Calendar Week 1

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Principal’s Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Well Term 3 is getting off to a busy start. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Armstrong for her diligence in maintaining the teaching and learning program of 2/3/4 while Mrs Cudmore was away on leave. We will welcome back Mrs Cudmore next Monday.

Please put the following dates on your calendar so you don’t miss out on important activities happening at the school.

Here we go:

Week 2

Monday 22 July and Wednesday 24 July is District Athletics. Students involved received their permission notes today. Please get them back as soon as possible so as to arrange transport and helpers.

I would also like to wish two students sitting for the OC test next Wednesday 24 July the best of luck.

Week 3

The beginning of Education Week. On Wednesday 31 July we would like to invite parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles and friends to visit our school for open classrooms from 12.30-1.30 pm. We would then like you to stay for a cup of tea/coffee as we will have the unveiling of our wonderful Aboriginal murals with Kevin Butler. We hope to have some other distinguished Aboriginal elders in attendance also.

The P & C are also planning a sausage sizzle for a ‘Special Lunch’.

On Thursday 1 August we have the ‘Seacliff Community of Schools Combined Education Week Activity’. Details of this very special day have been sent home in a separate permission note. Please return to school as soon as possible.

Week 4

We have a Surf Sense talk.

Week 5

The Life Education van is visiting Otford.

Week 6

Book Week and Grandparents Day with a book fair included. I think I can feel a book Character Parade happening. Details to follow.

Week 7

We have a Science Show booked. We will also have the Commonwealth Bank giving a talk to our students about financial literacy.

Week 8

Years 4/5/6 will be writing newspaper articles for The Illawarra Mercury which will be published on Tuesday 3 September. Don’t forget to get your FREE copy from school that day.
We have the Seacliff Public Speaking and debating competition happening throughout the term. Sometime throughout the term our senior students will need to fit in some soccer games in the Small Schools Soccer Knockout.

I am tired already just thinking about it.

Lesley Matthews
Principal

School Leaders – Term 3

Sports Captains – Term 3

Seacliff Community of Schools Combined Education Week Activity
Hosting Schools
1. Austinmer PS  Kinder  Karen Bate Scarborough
2. Helensburgh PS  Year 1  Kerry Nicholls Otford
3. Stanwell Park PS  Year 2  Margaret Leslie Scarborough
4. Coledale PS  Year 3  Janelle Cudmore Otford
5. Bulli PS  Year 4  Karen Cobban Otford
6. Thirroul PS  Year 5  Bojames Griffin Scarborough
7. Waniora PS  Year 6  Tracey Lawrence Scarborough

What a day!!!!!

Premier’s Reading Challenge REMINDER
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

There was some confusion last term about how the challenge works. I have included an update:

Rules
1. The Challenge runs from 1 March to 1 September 2013. Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1 September 2012 can count towards the 2013 Challenge.
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:

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4. Special Notes
   o Independent K-2 readers should attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
   o 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.
   o For students using PRC 5-6 & 7-9 booklists, the electronic PRC School Magazine anthologies can be read as up to two PRC books.
   o For students using the PRC 5-6 & 7-9 booklists, collections of The Sun-Herald...
newspaper articles can be chosen as up to two PRC books.

5. **All Student Reading Records are submitted online.** Student Reading Records are entered online. Students can enter their books as they read them.

An electronic Student Reading Record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number of each book or clicking on titles from a drop-down PRC list. Many choice books can also be selected from a drop-down list.

Please logon to the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website for more in-depth details. **Friday 30 August** is when you need to have completed updating your Reading Log.

Let’s get reading!!!!!!

**Premier’s Sporting Challenge**
The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity.

Logon to the Premier’s Sporting Challenge site for more details. It ends on **Friday 20 September.**

**Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial**

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child’s involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 42941323.

**P & C News**

Our P & C dates for this term have been put aside as **Monday 5 August at 6.30 pm** and **Monday 2 September at 6.30 pm** in the 4-5-6 classroom. We encourage you attend these meeting as a chance to make a difference to our school. Hope to see your there!

**News Flash**

*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.*

**July Birthdays**

Brooklyn
Daniel
Griffin

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SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children’s lives at risk.

Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds $304 + two demerit points)

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.
You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.
You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds $169 + two demerit points)

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

(Penalty: exceeds $304 + two demerit points)

**CHILDREN’S CROSSING**
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.

(Penalty: exceeds $405 + two demerit points)

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

(Penalty: exceeds $304 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU