Principal’s Message

Zone Swimming Carnival  Congratulations to all participants in today’s zone swimming carnival! You represented our school with pride and performed at your personal best. Well Done! We are all so proud of your efforts.

School Attendance  As you are aware there has been a lot of publicity about the changes to leave for students. Parents please note the following important information in regard to holidays being taken during school terms. Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child attends school each day the school is open for instruction. Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as a telephone call, written note or email. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the Education Act (1990).

School Exemption Changes for 2015  Families can no longer apply for a Certificate of Exemption for holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods. Travel outside of vacation periods is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes. Parents are encouraged to observe the school’s holiday calendar. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary for any length of time, parents can complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel. If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, a Certificate of Extended Leave will be issued and the student’s absence will be recorded as Justified-Leave. If the principal believes that the absence is not in the best interest of the student, the absence will be recorded as Unjustified and a Certificate of Extended Leave will not be issued. Absences will be noted on students’ reports and school data.

Student Safety  Parents of students that ride to school on a scooter and or bike along Tudar Road from Sutherland could you please ensure they firstly wear a helmet and also ride slowly when approaching the houses close to school. Concerned neighbours have called in regard to the safety of students. Often the students ride so fast past driveways they can’t be seen as the neighbours are reversing out of their driveways. To avoid any accidents it is essential that students and parents accompanying them are aware of this danger. Thank you in anticipation of keeping our students safe coming and leaving school.

School Uniforms  A big congratulations to our students for looking so smart in our school uniform. They are wearing them with great pride and a huge thank you to parents for ensuring they look so neat and taking so much care in their presentation. It builds great self-worth, confidence and building of a positive school culture. Our uniform shop volunteers should also be congratulated for the availability of their time to ensure parents can assess the uniform shop and have the purchases available. Great job everyone!

Karen Deacon
Principal
Girls Touch Football is played at Waratah Oval, Sutherland. Kanga Cricket and Softball is played at venues as per the draw.

**Boys Softball & Cricket Draw**

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<td>Today, the Kanga cricket team lost to Kareela, but had a great game. The score was 16-6. Good try everyone, better luck next time. Player of the match was Jayden.</td>
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| **Senior Boys Softball** |
| This week we played against Kareela. We had a great game. The score was Kareela 25 to Bonnet Bay 2. Better luck next time boys. The player of the match was Jarrod. |
| By Hamish |

**Uniform Order**

Uniform orders are due by Monday 9th March. Please return your completed order forms with payment to the school office. Please note that there will be no other uniform orders placed through the uniform shop until the summer orders much later this year. It is vital that you place an order now for any items your child may need between now and the end of the year.

Uniform Committee

**School Assembly Awards**

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**Canteen News**

Canteen volunteers for next week are:

**Mon:** Sam Whiteman, Rachel Watson  
**Tue:** Lisa Seaman, Felicity Aitken  
**Wed:** Jenny Fernandez, Kelly Bowers

Thank you for your contribution.
The Canteen Committee

**Easter Egg Fundraiser**

Please drop money back in once sold or make direct debit transfer online – direct debit is preferred method of payment.

We have already had money coming back so looks like they are selling well. Thank you for your support.

**BASC News**

School Holiday are quickly approaching. Our Vacation Care Enrolment forms will be available on Friday 13/3/15. For you child/ren to participate, it needs to be returned by Friday 27/3/15.

Nancy Bassiuoni  
Teacher / Director  
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**Election Day – 28/3/15**

**Donations Wanted…….. Cake Stall and White Elephant Stall**

As part of the Election Day fundraising on Saturday 28th March, we will be having a cake stall and a white elephant stall.

For both of these stalls to be a success, we require donations from you!! Instructions on how to donate items is listed below:

**Cake Stall:**

Could each family please provide a plate of cakes/biscuits/toffees/slices etc to sell on the day. Please bring the cakes to the school canteen anytime on Friday 27th March.

**White Elephant Stall:**

Could families please donate good quality, second-hand items (eg: books, toys, games, children’s clothes, brick-a-brac). Please bring these items into the school office anytime from now until Friday 27th March.

**Reminder:** Please return notes ASAP to volunteer some time to help out on the day!! (note previously sent home)

Thanks for your assistance!

Eleisha Legg
P&C President

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**Scholastic Book Club**

**Orders due back by Monday 16th March**

Issue 2 brochures went home this week and any orders are due back to the office by Monday 16th March.

Every dollar you spend does help our school with new books/resources for the classrooms & the library.

Orders are usually sent home with the children, but if you would like to collect the orders yourself just put “Office” at the top of your order form and you will be notified when the order is ready to pick up.

**New ordering system – credit card payments**

Scholastic have a new online ordering system for those paying with credit card. You can also order on your Iphone or Ipad.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**Fairytales by 2/3**

2/3 are learning about Fairytales. We wrote an Orientation to our tale. The orientation gives information about the WHO, WHEN and WHERE of the narrative.
School Banking

Student Banking will commence next week on Tuesday 10th February 2015.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token. Once they have collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmites reward. If your child would like to take part in school banking, you will need to go to a Commonwealth Bank Branch and open up a Dollarmites account for them.

To reward our little savers, once a month we will do a special prize draw for a child who has deposited into their school banking. It could be any week in the month. Start saving and you could get an extra reward.

School Banking day is every TUESDAY.

Cathy Smith & Shanan Green
School Banking Coordinators

Messages from the DEC...

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Does multi-tasking reduce focus?
Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done

When kids are bullied
We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn’t stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child

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