Term 2, Week 6  
Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} May, 2015

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Reconciliation Assembly  
Last Friday our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students presented a special assembly for the school to acknowledge Reconciliation Week. It was a credit to students on the way they performed and presented the assembly with story, song and didgeridoo. Our staff have worked very hard with the students and special thanks must go to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Harrington and Miss Barrett along with several other staff who have all contributed to aspects of the Kanga Kids program.

Guide Dog in Training  
You may notice a guide dog at our school over the coming weeks. A parent at our school has been given permission to walk the dog into the playground before and after school as she has the role of training the guide dog. Whilst dogs are not usually permitted on school grounds I feel this is an excellent service to provide and was only too willing to permit the guide dog onto the school premises whilst it is training. Students are not to approach or pat the dog as it is in “working mode” and should not be distracted from training.

Rugby League Knockout  
Last Thursday our rugby league teams represented the school in the Group 6 knockout. Thank you to the many parents for supporting the teams and to Ms Ryan for organising and preparing the teams for the day. Both teams played well on the day but unfortunately missed out on the finals this year after only having one loss each on the day.

Debating  
Mrs Quinn, Ms Narayan and Mrs Prakesh have been working very hard for many weeks training our debating team students. Last Friday they had their first debate at Mawarra PS. They debated extremely well and were unlucky to lose their first debate. I am sure they are looking forward to the next debate in the competition.

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Mr. Wray – Principal

**CALENDAR TERM 2 - 2015**

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**STUDENT BANKING NEWS**

Tokens have now arrived at the school. These will be distributed this coming Thursday on Banking Day. Please remember that if you have missed a token it is all recorded electronically.

**BE SKILLED BE FIT – FINAL PAYMENT OVERDUE**

A friendly reminder to parents who paid the deposit for Be Skilled, Be Fit that the balance owing was due last Friday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} May.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award. Well done Rebecca Makhlof – 3/4JB,
Lili Talanoa – 2G, Mia de Geoffroy – 2D, Caitlyn Hendry – 4W, Tristan Morrison – 2G.

Special mention to Caitlyn Hendry – 4W, who has reached the level of Principals Medallion. Congratulations Caitlyn.

Awards will be presented at your next scheduled Assembly.

**YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP DEPOSITS**

Reminder that camp deposits are due this Friday 29th May, 2015. If your child would like to attend please return the deposit by the due date. Deposits are non-refundable.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had quite a number of reported cases of head lice. We ask all parents to be vigilant in checking their child’s hair regularly and to treat with the appropriate shampoo if necessary.

**PSSA GALA DAY – FRIDAY 29th June**

This Friday is the 2nd Gala Day. Students are required to bring a hat and plenty of drinking water and any appropriate sporting equipment (i.e. mouth guard, shin pads etc) they require for their sport.

Reminder that the children will leave the school at 9.00am, this means that all participating children are to be at school by 8.45am.

Below is a list of the sporting grounds the Gala Days will be held:
- Netball – Kirkham Netball Park, Elderslie
- AFL – Kirkham Oval, Elderslie
- Rugby League – Jack Nash Oval, Currans Hill
- Girls Soccer – Belgenny Reserve, Camden South
- Boys Soccer – Onslow Oval, Camden
- Hockey – Narellan Hockey Complex

**CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS SUPERHERO MUFTI DAY**

On Wednesday 3rd June (Week 7) we will be having a Mufti Day to raise money for Bone Marrow Failure Diseases for National Medical Research Week. All proceeds will go the Captain Courageous Foundation. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite Superhero and bring a gold coin donation.

Please remember to wear appropriate enclosed footwear and no “toy weapons” of any type are to be brought to school.

**Transition to School**

Transition to school visits will commence this term. They will be held on the following Tuesdays from 10.00 – 11.00am
- 2 June (Week 7)
- 9 June (Week 8)

If you have a school aged child intending on starting school in 2016 you are welcome to attend with them at this time. Please meet Mrs Riley under the COLA area outside the school hall/canteen.

Mrs Riley
Kindergarten Co-ordinator

**ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?**

All families are asked to make sure that they have provided the school with current contact details. It is extremely important that any change of address, telephone contact number or emergency contact information is given to the school immediately.

It is very distressing for your child and school staff when we are unable to contact families in an emergency.

**PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)**

Parents are reminded that it is now possible to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting the tab $ Make a Payment. The school’s website address is printed at the top of the school newsletter.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sales to students (e.g. book packs) and sport. There is also a category called “Other” which can be used to pay for items not covered in the previous headings. It is a legal requirement that a signed permission slip for all activities is provided and
the online receipt number should be written on the permission/payment slip before sending into school. Please contact the school office if further information is required.

**HOMEWORK HELP SPOT**

Every teacher at CHPS believes that Reading is one of the most important skills a child can learn. We need it all the time. Think about a typical day for you and how many times during that day you need to read something. It could be road signs, a recipe, a catalogue, or an instruction book. These statistics below give us all something to think about when it comes to our children’s reading……

It might sound like a lot but there are so many ways your child can read - it doesn’t always have to be sitting still for 20 minutes a night reading a home reader. Try these ideas:

* have your child read you the back of the cereal box over breakfast and discuss with them what it is promoting. If they are too young to read the words, look at how it is set out and the pictures that are included.

* make that junk mail useful and have your child read the capital, bold letters in the ALDI catalogue or the descriptions of toys in the Kmart catalogue. (Throw in a bit of Maths and ask them which would be the cheapest product to buy.)

* Many children love to KNOW about something. Find out what they are interested in and borrow some non-fiction books from the local or school library. You would be surprised what you and/or your child can read about and learn!

* Don’t forget reading TO your child can be just as valuable so make 10 minutes at bedtime and spend quality time with your child while helping with their learning at the same time!

Research shows that….. a child that reads 14.2 minutes per day, will read 1,146,000 words in a year. By increasing this time by 10 minutes a day, this child will increase their word exposure to 1,953,042 words a year which is a 70% increase in word exposure.


**LOST PROPERTY**

Please encourage your child/children to develop independence and be responsible for the care of their own belongings. By writing your child’s name on any items brought to school, you can avoid losing them. There are a large number of unclaimed items currently in lost property.

Please check your child’s jumpers/jackets to check that they have the correct name inside, and not accidentally bringing home someone else’s belongings.

Please check the lost property located outside the office for any missing items. Unclaimed items will be cleaned out and donated to charity later this term.

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**Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy**

**The “Write On” Club**

**Making handwriting FUN group!**

**What:** A handwriting assessment and group program for infants and primary school children during the July school holidays.

**Program will involve:**

1. Screening and assessment of handwriting legibility and speed.
2. 3 group sessions (1 hour each session) of 4 participants involving fun sensory motor activities teaching children about correct handwriting techniques.
3. Follow-up sessions focusing on letter formation and handwriting legibility (as required).

**Who for:** Groups will be run separately for Kindergarten, Years 1-2, Years 3-4, and Years 5-6 children who have difficulties in:

- Neatness
- Speed
- Pencil grip
- Writing posture
- Fluency

**When:** Morning sessions (times TBA)

Week 1 of the July school holiday 2015

Tuesday 30th June, Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July

**Cost:** (claimable on most health funds or through Medicare under Allied Health Care Plan through GP)

$125 Screening assessment
$75 per 1 hour session

**Total Cost:** $350

The group program is suitable for children with ASD. Social skills will be incorporated. Groups are claimable under FaHCSIA.

**Where:** Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy, 138 Thunderbolt Drive, Raby

**Bookings:** Phone 9824 8945.

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