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information - news and views - coming events

Term 2 - Week 2 Monday 30th April, 2012

Coming Events

This Week

Wed 2 May- BER Official Ceremony

Fri 4 - Final day for the return of Stewart House clothing bags

Next Week

Tues 8 - District Cross Country

Thur 10 Mother's Day stall *Note: date has changed from last week's newsletter*

UNIFORM SHOP has changed its opening day and time it will now be open each **Wednesday morning 8.45am - 9.15am.**

Orders will arrive at school soon.
There is also a good selection of second-hand uniforms for sale.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon, Wed & Fri - open for recess and lunch
Tues & Thurs - open for lunchtime snacks only

Tuesday	Katie Tully Leanne O'Brien
Wednesday	Sonia Latif Atared Latif
Thursday	Lee Brett Denise De Martin
Friday	Cindy Russell Lisa Rainford Ruth Burns
Monday	Carmen Lemmon Catherine Hailstone

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to our students who celebrate their birthdays this week

Ava Geralexis, Anastasia Tsangaris and Molly Westwood.

Reminders

©Regional Swimming Carnival competitors- \$4, K - 2 Gymsport \$30, Yrs 5 & 6 AFL \$24, Yrs 3 & 4 PSSA \$25 and all classes Textbook payment are now overdue. Please pay this week .

©Yr 5 & 6 Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes performance \$18.50 due by 28 May



Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 10th May. (note: new date)

\$5 per gift

Help is needed to wrap and sell the gifts. If you are able to assist please phone:

Trish Davey- 0425238610

Selling will begin shortly after the morning bell, with all classes having the opportunity to purchase a gift.

Extras will be available if students need to purchase a second gift.

Dear Parents, Students and Caregivers

Congratulations to all of our junior students who attended last week's excursion to Wollongong and the Science Centre. A lot of interesting activities were experienced and our children participated enthusiastically. Well done!

This Wednesday the school will be conducting a short assembly to officially open our BER (Building Education Revolution) building which students have been using for some time. Ms Sharon Bird, Member for Cunningham will be in attendance, with the assembly due to commence at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sebastian Hewat of Year 5 has been selected in the South Coast 11yrs Rugby League team to contest the State Championships later this term. In addition, in today's newsletter is a short thank you note from Blake McKay who attended the State Swimming Championships. Congratulations to both boys on their representation of our school.

I am continually reminding our school community to be aware of safety issues with parking in the play area, entered from Lewis Drive. During Term Two students will be participating in Athletics Carnival activities, which may necessitate closing access to the parking area each Friday afternoon. If you see witches hats across the driveway on the Lewis Drive entry, please do not use the entrance as students will be in the vicinity. Thanks for your assistance.

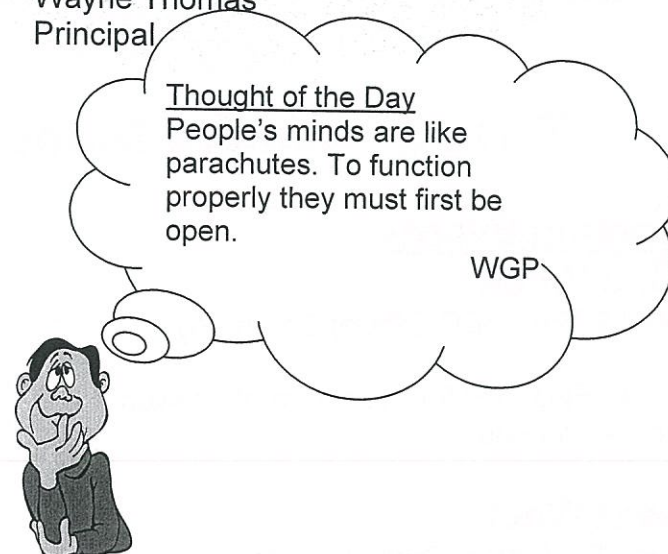
We have also had a number of pets brought to school lately. Whilst on most occasions there is not a problem, not all children feel comfortable when close by or confronted by dogs. I would seek your assistance in keeping dogs out of the school grounds particularly at morning assembly and afternoon pick up times. I appreciate your support.

Parents of Year 4 students, wishing to apply for a Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2013 will be able to access the online

application site from today. It can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Intention to apply notes will be distributed to all Year 4 this week.

Have a great week

Regards,
Wayne Thomas
Principal



Kid's Joke:

Q: If there are ten cats in a boat and one jumps out, how many are left?

A: None, they were all copycats!

Blake McKay recently represented our school at the PSSA State Swimming Carnival and would like to thank everyone who supported him by way of this thank-you letter:

To Mr Thomas

I would like to thank all my classmates, students, teachers and parents that had wished me well for my PSSA State Swimming Carnival, just before the school holidays.

I had a great time, swimming a new PB in 50m freestyle of 38.65 that is 0.41 seconds faster than what I had done at the PSSA Regional carnival in Dapto early in March. I also competed in the 200m Individual medley where I swam a new PB of 3.35.59, competing against mostly 10 year old kids as the IM is selected on fastest times in junior level.

I had a fantastic time and hope to keep improving to get a chance to do it again next Year (I Hope).

Thanking you
Blake McKay

Outstanding Student Invoices

We still have money outstanding for student's Textbooks, Gymsport, AFL, PSSA and Regional Swimming Carnival from Term 1.

Red reminder notes have been sent out today with newsletter. Please send in payments immediately so the school can finalise their accounts.

Thank you to our Book Covers



Thank you to Lee Brett and Gerty Pelekanos for covering our new books. Our students can now start using them in the classrooms and library.

Bike Helmet Found

Someone has handed a bike helmet into the office. If you have lost your helmet please come to the office.

FIGTREE HEIGHTS has Facebook!

Figtree Heights has an official, school endorsed Facebook page.

'Friends' will be updated on up and coming school events, notices and reminders.

As per Facebook rules and regulations people under 13 years of age will not be accepted as 'friends'. If you have a Facebook account and would like to become a 'friend' search for Figtree Heights PS (you will notice the school emblem as the profile picture.)

CatholicCare Diocese of Wollongong runs parenting programs throughout the year.

Their Term 2 programs include:

Grassroots Parenting, this program is for parents of children 0-12 and gives parents an understanding of children's behaviour, provides strategies for effective discipline and encourages self esteem in families.

Other programs include:

Teens & Parents Building Bridges, My Kids and Me, Parenting Children with a Disability, 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching, Keeping Kids in Mind and More Harmony No Harm for Men.

Information about the courses is on our Community Noticeboard which is located in

the foyer at school or contact **CatholicCare** direct on 4227 1122.

Keiraville Community Pre-School is celebrating their 60th year. They would like to hear from past preschool members. If you would like to be part of their celebrations please contact them on 42296442 or email office@kcps.org.au

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Tax rebate for school items

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year, you could claim up to \$409 for primary students and \$818 for secondary students. The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012.

Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase.

The website www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.