Wednesday 20 November

Principal's Message
Well the end of the school year is fast approaching. Students are still busy finishing off the last areas of content in our key learning areas. Teachers are busy writing reports and office staff are getting ready for the end of financial year Rollover and the production of the school's Annual Financial Statement.

Please remember if you have outstanding invoices it would be very much appreciated if you could finalise these by Friday 29 November.

Just a couple of items to remember for the end of this year and early next year. Students finish school on Wednesday 18 December whilst staff will continue to prepare for the implementation of the new English Syllabus in 2014 on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December.

The permission note for the 2014 Small Schools Swimming Carnival has been sent home today. It will be held at Helensburgh Pool on Friday 31 January 2014 with Thursday 6 February as a backup date. Please make sure you have these very important dates on your calendar. We are hoping for lots of help in transporting everyone to and from the pool. I may even have my bus licence by then if I study hard in the holidays!

Another note coming home will be for Dance2bfit which commences Term 1 Week 2 on Wednesday 5 February. The cost will be $40.00 for the 10 week program. Payment would be appreciated by Thursday 30 January the first week back at school.

Terrible to be thinking about next year, before this one has even finished!
Strategic Planning
Our school community Strategic Planning Meeting is on Monday 25 November from 5.00-6.30pm in the 4/5/6 classroom (unfortunately the club in Helensburgh was unavailable). This is the chance to have a say about your school, future directions and suggestions for programs you would like to see implemented. I have added a School Planning survey on Survey Monkey which can be accessed through the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HLPQPVZ

Following the Strategic Meeting is the P & C meeting commencing at 6.30pm. It is hoped that you can stay for both.

Kinder Orientation
Kinder Orientation for new Kinder parents in 2014 is on Tuesday 26 November between 2.00-3.00pm.

Kinder Orientation for new Kinders 2014 is Wednesday 27 November 9.00-11.15am. The uniform shop will be open from 11.15am for orders. Payment by cash or cheque only as we have no EFTPOS facilities. Collection of uniforms will be available on Thursday 5 December from the office at 9.15am.

Kinder Orientation Day 2 for new Kinders is Thursday 5 December from 9.00-11.15am.

Year 6 Activity Day - Jamberoo
Notes were sent home yesterday for permission to attend this special end of year event.

Parent Helper Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday 16 December from 12.30-1.30 pm. If you have been a helper/transporter in our school throughout the year please come so that we can thank you for your contribution to our school. We couldn't do it without you! Please RSVP by Wednesday 11 December. Thank you.

Presentation Day is Monday 16 December from 1.30-3.00 pm. Hope you can make it to say goodbye to our Year 6 students and celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of all of our students throughout the year.

Lesley Matthews
Principal

We love to hear about our current and former students' achievements. Send us an email and we will publish it in the school newsletter each fortnight.
Twilight Markets@Sunrise Nursery, Thursday 12 December, 4.30-8.30pm. Finalise your Christmas shopping with some unusual gifts sourced from our second Twilight Market, coming up soon! Fill up on a Rural Fire Service bbq or an Otford Public School curry, be tempted by our stalls and enjoy some great live music from local entertainers. You can also choose from Sunrise Nursery’s extensive gift range - so you will be spoiled for choice! All profits from the Twilight Markets go to charity. Stallholder enquiries welcome but there are now limited spaces. Contact Gina at nhork@yahoo.com for information.

Helensburgh Xmas Markets & Festival @ H’Burgh Workers Club, Saturday 23rd November @ 10am
Kids Rides (Ferris Wheel, Big Slide, Jumping Castle, Swinging Chairs, Petting Farm Animals, Crazy Ladder, Water Ball, Bungy Trampoline), 90 Market Stalls, Live Entertainment, Balinese/ Spanish/ Turkish/ Aussie Food & Wine Tastings. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Jackie on 0449 807 020.

Junior Golf for School Kids Illawarra
"COME 'N' TRY" GALA DAY - $ FREE $ prizes, games, fun
Complimentary sausage sizzle for all the family
Friday 10th Jan 2014, 2-4pm
School age kids can play golf at Wollongong Golf Club for $12*
* = includes green fee, hire clubs cost included, free use of donated golf balls, plus tees.
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