Dear Parents, Staff & Students

This week was another busy week for all members of the school community. Wednesday morning all students in our school welcomed our visitors at our Kinder Open morning displaying as always respect, manners and a caring attitude.

Changes to Staff Development Day
Our usual Staff Development Day schedule for 28 April Term 2 will now be held on Monday 26 May. All staff at Alfords Point Public School will be joining a Community of Schools Between the Rivers Professional Learning Day at Menai High instead of Monday 28 April.

In other words
Monday 26 May will be a pupil free day so that staff can engage in professional learning around Literacy and NAPLAN.

Monday 28 April will be the first day back of Term 2 for all students at Alfords Point Public School.
Our OOSH Centre Cindi Kindi will be open on Monday 26 May for vacation care. Cindi Kindi - Cindy can be contacted on 0412 575 551. A note will be sent home.

The Five Keys to School Success
Last week I wrote about the key Confidence. Our third key to children’s success and well-being is Persistence. Perhaps I could describe persistence as will power. Will power is a muscle and we need to use it like any other muscle.
- Finish homework before you go out to play.
- Stay on task.
- Continue to try even though it may be boring or tough, stick at it.
- Don’t give up (I can do it!).
- Use your muscle “Will power”. We all have it.

Parents in Partnership Program
I have had several comments from parents about how interesting and useful our Michael Grose articles are. These articles are attached to our newsletter and are a worthwhile read. They often reinforce that as parents we are doing the right thing. This week’s article is another good read “Managing Kids who won’t take no for an answer. I think we can all relate to this at sometime.

Kinder Open Morning 2015
What a very successful morning! Many parents and their pre-schoolers turned up to our Kinder Open morning displaying as always respect, manners and a caring attitude.

P&C Meeting
Last year we experimented with afternoon P&C meetings. We found this to be successful. Therefore our next P&C meeting is Monday 17 March at 2pm in the staffroom. Please come along. As always all are welcome.
Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
This year we are holding our Grandparents Day on Wednesday 19 March. We are inviting all grandparents and friends to our school at 11am to have a special morning tea with their grandchildren in their grandchild’s class. After morning tea grandparents, friends, parents will spend time in their grandchild’s class to participate in Kids Matter activities. Everyone is welcome to stay for a picnic lunch and then participate in the Drumbeat show at 2pm in the hall celebrating Harmony Day, Everyone Belongs. This should be a great day and all are welcome. A special note has gone home again asking students to dress in their coloured sports T-Shirts and sports shorts on that day.

Parent Interviews
This year we will again be holding our formal parent interviews early. Interviews will take place at the end of this term. Teachers now have a good knowledge of the children in their class and we feel that it is important to discuss individual progress now so that all students are working towards the outcomes expected over the next three terms. At the end of Term 2, a half yearly report will go home but there will be no formal interview unless requested by parent or teacher. Our interviews will take the same format as a three way interview involving teacher, students and parents for Stage 2 & 3.

For ES1 and Stage 1 our interviews will only involve parents and teachers. Notes will go home soon.

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The Bridge Playgroup
Our next sessions for Playgroup will be on March 20 and March 27. Please come along. It is a great opportunity for pre-schoolers and their mums and families to get to know Big School. Thank you to Slavica Kotevski for coordinating these sessions.

Homework Club
Homework Club is up and running successfully and we do have our regular students who come along each week. Homework Club is a very valuable initiative as students can work one on one with teachers or in a small group to complete the activities. Individual instruction is such a powerful way to learn and if parents can also spend time at home to sit with their children to help them with their homework, your children, our students will reap the benefits.

Robyn Douse
Principal

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following people who are equal in first place to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge in record time. Rachael G, Kaitlin G, Sophie D, Brendan S and Aidan M. Great work, you should all be proud of your efforts.

Library News
Mrs Luckman has just accessioned some lovely new novels and we would love to have two people who could help to cover them. Please see Mrs Naoum on Monday if you can assist.

Sports News
Cross Country Carnival
All is booked for the Annual Cross Country Carnival which will be held this term on Friday 4 April at Coachwood Oval. Students should be starting their training program by doing some brisk walking and leading into jogging of course always with parental permission. Kinders run 400m, Yr 1 600m, Yr 2 800m, 8,9 & 10 yr olds run 2km and 11,12 & 13 yr olds run 3km.

Debbie Burke

THE POINT CAFÉ
Volunteers needed on Friday, 21 March 10.45am to 12.15pm.

The canteen will open on Grandparents Day, 19 March. All parents/grandparents are welcome to order lunch from the Wednesday menu. Please place orders in the canteen lunch order box by 10am.

Thank you

Natasha Petkovski & Megan Brice (Canteen Coordinators)
Canteen Mobile: 0458 806 875
Email: apcanteen@telstra.com

Volunteers for Week 8

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MindQuest 2014
St George Girls HS Victoria St, Kogarah
Saturday & Sunday 5&6 April 2014
On Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 April 2014 the 71st NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much more. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST).
Contact details– Shelagh Poray 02 4232 2494
PRIMARY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE
FOR PUPILS IN YEARS 2, 3, 4
Enrol with a friend or form a team from your school.
We will be running Learn to Play sessions and games on Friday nights, from 4.30 to 6.30pm, at Menai Indoor Sports Centre.

UNIFORM SHOP
In 2013 the uniform shop will be opening on Friday mornings at 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.
CINDI KINDI VACATION CARE

Week 1 2014

MONDAY 14TH
ACTIVITIES:
Face painting & fun
Bring in a DVD ‘G or PG’

LUNCH:
Frankfurt’s

COST:
Hotbeads $2

TUESDAY 15TH
ACTIVITIES:
Movies @ Miranda

LUNCH:
Sandwiches or sas’o’s

COST:
Hotbeads $2 Compulsory: $25

WEDNESDAY 16TH
ACTIVITIES:
Easter Crafts/Arts
Chocolate Egg hunt

LUNCH:
Cheesy Mac Pasta

COST:
Hotbeads $2

THURSDAY 17TH
ACTIVITIES:
Mad Scientist Day
Experiments and explosions!

LUNCH:
Subway

COST:
Hotbeads $2 Compulsory for subway: $5.00

FRIDAY 18TH
GOOD FRIDAY

Week 2 2014

MONDAY 21ST
EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 22ND
ACTIVITIES:
Bike and Scooter
Day

LUNCH:
Sausage sizzle

COST:
Hotbeads $2

WEDNESDAY 23RD
ACTIVITIES:
Jumping castle!

LUNCH:
Baked Beans with Bread

COST:
Hotbeads $2 Compulsory $15

THURSDAY 24TH
ACTIVITIES:
Masterchef: Ice Cream Cone Cakes, Anzac Cookies & Pizza

LUNCH:
Ice Cream Cone Cakes & Pizza’s

COST:
Hotbeads $2

FRIDAY 25TH
ANZAC DAY
SORRY WE ARE CLOSED

HOTBEADS are an OPTIONAL activity for kids to complete daily. $2 must be paid before

MUST WEAR RED TOP ON EXCLUSION

Priced from .30 CENTS PER DAY