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Upward We Strive

Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4- Week 8 - Friday 30 November, 2012

Welcome to our school.....



The teachers are still engaging in substantive conversation about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we are marvelling about the performances of each and every child. Their participation was entralling as they exuded so much enthusiasm when dancing, singing and acting. Those involved in backstage props kept the action flowing and the teachers were busy observing all the action. Our appreciative audience was enjoying the performance as well as the treats from the Candy Store, thanks to our P&C and especially Mrs Fletcher.

Thank you to everyone, teachers, parent helpers, P&C workers and students, who worked solidly towards this great performance making it such a successful event for the end of our school year.

Our pre-service teachers, Ms Unwin, Ms Stern-Kohler and Ms James are finishing their practicum at the end of next week and we have really enjoyed their contribution to our school over the past few weeks. Our children have been very fortunate to be working with so many capable and caring teachers who have been working very hard preparing lessons for them. We wish to thank them and wish them all the best for their future studies.

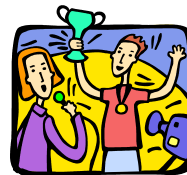
As the end of the year approaches so quickly it is time to evaluate our school performance and plan future directions. Your input in completing surveys can provide valuable information for us to detect areas for improvement and make suitable adjustments to our school plans. Please complete the Surveys sent home with this newsletter and return them by the end of the week. Each returned survey will receive a raffle ticket and there will be a special prize for the winning family. Your support in helping us make further improvements to our school is appreciated as we strive to provide the best education practice for your children.

Lorene Alexander
 Principal

Calendar for Term 4

Week 9		
Dec 3	Monday	Swim School; Kids' Kitchen;
4	Tuesday	Swim School ; Combined Scripture
5	Wednesday	Swim School; ; Kids' Kitchen; Year 6 High Sch. Orientation 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; Mrs Mackay Farewell Picnic Day
Week 11		
17	Monday	Presentation Day
18	Tuesday	SRC Busking Day
19	Wednesday	Surf Day @ Terrigal Beach - last day for students
20	Thursday	School Development Day - Staff only
21	Friday	School Development Day - Staff only
School Development Days		
Term 4 Thurs 20 & Fri 21 Dec (last 2 days of term 4)		

Gosford City Council Environmental Awards



We won!!!!

At the Gosford City Council 2012 School Environmental Program Awards Ceremony at Laycock Street Theatre on Tuesday 20 November, Central Mangrove PS was named as the Small School Environmental School of the year.

This award marks the culmination of this year's School Environmental Program theme 'From the Rivers to the Sea, healthy and Clean Thanks to Me' which focused on the health of the catchment and waterways in the Gosford region.

Students from classes 5/6M and 2/3AH performed their Water Rap and Poems. Thank you to parents who assisted with transport on this day and to the parents who attended the ceremony.

REMINDERS



Swim School

The swim school program begins on Monday 3 December and runs until December 14. Cost of this program is \$70. For your child/children to participate, full payment should have been received by today, Friday 30 November.

Our lesson session at Gosford Pool runs from 10:15 - 11:00am. Students will leave our school at 9:30am and return to school by 12:00 pm. Lunch will be held as soon as children are changed and afternoon recess will be at 2:00pm. Please provide fruit for crunch & sip morning snack.

Students will need to:

- Come to school dressed with their swimmers under their school uniform;
- Wear regular school shoes to school and change into thongs etc. to wear to the pool;
- Wear a large towel, hat, sunscreen and top (to keep warm if weather is cool) to and from the pool;
- Bring a bag for their wet swimmers and towel, we ask that they don't use plastic shopping bags as these break easily. The school recycling blue bag available for \$1 each from the office, is ideal; and
- Change back into school uniform/shoes (don't forget undies!) when they return to school



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

CMPS is a proud SunSmart School



Terrigal Beach Surf Awareness Day -19 December



This activity is being held on the last day of school for students, Wednesday 19 December.

Please return RSVP permission note and payment ASAP for this excursion.

Cost is \$5 per student for K to Year 2 students and \$15 per students for Year 3 - 6 students.

If your child is NOT attending this activity please indicate on the permission note and return to your child's teacher ASAP.

Spencer PS students and staff will also be joining us on this day.

