT



Library



School calico library bags printed with school emblem are on special for \$2 from the library or the uniform shop.

Library News

This term all classes are researching the life and books of Roald Dahl....author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

What an interesting life he had. Ask students from years 4 to 6 what they know about this amazing, inspirational man.

Term 4 is stock take time. Borrowing will cease in week 6 and I will be requesting all books be returned to the library by the end of November. Notices will be sent home for any items outstanding. Please see me if you have any concerns.

“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”

— Groucho Marx

Happy Reading
Jodie Gallagher

Q4: Family Activation Pack

Fitter, healthier, happier

Go4Fun is a free lifestyle program being run across NSW towns. For 7-13 year-old children who are above a healthy weight, activities aim for a long-lasting and healthy approach to living and are suitable for both kids and their families.

To make an enquiry: <http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/go4fun%C2%AE-program.aspx>

National Bandanna Day

Thank you all families who support the SRC 's National Bandanna Day on Friday, 26 October. We sold 71 Bandannas with \$284 raised for CanTeen Australia . These funds assist young people living with cancer the skills, support and strength they need to fight back against cancer.

National Recycling Week - Week 6 12 - 16 Nov.



Recycle your used printer toner cartridges in our school collection box found in the office foyer. Cartridges from the following companies may be deposited in this recycling container:

Brother, Cannon, Konica Minolta, Lexmark & Kyocera.

This collection container has been supplied by Planet Ark.

P&C News

Guessing Competition



Don't forget to have a guess or two in the "how many lollies in the jar" competition. For just \$1 per guess or 3 guesses for \$2 you could win not only the jar of lollies but a brand new school backpack too!

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is being held on Wednesday 28 November in the library from 3.15pm. All Welcome!

Country Fair Thank You

A big special thank you to the families who baked cakes, slices and biscuits for our stall at the Country Fair on Saturday 20 October.

Our successful Slushie Stall has a great hit on the day. Thank you also to the parents who assisted the P&C in running this stall on this day. Your efforts were much appreciated .

News from the DEC Website

Movies and books

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination.

For tips and ideas: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/how-movies-can-inspire-kids-to-read>



Working children

Is your child under 16 and about to be employed in some form of modelling, entertainment or photography work? You will need to know about the employer's obligations.

Find out more: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/children-s-employment-1>

Rainforest creatures

Experience Taronga Zoo's stunning Wild Asia rainforest trail guided by volunteer researcher Heidi Greentree. Rainforest Heroes is a new, free iPad app that lets students capture their discoveries, on location at the zoo or from home, and then make a field report.

Find out more about the app:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

Operation Christmas Child 2012 - Thank You!



We would like to thank all the Students and Parents who donated items this years to Operation Christmas Child. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated. With your combined efforts from Spencer, Peats Ridge, Central Mangrove and Kulnura Primary Schools we managed to send 36 boxes. Fantastic!!

Kind regards
Your Scripture teachers.

Community Notice

The Australia Day Council of NSW has launched its Aussie Art Competition this week, which will see one luck family walk away with a 9-night P&O Cruises Holiday.

Primary school students can enter by drawing a picture that illustrates what makes Australia a special place. They are looking for entries that are creative, colourful and fun. They want children to express what makes Australia special to them. It could be anything from playing cricket on a summer afternoon, fishing off the local jetty or even being with their family at home.

Entries can be done through: www.australiaday.com.au

The drawing must be submitted with a 25-word or less description by February 18 2013.

A selection of finalists will also have their artwork showcased on the Australian Day website and P&O Cruises Facebook and website.

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Parenting Tips

Independence builds confidence - Independence takes many forms.

There's the independence that comes when you possess a strong set of self-help skills. Being able to tie your shoelaces; make your own lunch; and speak to a store manager to get an after-school job are essential skills for independent living we should be developing in kids at different stages of development.

These self-help skills are the building blocks for real confidence in kids. Our job as parents is to make ourselves redundant, so we need to do less for kids so they can do more. This type of independence is relatively easy for parents to develop. It's also very safe.

However developing children's independence to navigate the world outside the front door of your home is very different indeed. Greater freedom also involves an element of risk, which is naturally scary for parents. While our basic job is to keep kids safe and secure, that doesn't mean we eliminate risk altogether by overprotecting them.

Give kids some rope. There's a lot to be said for giving kids a little bit of rope. Giving children more independence is one of the most effective ways of developing confidence. It builds a broader experience base than the one that parents can provide.

Scaffolding - children being granted small degrees of independence - is a strategy many parents use to reduce the risk for their children in public while they grant their children more freedom. Dropping young children off a few hundred metres from the school gate and allowing them to walk the rest of the way on their own is an example of scaffolding to independence.

The primary school years are the time to build the skills of independence, so that when children move into adolescence they are more able to be self-sufficient.

A necessary leap of faith

Parents don't grant freedom evenly within their family. Most parents find it easier to grant greater freedom to later borns than their eldest children.

It's easier for parents to let go of the later borns, as we've learned from experience that most kids are pretty capable when it comes to navigating their expanding world.

Besides, youngest borns get plenty of hands-on lessons watching and listening to their elder siblings' exploits of navigating the big, wide world.

Awards and Certificates

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 2		
K/1S	Charlee B	Excellent effort in dancing
	Phoebe	Quick, accurate answers in maths
	Nicholas	Producing high quality work in all areas
	Emma	Prying her best during Charlie and the Chocolate Factory singing and dancing
2/3AH	Ramani	Excellent attitude and book work
	Thomas W	Excellent attitude and book work
4/5M	Hannah	Excellent work in Maths Mentals
	Sarah B	Improved application in Maths
	Hamish	Improved effort in completing tasks
	Matthew	Great questions and answers in class discussions
5/6M	Aaron S	Great recount writing and settling well into a new school
	Shawn	Fantastic effort in literacy circles
	Stephanie	Excellent effort in Maths Mentals
	Annabel	Excellent recount writing
Library	Oliver	Quality work about Roald Dahl
	Laila	
	Nicole	
	Emmaya	Book Review Recount
	Sarah K	
	Emma	Thinking carefully about foods that are good for us
	Josie	

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 2		
K/1S	Kai	Writing
	Monty	
2/23A	Emmaya	Neatly organised spelling book
	Ashlee	Excellent Spelling book
	Jake	Outstanding writing pg 53
4/5M	Alesandra	Fantastic book work in BTN
	Alyssa	
5/6M	Charlotte	Great Pillow
	Georgia	
Bronze Awards		
K/1S	21/9/12	Logan
	12/10/12	Telarna
	12/10/12	Josie
4/5M	10/8/12	Daniella
	17/8/12	Alyssa
	17/8/12	Michaela
	24/8/12	Ryan
	24/8/12	Abi R
	24/8/12	Molly
	31/8/12	Matthew
5/6M	31/8/12	Mikayla S
	7/9/12	Alexandra
	12/10/12	Abby F
	12/10/12	Declan K
	12/10/12	Bianca
	12/10/12	Aaron K
	12/10/12	Corey
Gold Awards		
2/3A	21/9/12	Jake
	12/10/12	Sarah K

