PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Kelson from the Pride class for being selected as this week’s Student of the Week. Kelson receives this award for always trying his best. Kelson works hard and is responsible and reliable all the time. Congratulations, Kelson on being a fantastic school citizen.

Staff News

Mr Russom, our General Assistant is taking recreation leave this week. We hope Mr Russom enjoys this hard earned break.

Mrs Cameron in the office remains off work. We wish Mrs Cameron a speedy recovery. Interim arrangements in the office have been made to cover Mrs Cameron while she recovers.

Bouquets

Mother’s Day Stall helpers
Many thanks to Mrs Linderman, Mrs Woodfield, Mrs Condie, and Mrs Scott for coordinating and manning the mother’s day stall last week.

Cross Country Runners
Congratulations to Makai, Keira, Dane, Sophie and Lilly Anne who represented Port Stephens PSSA at the Hunter Regional Cross Country in Broadmeadow last Friday.

Coming Up

Rugby League Training- Monday 12th and 19th May
Students in our 2014 Rugby League team are requested to attend training each Monday afternoon commencing at 3.30pm and concluding at 4.30pm. Students will walk down to Memorial Park with Mr Clemson at the conclusion of bus duty. If required, parents are requested to make alternate arrangements for home travel. The training of a Wednesday afternoon has been cancelled.

Newcastle Knights Knockout Rugby League
Players have today received a note about the Newcastle Knights Knockout.

Weekly Assembly

Our ministers will be hosting our assembly this Friday 16 May. All parents are most welcome to attend.

NAPLAN 2014
The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 this week. We trust that all our students will demonstrate what they are capable of during the testing.

Opportunity Class Placement in 2015 (Attention Year 4 parents)
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23 July 2014.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your Year 4 child, you need to do so soon. Applications close this Friday 16 May 2014.

Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Parliament sitings
Students in Year 3-6 will have parliament on Friday 16 May at 12pm in the school hall.

Official Opening of Parliament 2014
You are invited to the 25th Official Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 21 May commencing at 10am. I look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

Change of date and time for our next P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 May commencing at 6.30pm in the school library.

Reminders
Deposits/Monies for Stage Two (Aussie Bush Camp) and Stage Three (Snowy/Canberra) Camps are required. Money is payable to the front office.

Mark Clemson
Principal
Hunter Regional Cross Country Representatives

On Friday 9 May, Sophie Frazer, Keira McGregor, Lilly-Ann White, Makai Dvorik and Dane Pope competed in the Hunter Regional Cross Country at Broadmeadow. Makai came 48th, Sophie came 21st, Dane came 19th, Keira came 13th and Lilly-Ann came 1st. Lilly-Ann will now compete in the State Cross Country which will be held in Sydney in July. Congratulations!

Class Captains for Term 2

Army
Leah Smith
Sam White

Pride
Deena Clemson
Logue White

Team
Jackson Hind
Isabelle Heeley

Mob
Haleigh Simmons
Cameron Jeffries

Pod
Lilly Ann White
Kallen Craft

Troop
Sonny Barddick
Keira McGregor

Crops
Sophia Jeffries
Jarryd Schmidt

Armada
Cole Johnson
Georgia Stevenson

Colony
Bianca Clarke
Carlin Ussher Durham

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Just a reminder that final payments for the Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp are due this Friday 16 May. Medical notes also need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Please sign and return emergency contact detail notes even if they are correct. If you would like to order souvenirs, please fill out the blue form and enclose the money in an envelope with your child’s name on it and send to the front office.

Thank you,
Stage 2 teachers

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Bookclub orders are due back by 16 May. Please remember to put your name on the order form.

CANTEEN NEWS—TERM 2 WEEK 3

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY (Adele Barry, Amy Rodgers, Christine)
Shepherds Pie $4.50 meal only

THURSDAY 15 MAY (Vanessa Ray/Jen Ewen)
Pork, apple sauce/ gravy roll $4.50 meal only

FRIDAY 16 MAY (Christine Wisemantel, Lee Burgess HELP NEEDED)
Chicken pasta bake $4.50 meal only

PLEASE NOTE: CANTEEN WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING MEAL DEALS. MEALS ARE $4.50. DRINKS SOLD SEPARATELY

SMALL JUICE POPPERS $1.00
LARGE JUICE POPPERS $1.30
MILK $1.20

Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

These items are redeemable for 10 tokens each.

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award on Friday 9 May 2014. They were:

**PRIDE**
- Jack Nolan: Great effort & application in all areas
- Kalista Hall: Great answers in class discussions

**ARMY**
- Summer Watson: Working well in class
- Gabriel Fa Asolo: Working well in class

**TEAM**
- Amelia Henning: Great spelling attempts when writing
- Zone Halloran: Moving up 7 levels in Reading Recovery
- Zarlii Ray: Always trying to make her reading sound good

**MOB**
- Taylah Krohn: Great dancing skills during assembly practice
- Anthony Eldridge: Wonderful efforts during assembly practice

**POD**
- Jacob Misfud: Application in maths
- Jacob Avery: Application in maths

**TROOP**
- Ethan Goldstone: Fluency when reading
- Sophie Frazer: Beautiful bookwork

**CORPS**
- Lilliarna Baillie: Pleasing behaviour in class
- Toby Avery: Great work in Science

**COLONY**
- Chloe Powell: Excelling in spelling & trying really hard at school
- Indianna McDonald: Maintaining a positive attitude in all aspects of school life

**ARMADA**
- Mitchell Barr: Working well in class
- Kristy Bartyn: Being a kind and considerate class member

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TEA GARDENS ICE CREAM SHACK

More than just Ice Cream!!

Aunty Suz...
Good old fashioned...

FISH PIE!

Tender White Fresh Fish fillets & Local Prawns in a delicious Creamy Parsley Sauce YUM topped with Mashed Potato, lightly covered in grated Tasty Cheese & baked in Oven too perfection! $15.00

Gluten Free Friendly!

To ensure you don’t miss out on your favourite dishes, please e-mail your order direct to: info@teagardensicecreamshack.com.au or Phone: 4997 1990

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDER IN BY 8PM SUNDAY NIGHT!
(No Orders guaranteed after this time! :-(