AASCP - After School Sport Program

Our After School Program has now finished for the year. This program will be on again in 2013.

Mrs Mackay's Picnic Day

Please remember to return your RSVP by 7 December if you and your family will be attending Mrs Mackay's Picnic Day on Friday 14 December from 11:30am. We hope many families will take this opportunity to share our celebration of Mrs Mackay's contribution to our school.

Charlie & Chocolate Factory Performance DVD & CD

We have a display of photographs from our musical performance on display in the school office foyer. Families are able to order individual photographs (small \$1 and large \$2.50) or purchase a CD of all photographs for \$5 each. We will also have for sale shortly a DVD of the performance - cost will be \$5 each. Please use the attached RSVP form to order your DVD and/or CD.

Gymnastics Program

Our gymnastics sport program has now concluded. Please forward any outstanding payments for this program ASAP as the school has already paid the invoice for this activity.

Payment of accounts

Next week statement of accounts will be sent home. As our last security bank collecting day for bank deposits will be Thursday 20 December, we ask that all outstanding payments be forwarded to the school before this date.

Payments can be made by Direct Debit. Please contact the school office for the school's bank account and BSB details if you wish to use the payment option. Otherwise, credit card payments can be made in person, by mail or by phone.

Community Afternoon Tea - Thursday 6 December



Don't forget to return your RSVP for the Thank You Community Afternoon Tea to be held on Thursday 6 December from 2 - 3pm.

We look forward to seeing all our wonderful volunteer helpers at this event.

Combined Scripture

Our Scripture Instructors invite all families to attend their Combined Scripture Session on Tuesday 4 December from 2:00 - 3:00pm.

Awards Presentation Day

Our Awards Presentation Day on Monday 17 December starting at 10:30am. Please return your RSVP as soon as possible. This event allows the school to:

- Acknowledge and celebrate the academic, sporting, environmental and social achievements of students at our school;
- Graduation of Year 6 and Kindergarten students; and
- Presentation of badges to our 2013 Student Leaders.

Year 6 High School Orientation Day

All year 6 students attending NSW Government High Schools in 2013 are to attend a High School Orientation Day at their local High School on Wednesday 5 December.

Students attending Kariong Mountains High School in 2013 are to arrange their own private transport to and from the High School. Students are not to use the KMHS school bus. An information sheet with the day's program was given to students earlier this week.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco - Thursday 13 Dec.



All our Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to participate in the Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Disco on Thursday 13 December at the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

Students are asked to please return their RSVP's to their teacher by 7 December so catering arrangements can be finalised.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who have again this year assisted with the costs involved with this event.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT



CARES Bike Education Day for Year 5 & 6



Last Wednesday, 28th November students from Years 5 and 6 took part in the CARES Bicycle Education Program at Palmdale.

The Program is funded by Gosford City Council, Wyong Shire Council, the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Department of Transport and Regional Services. It is staffed by police from the Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Local Area Commands and designed to educate primary school students about bicycle safety and maintenance and increase student skill development and awareness of general road rules.

The Palmdale facility is equipped with a classroom, a covered outdoor learning centre and a simulated road circuit complete with roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, traffic signs and signals.

Student enjoyed a variety of activities culminating with an hour of free time under the watchful gaze of the local constabulary who were on the lookout for variety of traffic violations and offences. Students who finished the day with all 12 points on their licence intact have been entered into a draw for a chance to win a new mountain bike. The lucky winner, from local schools who have attended the facility during 4th Term, will be drawn in the next two weeks.

A big thank you to the following parents and community members who gave up their time to transport the students on the day; Mrs Stapleton, Mrs Wonson, Mrs Hamilton and Mr Wright. Also, thanks to the Pre-service teachers Mrs Stern, Mrs Unwin and Mr Fletcher who attended and also helped with transport.

Years 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day with Somersby PS

On Friday the 23rd of November, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 from Somersby Public School joined their counterparts from Central Mangrove for a day of physical activity and the chance to experience a new sport and develop a range of ball handling skills. Students were rotated through four sporting activities consisting of Australian Rules Football, Netball, Cricket and OzTag.

The day was organised by Mr Mitchell from Somersby PS who arranged the services of AFL personnel who ran modified games that focused on skill development. Also, thank you to Miss Stilgoe for her expertise on the netball court and Mrs Squires. Principal of Somersby PS for fantastic efforts in organising and running the cricket.

