From the Principal                        Term 1 Week 4, 2013

School website

Our school website is being updated and we will be putting school information up for everyone to access easily. No lost newsletters or deleted emails to contend with. This week’s Namalata will go up as well as all class notes to date. To find the newsletter, click on the newsletter tab on the second top bar on the website. For class notes click on the top tab bar on school years and go into the appropriate grade for your child.

Kindergarten settles in

Congratulations to all our new little Kindergarten students. They are just so beautiful and all settled in too. You know, you would think they had been here for years. Thank you mums and dads for their lovely manners, beautiful behaviour and impeccable school uniform. They are a credit to you all. Over the next few weeks they will start learning a host of new things and be telling you all sorts of things they have done at school. Be aware that tiredness may set in and they...
will get a bit reluctant to do some things but persevere and give them plenty of TLC as they make their way in the big school world. Please remember to make an appointment to have a word with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns. We both want them to have a comfortable, safe and happy start to school life.

Preschool starts

The parent interviews and student assessments for Preschool are now finalised and our new little Preschoolers have started. Both the Seahorse and the Pelican groups have had orientation sessions and are ready to start on their Preschool journey. How very exciting for these little treasures and what a wonderful world of learning fun awaits them in our Preschool. Lucky Mrs Stewart and Mrs Witchard.

Parent Information Sessions

As always, we will be offering information sessions for parents about what is happening for their child in each Stage and grade level. These sessions have been organised for next week and will be as follows.

- **Early Stage 1** Kindergarten  
  **Tuesday 26th Feb,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the KPM classroom
- **Stage 1** Year 1 and 2  
  **Thursday 28th Feb,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm in the Hall
- **Stage 2** Year 3 and 4  
  **Wednesday 27th Feb,** 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Hall
- **Stage 3** Year 5 and 6  
  **Wednesday 27th Feb,** 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Hall

If you are unable to make any of the sessions, there will be a written information package sent out to all parents after the sessions by each Stage of Learning.

2013 School Costs

Attached to the newsletter this week is a sheet with a rundown of costs for each grade year for 2013. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, look out for your school invoice of costs so you know exactly what needs to be paid. Some have already paid for the spelling textbook, so your invoice will show this. Please remember that we have estimated as closely as possible all excursion costs but these could alter as numbers are confirmed and places and travel are booked. Throughout the year the school may book an extra Anti Bullying show or other educational event that will incur a small cost to students, usually about $5.

Swimming Carnival


Thank you everyone for a well run Swimming Carnival. Thank you Mrs Taylor for your organisation, Stage 2 and 3 teachers for your support and supervision and parents for your support of your children and for doing the extra jobs on the day. Well done every student who participated. You did your best, good on you. Check out all our winners further on in the newsletter.

Student Wellbeing

If you have any concerns about any student welfare incidents or inappropriate student behaviour involving your child...
please come and let us know. Mr Kevin Lane is our Assistant Principal who oversees whole School Student Wellbeing. Investigation around student incidents within the school grounds are taken very seriously and will be thoroughly undertaken by school teaching staff. Where deemed essential, parents will be informed of what occurred and what will happen as a consequence. Small, one off, inappropriate rule breaking may be dealt with verbally but continued behaviour may incur Planning Room time and a letter will be sent home to parents informing them of this. Please remember that under no circumstances, should you, as a parent, deal with any school welfare concern or approach any other student in our school grounds regarding a welfare incident. You are not authorised to do so and it may reflect badly on you if you do. Come to us first, the school personnel are authorised to professionally sort welfare issues appropriately.

Teaching our School Rules

Last week our teachers revised our school rule “Be Cooperative”. This is our green set of rules around how to behave with others and in the classroom. Taking turns and putting hands up are important communication signals for our students so that our classrooms are optimum learning spaces for everyone. Doing your best work grows pride in all children do. Listening is the open door for all learning. You do not know what to do if you don’t listen and you will not pick up essential knowledge and skills to see you on your way to your future. This week we will all be talking about the rule “Be Polite”. It takes but a second to say please or thank you, but it has the impact of a life time of the impression you make on another person. Using nice talk gives smiles, makes people happy and wins friends. The old saying is absolutely right. “You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar”. Please support us by discussing our rules with your children and practising their manners in appropriate situations.

Our P&C supports our school

Have you had a chance to join our wonderful Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)? It costs $1 to be a member and the meetings are only once a month. It is a great opportunity to meet people and work alongside them to support our students here at our school by fund raising and discussing school business. Love to see you at the next meeting.

Friendships to boost your child’s learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Have a great week,

Ona Buckley
Principal

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on the following dates:

- Monday, 18 February – Preschool Seahorse Group and Early Intervention
- Wednesday, 20 March – All Classes, School Leaders and House Captains etc
- Thursday, 21 March – Preschool Pelican Group

Order Envelopes will be sent home shortly.

With Thanks, Kerrie Stewart

Sports News

Swimming Carnival 2013

What a fantastic start to the year. Our school swimming carnival went off without a hitch. A huge thank you to all our staff, to our wonderful parent helpers and to the Peninsula Leisure centre, for making our carnival so successful. The winning house was Webb who also had the highest participation rate. Our Age Champions are:

- Junior: Blayze Keller, Tom Rodham
- 11yrs: Tasha Oberlander, Luke Brown
- Senior: Chelsea White, Sam Gaffney

Well done to these students and all our students for another great day. Many records were also broken on the day and these will be mentioned on next year’s program. Next week our zone will be meeting to discuss qualifying times for the Zone Carnival.

