Dear Parents / Carers
A big thank you to the people who completed our survey. The limited responses we did get will be a great help to us when we are doing our planning for the next three years. As we move through another busy term, it is a good time to remind families to regularly check the newsletter, front notice board and Facebook (if you have joined our group) to keep a track of up and coming events. We try as best we can to keep everyone updated with events as they are approaching.

I am currently looking forward to another fun filled Year 6 Fun Day to be held today. It is safe to say that it is often these types of activities that we run at the school, that are looked back on with great fondness as students grow. It is fantastic to know that we can really rely on your support for these great days.

We will also be holding our 2015 captains speeches and voting this week. As you would know from the note sent home last week, we are altering the way in which we choose the vice captains. Instead of being based on gender we will be choosing the next two students (after the boy and girl captain) based on the number of votes.

A little reminder about student absences. A note is required as soon as a student returns to school from a short term absence. This is a legal requirement set down by the Department of Education and ensures that we meet our mandatory requirements for the government. Our school also operates a system where parents are able to account for student absences via a dedicated website straight into our attendance system. If you haven't already done so, just send me an email (peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will set up an account for you. There is no cost to parents for this facility and it is really easy to use.

Understanding climate change
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters competition
An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-australian-songster . The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school
Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php

### Coming events Term 4 2014

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The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 10 November 2014.

**Merit Awards:**
Ryder Edstein – Kindergarten  
Nicholas Gam – Kindergarten  
Julian Hanna – Kindergarten  
Isaac Hourn – Kindergarten  
Jett Nossiter – Kindergarten  
Meika Schmitzer – Kindergarten  
Flynn Weber – Kindergarten  
Summer Mobbs – Kindergarten  
Lily Crook – Year 1 (2 Mertis)  
Brett Davies – Year 1  
Logan Hopkins – Year 1  
Cassius Hourn – Year 1 (2 Merits)  
Ava Simnett – Year 1  
Yasmin Smith – Year 1  
Holly Vaughan – Year 1 (2 Merits)  
Charli Kizilos – Year 1  
Troy Bush – Year 1  
Lilyanne Small – Year 1  
Daniel Bush – Year 2  
Lachlan Castle – Year 2  
Hayley Holman – Year 2  
Jett Johnson – Year 2  
Reuben Mobbs – Year 2  
Lily Moylan – Year 2  
Georgie Parkinson – Year 2  
Ella Simnett – Year 2  
Tayla Wait – Year 2  
Georgie Parkinson – Year 2

**Infants Assembly:**
**KB**  
Max Savage – improvement in number knowledge  
Miley Cox – making excellent progress in literacy and maths  
Maliana Steicke – a wonderful effort in all areas  
Xavier Dixon – working independently to complete all set tasks  
**K/1J**  
Clay Williams – working independently  
Mitchell Wolfenden – working independently  
Flynn Weber – working independently  
Ashlyn Johnson – working independently  
**1H**  
Charli Kizilos – consistent effort in all subject areas  
Zac Nicholson – consistent effort in all subject areas  
Holly Vaughan – improved results in maths

The following students received Medallions at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 5 November 2014.

**Combined Assembly:**
**Bronze Medallions**
Charlie Keyte – Year 1  
Charli Cain-Ashford – Year 2  
Bianca Dixon – Year 2  
April Cougle – Year 6

**Silver Medallions**
Jose Smith – Year 4  
Laura Wilson – Year 5  
Loghan Moore-Miller – Year 6

**Gold Medallions**
Ruby Daley – Year 5  
Bianca Young – Year 6

The following students received Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 5 November 2014.

**KB**  
Zack Richardson – Class Citizenship  
**K/1J** – Summer Mobbs – Class Citizenship  
**1H** – Thomas Stenning – Class Citizenship  
**1/2M** – Charli Cain-Ashford – Class Citizenship  
**2/3M** – Ziggy Pickering – Class Citizenship  
**3/4I** – Olivia Pearce – Class Citizenship  
**4/5V** – Matthew Dunham – Class Citizenship  
**5C** – Hevon Cain-Ashford – Class Citizenship
HALLIDAYS GOT TALENT 2014
Hallidays Point Public School students will have the opportunity to show off their creative skills at the end of the year as part of ‘Hallidays Got Talent’. The final performance will be a showcase rather than a competition and run in week 11 on Tuesday 16 December. Students wishing to participate will need to first pass the auditions held during week 8 on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 November. This is not a compulsory event and will require students to organise and practise their items in their own time. We will aim to have as many students involved as possible but students need to be aware that not all items may make it through the auditions.
Lisa Pursch

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES
ACHEIVERS SWIM SKOOL

DID YOU KNOW that last year 291 people in Australia drowned!!!! That is 5% increase on the year before.

We are lucky enough to live on the coast, so it’s only responsible that we have our children taught to swim and survive, and therefore safely enjoy the pleasures that our environment gives us.

Give Tracey a call today to secure your child’s spot to learn-to-swim this lifesaving skill – 0401 443 522. Achievers Swim Skool is your local friendly professional solution to learn-to-swim classes.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

CAN SAVER PLUS ASSIST YOU WITH SCHOOL COSTS?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
• school uniforms and text books
• computers, laptops and tablets
• excursions and camps
• sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
• music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amy Hogan, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6557 8284 / 0429 820 974
or amy.hogan@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Thank you!

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**CANTEEN MENU NEWS**

Below: Gold Medallion recipients Bianca Young and Ruby Daley. Fantastic effort.

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**MEDALLION RECIPIENTS**


TERM 4 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

The Canteen requires extra assistance on the days marked below.
Please contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 if you can help out in any way!

If you are unable to make your allocated shift please arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible (0447 621 340) or email: hppscanteen@outlook.com

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