News from the DEC Website

Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW. Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more: <http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

When your teen's new best friend is a bad influence

Best friends are a key part of adolescents' lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence? Experts discuss different approaches.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

Mobile behaviour

AUDIO: What do parents need to know about sexting - the use of a mobile phone to send sexual images or messages? Learn about the consequences and get tips to help you educate your child.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/sexting-what-every-parent-should-know>

Community Notice



Christmas Time at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
Monster Toy Raffle
\$2,500 in prizes to be won!

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
Ham Raffle - Over 50 half hams up for grabs!

SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER
Kids Christmas Party - 6pm
Disco, Activities, Visit from Santa
+ Gift for each child

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER
Mega Raffle
Hampers and Meat Trays to be won!

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER
Members Christmas Party
Live Band from 7pm -Happy Hour 7pm-9pm
Bar Snacks @ 8pm

LADIES SHOPPING NIGHT

Fundraiser for local mother of 3, Megan Healey who will be riding her ride-on mower from Melbourne to Sydney to raise awareness of people living with disabilities and the impact on the people who help care for them.

Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

6pm Friday 30 November - Entry \$5

32 stalls and great raffles prizes

Arrive between 6 - 7pm for a complimentary glass of Champagne.



Mountain Christmas Carols

Where: Community Hall, Mangrove Mountain

Date: Monday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

Time: From 7 to 9pm

It's Christmas and it all FREE

No donations, no raffles, no vendors, no hidden agenda just celebrating the true purpose of Christmas

So share the spirit!!! Join us on this evening!

Annual Junior Holiday Chess Tournament



Monday, January 21

Mingara Junior Chess Group's annual Summer Holiday Tournament is open to beginners as well as experienced players. All that is needed is a basic knowledge of the rules and the ability to complete a game unassisted.

The event is non-profit, with all entry fees to be returned as prizes.

Parents must pre-enter players and should do so as soon as possible because the field will be limited according to equipment available and entries will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

To enter, parents should contact Gary Losh on 4390 8176 or at glosh51@dodo.com.au The entry fee is \$10, payable on the day. Entries close Saturday, January 19.

The tournament, open to all players under 18 on the day, will run from 11am to about 4.30pm on Monday, January 21, at Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi.

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 6		
2/3AH	Toby	Enthusiastic learner involved in 'communication' lessons
	Sarah K	Sensible and caring role model for others
4/5M	Molly	Always doing her best work
	Hannah	Consistent effort in all Maths and English activities
	Michaela M	Mature attitude to all class activities
5/6M	Keith	Quiet steady worker
	Grahame	Excellent answers in class
	Corey	Responsible attitude towards the 'props' for the school play
	Bianca	Excellent effort in writing
L I T E R A C Y and N U M E R A C Y	Molly	For improved fluency when reading with the PMP homework
	Emmaya	
	Declan H	
	Jake	
	Teagan	
	Drew	
	Claudia	Improved effort in literacy and maths work with Mrs Gallagher
Sarah B		
Michayla		

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 6		
2/3AH	Ramani	Maths Work Book activities
	Brianna	Huckerback sewing
	Jake	Huckerback sewing
4/5M	Brock	Handwriting
	Kallie	Handwriting
5/6M	Stephanie	Excellent rainforest report
	Oliver	Fantastic rainforest report
Silver Awards		
2/3AH	9/11/12	Sophie
Gold Awards		
2/3AH	16/11/12	Thomas W
4/5M	9/11/12	Alyssa
	9/11/12	Michaela
	9/11/12	Hannah
	9/11/12	Molly
	9/11/12	Mikayla S
	16/11/12	Matthew
	16/11/12	Jessie
	16/11/12	Katie
	16/11/12	Alex
	26/11/12	Abby
	23/11/12	Ryan
	16/11/12	Declan H
	16/11/12	Alexandra
	26/11/12	Abi

Ethics Classes - Fundraising Raffle

WIN A TWILIGHT SAIL ON PITTWATER

A private twilight sailing expedition with free cocktails for six people is the wonderful first prize in a Christmas Raffle to support the volunteer organisation behind Central Mangrove's weekly ethics class. Second prize is a 16GB iPad worth \$539.

