**Term 3 – Week 9 Monday 12th September**

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| **Coming Events**  **This Week**  **Mon 12**  Bye Bye Bully performance  **Fri 16**  PSSA cancelled *(see newsletter for more info)*  **Next Week**  **Mon 19**  Talk Like a Pirate & Lolly Mufti Day  **NOTE: Change of date**  **Tues 20**  OOSH Meeting 6.15pm  **Thur 22**  Instrumental Festival  **Fri 23**  Rewards Day *(more information next week)*  Last day Term 3  **Term 4** commences for staff and students on Monday 10th October. |

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| **Reminders**  **P&C School Contribution – all families.**  **\* Yr 6 Canberra excursion (part or full)- payment $270**  **\* Yr 3 & 4 Stanwell Park (full or part) payment $138**  **\* Pie Fundraiser orders closing date Friday 16th September** |

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| **Talk Like a Pirate Day**  **& Lolly Mufti Day**  **C:\Documents and Settings\victoria.thompson1\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\NL4LWFVU\MC900264268[1].WMFPirate with a parrot, a wooden leg and a treasure chestMonday 19th Sept** students can bring in  lollies in exchange for wearing mufti clothes (pirate theme).  The lollies will be donated to our Village Fair (Sunday 6th November).  Thank you for your support.  Remember to wear sensible mufti clothes. |

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| **Pie Drive Fundraiser**  All orders and payments are to be returned to the school by Friday, 16th September.  Baked pie with one slice takenAn order form accompanies this newsletter. |

Dear Parents, Student and Caregivers

Good luck to our Spelling Bee finalists, Olivia Ladmore and Max Taylor (juniors) and Clare Hallam and Saumya Sharma (seniors) who will be competing at this Friday’s finals at Fairy Meadow. There is a possibility that local ABC radio will broadcast live from the venue, which should be exciting for our students!

This week Years 3 and 5 students will receive NAPLAN results, with individual letters containing information for parents. Once again the school has performed very well, and as further information becomes available to the school, staff will undertake a more comprehensive analysis of results.

I continue to remind parents about traffic safety around the school particularly at the 3pm pickup time. We’ve had occasions lately where staff have reminded students about road safety issues. Further discussion about school access and parking is planned for next week with Department of Education staff and the local state parliamentary member, Mr Park.

Today all students were able to view a free performance called “Bye Bye Bullying”. This is part of the school’s ongoing efforts to support our children to be safe at school.

Commencing today the two week changeover period from winter to summer uniform occurs. In addition, the mufti day (lollies for the Village Fair) postponed from last week has been moved to next Monday 19th September, to coincide with “International – Talk like a Pirate Day”. Perhaps wearing clothes with a pirate theme could be a great way to celebrate the day!

Thought of the Week

“The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have”.

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Have a great week

Regards,

Wayne Thomas

Principal

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**Riddle**

**Q:** I have a little house in which I live all alone. My house has no doors or windows, and if I want to go out I must break through the wall. What am I?

**A:** A chicken in an egg

**Student Challenge**

The word “**spared**” can be made into 10 other smaller words. How many can you make? (You can share your answers with Mr Thomas).

**Answers in next week’s newsletter**

**Bye Bye Bully Performance**

Today, Monday 12th September at 2pm students were involved in a FREE performance at school, Bye Bye Bullying. The school has funded this activity and encouraged all students to participate in the performance which shows by positive behaviour how to stop bullying.

The performance was a short play which looked at the life of both a bully and a victim. It showed that everyone is responsible to help stop bullying.

The second part of the performance moved from song to a comedy sketch and then a practical demonstration, in with students participated in activities and games which involve positive behaviours.

**Term 3 PSSA Sport**

Thank you to the parents who have paid for this terms PSSA program. Due to bad weather we have had some cancellations. This week’s PSSA sport is unfortunately cancelled due to council commitments for the fields. **Unused Term 3 payments will carry over to Term 4’s PSSA program.**

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

**Congratulations to our Stars**

**Jesse Oyston** who plays in the ‘Wests Koalas’ Under 11 netball team won their grand final this weekend.

**Cheri Osborn** who plays in the ‘Stingrays’ soccer development squad Under 11’s Division A, recently won their North Harbour Tournament.

Congratulations and well done girls!

**Summer Girls Uniforms**

It’s time to think about summer uniforms!

We have a small stock of girls’ **new** summer uniforms and accessories and good quality **second-hand** girls’ and boys’ uniforms for sale in our Uniform Shop.

Orders can be placed now for girls’ summer uniforms (if we don’t have your size in stock). If you require a uniform please come into the Uniform Shop and either purchase or place an order.

**Library News**

The library is now decorated with the faces of the 144 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done to those students and a big thank you to parents for supporting the Challege.

Congratulations to the following students who have finished the Premier's Reading Challenge, Bailey Craft, Stasi Mindzas, Finn Noonan,

Jacob Chichkan, Clay Baldock, Kelsie Frankham, Kasey Reh, Kaylen Craft, Bobby Hart,

Kaide Pratt, Logan Acevedo, Luca Crowe,

David Semedo, Eve Christiansen, Eliza Harvey, Jaime Kiley, Lara Limbrick, Retag Olowwa,

Ava Parry, Emily Pennial, Alexandra Wira,

Clay Batchelor, Jai Cole, Jordan De Martin, Jacob Stewart, William Hernandez and Josiah Moore.

Thank you,

Mrs Pirie

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| Birthdays  Happy Birthday to…..  **Harry Athanassopoulos, Connor Evans, Kieran McKay, Jack Rudd, Grace Thomas, Isaac Toole, Tayla Ward**  who will celebrate their birthdays this week. |

**North Wollongong Surf Club Registration**

Sunday – September 18th and 25th

10am to 1pm at the Surf Club.

Proficiency Swim at the Uni pool

from 1pm to 3pm on both days

New members welcome

Contact David Meredith 0404 837 765

**Canteen News**

**Remember if you are ordering tomato sauce add 20c to your order.**

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| **CANTEEN ROSTER 13/09/11 – 19/09/11**  **Mon, Wed & Fri –** open for recess and lunch  **Tues & Thurs –** open for lunchtime snacks only | |
| Tuesday | Gerty Pelekanos  Rebecca Moore |
| Wednesday | Amanda Taylor |
| Thursday | Tamara Gardiner  Rhiannon Synott |
| Friday | Sharon Davis  Sharyn Grant  Tammy Reh |
| Monday | Melinda Scrivener |

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| SEPTEMBER 23 – SEPTEMBER 24  Kerryn McCann Athletics Centre, Gwynneville  Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams of 10-15 participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council. The event brings the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance. Each Relay For Life event is organised by a local volunteer organising committee on behalf of Cancer Council.  We have a team!  FIGTREE HEIGHTS  PUBLIC SCHOOL  Our Goal: $1000  How can you help?   * Sponsor our team or individual team members * Join our team   By visiting  <http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2011/illawarra_2011/Figtree-Heights-Public-School>  OR   * Make a donation at the front office   *Any questions or enquiries please see Sarah Thurston at School* |