Friday 4 April 2014
Term 1 Week 10
Dear Parents, Staff & Students

We are definitely on the downhill run with only one week to go. However next week is another extremely busy week. On Monday we have our Values assembly, Respect and Responsibility. Tuesday our Senior Choir will be at a half day rehearsal. Parent interviews for Stage 3 and Stage 2 will be on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday we can all take a deep breath and then Thursday we have our wonderful Easter Hat Parade and raffle and Friday our ANZAC Day service. And then a well deserved break for all.

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.

Values Assembly
Respect and Responsibility and Excellence
This term we have been focussing on Values Education in both our classroom and playground. Values are embedded in our curriculum and are a part of every day life at school. During this term we have concentrated on the values of Respect and Responsibility and Excellence. The value of Excellence is one that we hope all students will aspire to throughout the year. Respect and Responsibility is also ongoing throughout the year. On Monday 7 April we will hold our Values Assembly. All are welcome.

ANZAC Service
We will be holding our annual ANZAC Service at 9.15am Friday 11 April 2014. All members of the school community are welcome to attend this service. The service will be held straight after our morning assembly on Friday. If students would like to bring flowers for this service they can bring them on Friday morning and lay them at the base of our memorial rock during morning assembly.

Parent Interviews
Thank you to all parents who have attended our Parent Interviews this week. These interviews are ten minutes in length and at times it is really difficult to keep to that set time. We do apologise if teachers have been a little behind time but we do urge parents to make another interview time at the beginning of Term 2 if they require more information. Teachers will also make another interview time if they feel they need to discuss your child’s progress in more depth. Thank you always for your cooperation.

5-6B & 5-6D Monday 7 April 1.30pm to 6.30pm
3-4B & 3-4M Tuesday 8 April 1.30pm to 6.30pm

Parents in Partnership
This week Mr McKrell and Miss Ruth have attended the next training session of Kids Matter. On our Staff Development Day in May Mr McKrell and Miss Ruth will lead the staff in the second module of Kids Matter. Our second module, Component 2 is social and emotional learning for students. Social and emotional skills help school children settle in the classroom and get on with learning. Useful skills to learn include:
Coping with frustrations or worries
Getting along with others
Solving problems

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

Self-awareness
- Understanding feelings, self-confidence

Social awareness
- Respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people

Self-management
- Managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them

Responsible decision making
- Choosing wisely and thoughtfully

Relationship skills
- Cooperating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict.

This can be put very simply
Knowing me,
Knowing you
And getting along too

Please have a read of Michael Grose’s article
How emptying the dishwater can build independence. This supports social and emotional learning.

Robyn Dowse
Principal

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have read 20 books to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Daniel L Harrison B, Aimee S and Claudia T. Fantastic Reading! We will have our PRC Barbie on Monday May 5 which is week 2 Term 2 for all the 3 to 6 students who complete the challenge

Library News
Thank you to Mrs Matsumoto and Mrs Lloyd (Racquel and Cara R Grandmother) for covering lots of new books so that our students can borrow them quickly. Many thanks to Mrs Rowe for donating lots of very current novels in great condition.

Senior Choir
On Tuesday 8 April the Senior Choir will be walking to Tharawal Primary School for a rehearsal. If your child is in the choir please ensure they have returned the permission note and money and that your child is at school by 8:45am on Tuesday.
Ann Naoum
Senior Choir Co-ordinator

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion
Stage 3 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Stage 3 Teachers
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Mrs Burke, Mrs Davis and Mr Corben spent three fun filled days with Stage 3 students in Canberra earlier this week. All students and teachers and even our bus driver had a great time visiting old and new Parliament House, the Royal Australian Mint, Questacon, the High Court of Australia and the AIS just to mention a few. The excursion helped our students to consolidate their learning about Government. So many of our learning experiences were interactive and multi modal and that’s another reason that our knowledge of Australia’s history of democracy has grown. The best way to learn is to see and do and we certainly did plenty of that. Our camp was educational and extremely worthwhile and well done to all who attended, you were a magnificent group of students. Sincere thanks to Adrian H (Jack’s dad) who lead us on a personal guided tour of the War Memorial. Rosemary P (Jordan’s mum) purchased remembrance poppies for each student to place on the remembrance wall for which we thank her. Thano and
John B (Natasha’s mum and dad) took some great photos and purchased some delicious chocolate treats for our final day’s afternoon tea. Thanks so much and a special thanks from Mr Corben and Mrs Davis who appreciated the daily morning coffees they provided.

