Calendar Week 7

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NOTES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

K-6 Special Lunch Order 14/03/13
4/5/6 Narrabeen Camp Payment 15/03/13
2-6 Cross Country 28/03/12
3-6 Interrelate
K-6 Hot Cross Bun Orders
K-6 Easter Raffle Tickets & Donations 22/03/13

Principal’s Message

What a busy next few weeks we have in store!!! Please ensure that you put all of the dates on your calendar to ensure that you don’t miss out on a thing!

School Management Plan 2013 has now been finalised, but will be discussed and signed off by the School Education Director (SED) for Wollongong North Mr. Graham Kahabka.

- Focus on Reading to support the target of inferential comprehension in 2013
- Numeracy – Working Mathematically – improving growth between Year 3 and 5

Annual School Report (ASR) is almost finished and will be signed off before April and uploaded to the school website for parents to view. Thank you for sending in the surveys to have your say about the directions of the school for 2012-2014.

The selective high school test is on tomorrow Thursday 14 March. Good luck Griffin!

On Friday 15 March I will be attending a Persuasive Writing workshop being held at Regional Office. This will enable me to professionally develop other colleagues in the very intricate art of persuasion. Students in Year 3 and 5 will benefit from the extra knowledge as it is also the text type they are expected to write in NAPLAN.

On Monday 18 March I will be attending another workshop on the introduction to the Australian Curriculum and the NSW English Syllabus K-10. Over the course of this year all teachers will be dissecting the new syllabus to familiarise themselves with its content in preparation for its implementation in 2014. We will introduce a new Mathematics and Science syllabus in 2015 and History in 2016. An exciting couple of years ahead!

On Tuesday 19 March Mrs Cudmore and I will travel to Coledale after school to continue our professional development in Focus on Reading. One of our school targets for 2013 is focusing on inferential reading skills which Focus on Reading supports. Mrs Flamme continues to be inserviced in Literacy, Language and Learning in both Kindergarten and Year 1 in 2013.

On Wednesday 20 March Years 4, 5 and 6 head to Narrabeen to attend the Sydney Academy of Sport returning on Friday 22 March at approximately 3.00pm at Otford train station. A final note outlining last minute details was sent home today. Please check your child’s bag.
Peer Support Groups
Our school will be using our Peer Support groups to make Easter hats on **Wednesday 27 March** ready for the Easter Hat parade on **Thursday 28 March**. **Please start collecting your materials and designing your hat ready for the day.**

**All students are requested to bring materials to school to make an Easter Hat during Peer Support groups.**

**Thursday 28 March-Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt!** Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Friends are invited along to our Easter Hat Parade commencing at 2.00pm.

If you would like to bring a small plate of food to share, tea and coffee will be provided. Here is an opportunity to have a chat before the Easter holidays - available from 1.30pm in the Special Purpose Room.

**Friday 29 March - Good Friday ! Happy Holidays**

Cross Country
The Cross Country has been booked for **Friday 5 April** with a backup date of **Tuesday 9 April at Rex Jackson Oval** in the event of wet weather. Notes went home today.

ANZAC Day service
The school ANZAC Day service will be conducted on **Friday 12 April** as ANZAC Day falls in the holidays.

Next term **Monday 29 April** is a School Development Day (SDD) where only teachers attend school. As we are implementing a new Australian Curriculum specifically a new English K-10 syllabus in 2014 schools have been granted an **additional School Development Day** on **Tuesday 30 April** where staff have the opportunity to do more work around understanding the implications of delivering a new syllabus. **Please make sure that you put both dates in your calendar.**

Laptops are again for sale! After again checking for pricing on the internet laptops with a battery intact are for sale for $110 including GST. Laptops with no batteries, but come complete with charger, bag etc will be for sale for $22 including GST. A couple have been sold already so be quick! Monies collected will go towards ICT resources.

Year 7 2014
The 2014 Transition to high school forms MUST be returned to school by all year 6 students this **Friday 15 March**.

Parent /teacher Interviews
Parent/teacher interviews will commence in **Week 11 Monday 8 April**. A schedule to select times to attend will follow shortly. Mrs Cudmore will be on leave during this time so we will transfer her interviews to early Term 2. It is an opportunity for both parents and teachers to discuss any concerns. Teachers will comment on strengths and weaknesses. The interview will be a short 10 minute overview. If you feel that you have an issue that requires more time, please make a separate time to meet for a more in depth discussion.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test dates- Notes were sent home to parents today.

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**Bandaged Bear Day Breakfast**
It is the meal that just can’t be missed. A good breakfast is important for a healthy start to the day, but a Bandaged Bear Breakfast in April is the most important meal of the year. On **Wednesday 3 April** we will be raising money for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. It is a **Mufti Day (Pyjamas please)**, bring your **teddy bear**. A gold coin **donation** for persons having breakfast would be appreciated. Enter your teddy bear in our fun competition. The categories are: Biggest, Smallest, Most Colourful, Best Dressed, Most Unusual, Most Like its Owner and Oldest.
Parents are welcome to join us dressed in pyjamas. A note was sent home today.

**Interrelate**
Coledale Public School is having an INTERRELATE evening on **Wednesday 27 March**. They have invited anyone to join. Some of our parents attended INTERRELATE at Stanwell Park last year. A note was sent home today with the details. Cheques to attend should be made out to **Coledale Public School**.