The other six major prizes include a weekend getaway at the Novotel Brighton Beach Hotel and a family entertainment pack with movie passes and a family entrance to the Powerhouse Museum.

Tickets only \$5. Please see Anna Arnott or email arnott101@bigpond.com.

For more information about Primary Ethics and the Christmas Raffle, go to www.primaryethics.com



P&C News

Last day for Kids' Kitchen for 2012 is Monday 17 December

Minutes from Central Mangrove PS P&C Meeting 17/10/12

ATTENDANCE: Kylie Fletcher, Lorene Alexander, Lynley Woolley, Karen Stapleton, Deb Chu, Lynette Callaghan

APOLOGIES: None received

Previous Minutes read by Karen Stapleton, seconded by Kylie Fletcher and accepted by Deb Chu

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Central Coast Confectionary invoices 11/10/12
- LW Reid invoice and catalogue
- Westpac cheque account statement 28/9/12
- Westpac Bank statement
- Westpac Bank advice of deposit discrepancy x 2
- Fun Run Fundraiser flyer
- Canteen Network newsletter
- Email from Lynley Woolley re school backpacks 17/9/12

UNIFORM REPORT:

Lynley Woolley suggested having a competition with a school backpack as a prize. Students can pay to guess the number of lollies in a jar. The student with the nearest correct response win the lollies and a backpack. Lynley will organize a flyer with the competition details. It was noted that there are about 70 library bags in stock! It seems unlikely that that such a large number will be sold. Karen S suggested donating 20 or so bags to the library to be given as library awards to students at Mrs Gallagher's discretion. The price for remaining bags to be reduced to \$2.00. The mark up policy for uniforms is 5%. Summer shorts for girls, need some samples and a survey of parent opinion on this potential option.

CANTEEN REPORT:

The Country Fair

Any donations of cakes to the school, for the fair, will be collected by Karen S on Friday. The school will notify Karen. Deb C will buy 30 litres of milk and will deliver it to Rosa on Friday, who has kindly agreed to store it in her cool room and deliver it to the fair. Kylie will collect the slushie machines from Sydney on Friday. Kylie and Lynette will start setting up Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Burritos are hugely popular, but are labour intensive to prepare, and not that profitable.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Terrigal Beach excursion bus cost will be \$470 dollars. P&C have agreed to pay for the bus.
- Enrolments are still 9 short of the number of students required to retain all of our teachers. CMPS will lose one teacher.

- Year 6 Farewell; Linton Gardens quoted 41,435 for 41 people, which is about \$35 per child. It was decided that this was too expensive, so the venue will be the Memorial Golf Club. The cost to the students will be \$10 each, with the P&C paying the difference. Jacky Sidiropoulos has kindly agreed to make the cake. Kylie F has offered to organize the balloons and glitter on behalf of the P&C.

- The school needs a stage for the end of year concert. Last year it cost over \$900 to hire. Wondering about the feasibility of the school purchasing a stage, or having one made by local volunteers. The latter option may raise OH&S issues. The stage needs to be about 7 x 4 metres and 1 metre high.

- Gosford City Council have requested the lodging of any objections by the school to the removal of trees by a neighbouring property's building proposal. Deb C to view the proposal.

- P&C have agreed to purchase sport and book vouchers for the School's presentation awards.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The closing balance is \$7,478. Approximately \$2,568 will be needed to pay for bills.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 28 November, in the school library. The meeting time will be 3 for 3.15 start.

All Welcome!

Meeting closed at 5 pm

Uniform Shop

Uniform order forms available from the school office. The Uniform Shop is open every 2nd Monday from 8:45 - 9:15am. Last day for 2012 is **10 December**.



2013 Opening dates are:

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

[In response to concerns re the make & design of the current skorts - Comments Welcome!](#)

Royal Blue Pleated Shorts will be offered as a CMPS girls SPORTS uniform option.

Design will be the same as the proposed school uniform pleated shorts.

A different uniform supplier will be making the shorts(J. Gee)

Shorts available on 'made to order' basis ONLY.

Choose either Royal Blue Skorts OR Royal Blue Pleated Shorts as girls SPORTS uniform.

Cost: Skorts \$14. Pleated Shorts \$24.