Roosters Visit

On Friday Years 3-6 attended an assembly with the Sydney City Roosters Rugby League players to learn about the NRL’s new anti-bullying program. All the students were very interested in the DVD and loved finding out about life as an NRL player. Thank you to the NRL development team for such a great experience.

Mrs Taylor

Student Leaders' Investiture Assembly
The 2013 Student Leaders, House Captains, Vice Captains and School Service Officers will be invested into their positions at a special school assembly on Friday, February 22 at 9.30am in our large COLA area.

Mr Smith

**Centenary Pathway Signature Pavers**

Have you seen the wonderful pathway that our General Assistant, Macca has made with the Centenary Signature Pavers ordered by families and community members last year? If you have not yet ordered a paver and would like to do so, please complete the order form and send to school with your payment.

**Special Religious Instruction (Scripture)**

All scripture classes will begin on Wednesday 27th February, 2013. Years 3-6 classes will be held from 9:00-9:30am and years K-2 will be held from 9:30-10:00am. All classes will be taught by trained Religious Instruction teachers. Most students will remain in their own classroom and will be following Ecumenical curriculum which teaches general Christian beliefs. Catholic children will attend separate classes.

Parents who do not wish their child to attend scripture class must send a note to Mrs Pathirana, Mrs Walker or their class teacher by Monday 25th February.

Thank You Mrs Pathirana and Mrs Walker

**Foyer Display**

Each fortnight a different class will be displaying examples of their artwork on the boards in the foyer of the front office. During weeks 4 and 5 class 2C have some wonderful Aboriginal inspired artworks on display. Drop in and have a look at what 2C have been doing.

**Community Announcements**

**Junior Sports Coaching at PLC**

Drop-in soccer and netball coaching for juniors is on again this year. Have fun, get fit and learn new skills with qualified coaches on Monday afternoons at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Sessions run for school terms for 6-8 years and 9-12 years.

- Soccer 4.00pm - 5.00pm $8
- Netball 5.00pm - 6.00pm $8
Floor Ball

Floor ball is often described as indoor Ice Hockey without the ice and is played all year round during term time. Floor ball is lots of fun and fast paced, a game that kids and adults enjoy and is suitable for all abilities as it is non-contact. It is a great team sport for children ages 5 – 16 and adults from 17+. No experience is necessary, as basic skills are practised each week before the game, all equipment is supplied and all you need is a pair of court shoes. The club invites you to come and try it out. Costs for Juniors/Intermediate currently $6/week or $5 each week (for 2 or more child family members). Junior Registration is only $15 yearly. Senior fees vary. Comp is now starting and new players are needed to fill teams.

- Tuesday’s starting 5th Feb 5pm - Juniors 5 - 9 years and Adult Seniors from 7pm
- Thursday’s starting 7th Feb 4.30pm - Intermediate 10 – 16 years

New players are given a 2 week trial period. Please contact Juniors/Intermediates - Tanya 0449 761 886 or Seniors - Mitchell on 0424 605 780. www.peninsulafloorball.org

Advertising in our e-Newsletter

Woy Woy Public School's e-newsletter is distributed to families via a company called Australian Newsletter Services, free of charge to the school. The company does this by inviting and charging local businesses to advertise their services in the newsletter. If you are interested in advertising this way, please contact Michelle on 0409 992 479 or michelle@austnews.com.au.

P & C News

We will be holding a "Meet & Greet" morning tea on Wednesday 6th March, 9am-10am in the school hall, to welcome new families and old friends. ALL welcome.

We still have positions on the P & C to be filled, these are:

- Vice President
- Canteen Treasurer
- Uniform Co-Ordinator
- Uniform Treasurer

We are hoping to fill these positions at the next meeting. You must be a current financial member, which only costs $1 for the year.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on the following days:

- Monday 8.30am – 9.00am
- Thursday 2.00pm – 2.30pm

If you can spare 1/2hr and would like to volunteer in any capacity, please feel free to leave a note with your contact
details at the uniform shop or school office. Unfortunately, we will no longer be taking consignments, however any donations would be appreciated and will be sold for $5. If you have any current consignment items, please come and see us in the uniform shop to collect your items or donate to the shop.

Next P & C Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday 14th March – 7pm in the staff room. All welcome

Canteen News

Roster:

- Monday 18th Feb  L. Jobson
- Tuesday 19th Feb  M. Channon
- Wednesday 20th Feb  V. Hyde
- Thursday 21st Feb  R. Moore
- Friday 22nd Feb  I. Gaffney
- Monday 25th Feb  T. Watson
- Tuesday 26th Feb  M. Channon
- Wednesday 27th Feb  F. Fry
- Thursday 28th Feb  Helper needed
- Friday 29th Feb  R. Lackenby

Green Day is Thursday 21st February. Pizza Day is Thursday 11th April

Up & Coming Events

- Green Day – Thursday 21st February
- Harmony Day – Thursday 21st March
- Disco - TBA

Fiona Fry - P & C President

Downloads

2013 Costs
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
Centenary Signature Paver Order Form
Miss Nat’s Drama and Art Classes Flyer