Debbie Burke, Lyndal Davis & Tony Corben

SRC News- An Eggciting Thursday

Next Thursday we will be hosting our annual eggccellent, eggciting Easter Exhibition. All dioramas will be brought to the tables near our hall before 8.45am. The SRC and teachers will be voting before recess. Students in K-2 have to bring in their Easter bunny colouring competition before next Wednesday. We will also be having a mufti day with an Easter theme. A gold coin donation will be required if a student comes to school in Easter mufti (remember it is not just weekend clothes but an Easter themed mufti). We will be forwarding all donations to the Children’s Leukaemia Foundation. One best dressed student from each Stage will win a prize. All winners will be announced during our Easter Hat Parade.

Aaron McKrell & Maria Panourgias

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country Carnival

The carnival today was a huge success but it wouldn’t have been this way without the wonderful efforts of all K-6 students and the fantastic assistance given by many parents and helpers. I know officiating at a Cross Country Carnival isn’t as social as our other carnivals but the encouragement given to the students as they run past, hot and tired, by our helpers is invaluable. Many thanks to Nicole & Adam Coe, Craig Dunkley, Nicci Jones, Genny Matosin, Mary Johnson, Barbara Bricknell, Matt Brice, Susan Bullock, Voula Kouroulis, Maree Stuart, Bronwen Mackney, Sarah Wyman, Melinda Brook, Annmarie Hola, Matt O’Hara, Shaun & Marcia Bruen, Hasan Kadri, Goran Kotevski, Martin Karajayli, Dagma Wilcox, Laurel Buchly, Leisa St John, Mohammed Ayoubli, and Aysun Ozer.

Our students love having family and friends to encourage them. The cheers from our spectators also adds to the atmosphere and success of the day. Thank you for attending and supporting the students.

Our overall results for the two carnivals were

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The first 3 place getters in each event were recognised and received their ribbons on our special Alfords Point PS podium. The 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 years place getters along with another 40 students will make up our squad of 64 runners to compete at the Engadine Zone Cross Country Carnival at Miranda on Friday 23 May. The students in our squad will soon know who they are and should continue to train so as to be able to run well for both themselves and as ambassadors for Alfords Point Public School.

Debbie Burke, Kim Dobson & Nick John

Public Speaking

As previously advised Public Speaking starts next term. Speeches need to be as original as possible and should be written mainly by the student. Each speech should have a message or point of view. This is what distinguishes speeches from information reports or recounts. The speaker should feel strongly about the topic so they can speak with sincerity, giving personal opinions so it will be of interest to the audience. Preferably speeches should not be entirely about the speaker but about other people, events, topics, current affairs etc. It is expected that by Stage 3 speakers will incorporate global issues. Do not use phrases such as ‘Today I am going to talk about...’ ‘My name is....’ Good morning/afternoon. ‘Thankyou audience. Points will be awarded for delivery of the speech in a good, natural manner using eye contact, still stance and a clear, modulated voice using appropriate expression and only natural (non dramatic) gestures. Palm cards (10x15) may be used as memory joggers. Don’t forget the holidays are a great opportunity for students to work on their speeches.

Debbie Burke, Kim Dobson & Nick John

Honesty & Integrity,  
Friendliness & Acceptance,  
Excellence
THE POINT CAFÉ
The canteen will be closed during week 11 and will reopen on Monday, 5 May.

During Term 2 we have a new meal deal for Monday and Friday’s. Your choice between a beef or beef & cheese Mrs Macs Cruizer Pie (long pie) plus a choc/strawberry milk - cost $4.

We will be making homemade hamburgers on Monday, 5 May, cost $4.00.

Volunteers urgently needed for Term 2. Please contact Megan if you are available.

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

Stewart House Bags
Stewart House Clothing Appeal bags have been sent home along with donation envelopes. If you have old clothes please drop them back to the canteen hall by no later than Monday 12 May. Extra bags are available from the front office if required.
Michelle Luckman

P&C
Don’t forget to return your raffle tickets to the office by Wednesday 9 April. More tickets available from front office if you would like more.

Keep the Easter eggs coming in for our fabulous raffle.

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

Term 2 Junior Events:
- Come & Try Session
  Cost $10 - Wed 16th April 2.00pm - 3.30pm.
- 3 Day Jrn. Holiday Camp
  Tue 22nd - Thu 24th Apr.
- Term 2 Girls & Boys Golf
  Starts 3rd May.

Term 2 Adult Events:
- Get into Golf Classes on Wed or Sun 10am
  4 sessions per month.
- Whittle-Stegbauer
  Short Game Golf School
  Sat April 12th.

Book today via www.theridgegolf.com.au
or email kurt@theridgegolf.com.au

SHARKS BASKETBALL
HOLIDAY CAMP
14th to 17th April 2014
9am - 2pm
Age 7 to 15 years
T-Shirt & Ball for all Camp Participants

Waratah Park Lawson Ave Sutherland
Phone: 9524-2350 Fax: 9524-5606
Email: admin@sutherlandbasketball.net.au
Website: www.sutherland.basketball.net.au

Please report trespassers in the school grounds to:
School Security ☏ 1300 880 021
Menai Police ☏ 9541 4499