Session One: 6.00-7.00pm *Where did I come from*  
Suitable for students Years 3 & 4

Session Two: 7.15-8.15 pm *Preparing for Puberty*  
Suitable for students Years 5 & 6

**Habit of Mind for this fortnight**

**Striving for Accuracy**

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.  
—Confucius

Whether we are looking at the stamina, grace, and elegance of a ballerina or a carpenter, we see a desire for craftsmanship, mastery, flawlessness, and economy of energy to produce exceptional results. People who value truthfulness, accuracy, precision, and craftsmanship take time to check over their products. These people take pride in their work, and they desire accuracy as they take time to check over their work.

Some students may turn in sloppy, incomplete, or uncorrected work. They are more eager to get rid of the assignment than to check it over for accuracy and precision. They are willing to settle for minimum effort rather than invest their maximum. They may be more interested in expediency rather than excellence.

**Questioning and Posing Problems**

The formulation of a problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a matter of mathematical or experimental skill. ... To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advances.  
—Albert Einstein

One of the distinguishing characteristics of humans is our inclination and ability to find problems to solve. Effective problem solvers know how to ask questions to fill in the gaps between what they know and what they don't know. They also pose questions about alternative points of view. Effective questioners pose questions that make causal connections and relationships:

Some students may be unaware of the functions, classes, syntax, or intentions in questions. They may not realize that questions vary in complexity, structure, and purpose. They may pose simple questions intending to derive maximal results. When confronted with a discrepancy, they may lack an overall strategy to search for and find a solution.

**Bulli High School Information Evening**

Bulli High is committed to providing an effective transition program for students entering Year 7 in 2014. This process is well under way with our Year 6 students visiting Bulli High for the Enrichment Day this Friday.

Choosing a school for your child is an extremely important decision and requires considerable knowledge and thought. A special Information Session will be conducted by teachers from Bulli High School at Stanwell Park Public School on **Thursday 14 March at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom**. All parents of students in years 5-6 are invited to attend, with parents from neighbouring schools also invited. It will be an informal meeting providing an excellent opportunity for all parents to ask questions and gain information and clarity in regards to students moving to High School and, in particular, Bulli High School and what it offers the students.

Bulli High School offers opportunities for students to excel academically in a comprehensive school environment. As well as offering a class for students with high academic ability, Bulli High has an extensive talented student program featuring sport, debating, public speaking and the performing and creative arts.

Please note that the initial note sent home to parents of Otford PS students about this event was a generic one put together by Stanwell Park Public School. I neglected to point out that this meeting was being held at Stanwell Park Public School, NOT at our school. Hope you can make it. I apologise for the oversight.
Bulli High Enrichment Test
Applications for Bulli High School's Enrichment Class Test are also due at Bulli High on Friday 15 March.

Otford Public School's St Patrick's Day Celebrations
Just a reminder to come dressed in something green on Tuesday 19 March to celebrate a belated St Patrick's Day and Mrs Matthews Irish Heritage. Gold coin donation to charity!

Aboriginal Artist
I have been negotiating with Kevin Butler a well-respected Aboriginal artist to come and work with our students in creating three murals to be displayed around the school. We have tentatively put May in our calendars for this project to commence. I will keep you posted as to its progress.

Gymsports
Gymsports is a 10 week program that we will be participating in in term 2. Experienced and qualified staff/coaches come to our school with all the necessary equipment for a fun/fit term of Gymsports. A more detailed note with costs involved will be sent home later this term.

Premier's Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge registrations opened on Friday 1 March.

The reading list can be accessed on the NSW Premier's reading Challenge website.

To make sure you are reading the right books, please check the rules for your Challenge on the website: http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au.

Student Reading Records must be entered online by parents.

There is a Personal Reading Log print out to record what you read until you get time to enter your books online.

Mrs Dufty will be organising the Premier’s Reading Challenge books that we have available in our school library. Other titles may be sourced from public libraries.

Happy reading!!! Let’s see if we can get the whole school involved.

Rules

1. The Challenge runs from 1 March to 1 September 2013. It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

2. Teachers, teacher-librarians and public librarians can assist students to choose the Challenge level and books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. K–2 students who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge.

3. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

4. Special Notes
   ○ Independent K-2 readers should attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
   ○ To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or all of the book independently.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
We are also taking part in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge this year. The Challenge commences in Term 2 2013 and concludes on 20 September 2013.

Schools have a nineteen week time frame to complete the 10 weeks of physical activity required to meet the Challenge.
The Challenge is class based. Class members contribute the time they spend in physical activity each week to the class effort.

Classes are challenged to set goals to accrue time spent each week in moderate to vigorous activity which is undertaken in a range of sports and physical activities.

Let's get active!!

School Upgrade Program
$40 million Public School Upgrade Program – Round 3
Applications for Round 3 (to address facilities maintenance issues) are now open. I will submit an application for recarpeting and vinyl of all classrooms, covered walkways, renovation of toilets, painting (internal/external) etc.

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March Birthdays

Alex
Rixon
Lachlan C
Oliver
Joel
Riley

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Merit Awards

K/1  Soraya, James, Freya & Brooklyn
2/3/4  Florian, Rhys, Finlay & Charlie
4/5/6  Huon, Griffin, Emma & Tahlia
Apple Order - Glenbernie Orchard

Please have your order in on **FRIDAY 3PM**
Delivery will be the following Tuesday afternoon

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Any questions please email or call Karen 0403 789 617 karenmcd@bigpond.com

*Please support this fundraiser we need a minimum of $50 to order.*