Medical Mufti – Supporting Kids of Macarthur

Tomorrow is our medical Mufti Day. Children are encouraged to come to school with a “medical theme” – perhaps a pretend bandage – and support our school donation towards the Kids of Macarthur Foundation with a gold coin on the day. Over the past few years schools in Campbelltown and Macarthur have joined together to raise funds for Campbelltown Hospital for equipment such as a Broslow Trolley, a Hotcot and a Neo Natal Monitor. It is wonderful that the children from our schools raise funds to help others in our area.

Zone Swimming Results

It was a busy two days of competition at Picton Pool last week with our team representing us at the Razorback Zone Carnival. Congratulations to our students on a fine effort, not only in their swimming but also for the way they presented themselves on the day. Well done to those students who made finals and also to our students who will be moving onto the Regional carnival in a few weeks time.

Scripture Update

Scripture has started this year and I thank Mrs Wilson and our office staff for their work in arranging this for the school. We will be sending some notes out shortly to parents who have not nominated a religion or scripture preference on the enrolment forms in order to ensure our records are accurate. There has been an adjustment to the process for enrolment into scripture classes so it may be possible that your child had been attending scripture previously but our records do not indicate as such and so they have not started scripture this year. A note to the office can remedy this so if you have a concern please let us know. We are limited on the number of scripture classes that can be offered as this is determined by our volunteer scripture teachers. Mrs Wilson has worked hard to try to ensure as many children as possible can be involved.

Mr Wray
Principal

Principals Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Chloe Nifo - 2H, Chad Hughes - 4/5G, Alexis Hughes - 1/2F, Ziggy Magin - 6G.

Well done to all these students.

Term 1 Calendar

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Stage 1 Aquarium And IMAX Excursion

As part of our Term 2 HSIE units, Stage 1 are learning about The Sea. The children will be learning about different kinds of sea creatures and the effects humans have on the environment. To complement this unit we have organised an excursion to the IMAX Theatre and Sydney Aquarium at Darling Harbour.

The children will be seeing the ‘Under the Sea 3D’ movie at the IMAX and will then visit Sydney Aquarium where they will have the opportunity to see lots of different sea life and their environments.

Where: IMAX Theatre – Darling Harbour
Sydney Aquarium – Darling Harbour

When: Wednesday 11th May 2016

How: By bus departing school at 9:00am sharp (students need to be at school by 8:45am)
Returning to school at approximately 4:00pm

Supervision: Class Teachers and Parent helpers

Uniform: Full school uniform including hat

What to bring: The children will need to bring both recess and lunch, as well as sufficient drinks for the day in a small backpack. Please no large school bags as the Aquarium will not store them. There will be NO opportunity to buy food, drinks or souvenirs during the day.

Cost: The cost for the day is $35.00 which includes bus fare to and from Darling Harbour, entry to the IMAX Theatre and entry into Sydney Aquarium.

Payment: Please return the permission note and payment to the school office by Wednesday 4th May.

Important Information Regarding 2016 Year 6 Farwell

We know that the Year 6 Farewell is still a long way off, however, we would like to pass on the following information from the Campbelltown Catholic Club:

** Please note that in 2016, the Campbelltown Catholic Club will no longer allow formal cars to drop Children off at the club’s entry. Under direction from Management, in 2015 we had several near misses with Parents and Children stepping out in front of high performance cars, motorbikes and even trucks.

**Due to our concern for our guests safety, please ensure that your invitation clearly states to parents that these formal ‘hire’ cars will not be permitted to drop off children on site**

Year 6 Teacher

Book Pack & Voluntary Contribution

A reminder that payment for the student book packs is now overdue. Payment is $25 per student and can be made by cash or cheque to the office or also by online payment through our school website. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have already made payment and supporting the students and our school.

Library News From Mrs Johnson!

Welcome back to another year of exciting adventures with books! This semester I am encouraging all students to borrow a new book each week when they visit the library. At the end of term two, the class from each stage with the highest loan rate will be rewarded with a pizza party in the library!

To ensure your child’s class is in with a chance, please encourage them to return and borrow each week on their library day, and make sure they have a library bag – even a plastic shopping bag will do! Reading is so important for children to become literate, confident and successful adults. Reading with your child is something that cannot be replicated. There is no “app” to replace your lap!

Remember: “There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book”

Frank Serafini.

ICAS Competitions for 2016

The note for the ICAS competitions for students from Years 2 – 6 can be found on our school website. These competitions are a great way to recognise students skills and achievements in
subjects ranging from Digital Technologies to English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Be sure to select and pay for the tests you would like students to sit for before the closing date of Thursday March 31st.

Melissa Johnson
ICAS Coordinator

Easter Mufti Day

Our hard working P&C have organised a Mufti day on Tuesday 8th March. Students are asked to donate an Easter egg to add to the Easter baskets which will be raffled in coming weeks. Please wear appropriate sun safe clothing and appropriate footwear.

Medical Mufti Day

Tomorrow

We will again be holding a gold coin donation charity fund raiser for the children to support the Kids of Macarthur Foundation. This initiative is supported by many schools within the Campbelltown/Macarthur area and we are proud that Currans Hill continues to support this foundation. Local children raising funds for our local area hospital is a wonderful concept. Please get behind this day on Wednesday, 2nd March. It will be a Medical Mufti where children can come wearing something medical (a pretend bandage perhaps!) and normal school uniform. Our funds are making a difference for the children in our area.

Easter Raffle

Each family will be issued with a book of Easter raffle tickets today. Please return all books and money to school by Friday 18th March. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 21st March. Please note, that all raffle ticket books MUST be returned to school, whether sold or unsold. Additional books will be available from the office after you have sold and returned your first book.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

P&C Fundraising Committee.

Parent Helpers

Are you a first time Parent Classroom Helper? Please make sure that you complete a Working with Children Check form from the front office. Proof of Identify – 100 point identification will need to be witnessed by Office Staff.

Yarning Circle

Our next Yarning Circle will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 3:00pm - 4:00pm. CHPS is committed to working in partnership with families and our community to improve the educational outcomes of our Aboriginal students. During the yarning circle we would like to discuss with parents/carers initiatives that we could implement to build cultural awareness such as discussing the significance of Country, traditional art and visiting local sites of cultural significance.

Following the Yarning Circle afternoon tea will be provided. An invite has been sent home to parents and carers of all children who participate in Kanga Kids. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Selective High School Test

A reminder for all those students who have enrolled to sit the 2017 selective high school test on Thursday 10th March, there will be a trial test day this Thursday 3rd March from 9:30am - 12:00. To book a place for your trial test please contact Elizabeth Macarthur High School on 4646 1899.

Community Notices

Appin Massacre Memorial 200th Anniversary Ceremony

Dear Parents/ Carers,
All schools within the Macarthur area has been invited to attend the 200th Anniversary of the Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony to honour the Dharawal people who were massacred on 17 April 1816.

The Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group in conjunction with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community have respectfully invited school groups to attend the ceremony in school uniform and to form a guard of honour along the pathway to the dam where the ceremony will take place.

When: Sunday the 17th April 2016 at 11am
Where: The picnic area Cataract Dam
This date is in the school holidays but if there are families who would like to attend the Reconciliation Group would be very appreciative.

Please note that a Campbelltown City Council Flag Raising ceremony will take place on Monday the 18th April at 10am at the front of the Civic Centre.

For further information and to RSVP please contact debbie.mccall@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au, Campbelltown Council web site or Sister Kerry Macdermott on 96051838.

Sandra Wilson
Deputy Principal