Friday 6 June 2014
Term 2 Week 6
Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Again our week has flown by. All our students are working so hard in their classrooms along side their teachers who always put 110% into every lesson and do expect the same from our students. High expectations for all. Our long weekend is upon us. Enjoy the short break and we hope we have sunny days.

Kindergarten Numeracy Open Morning
Last week we ran a very successful Literacy Workshop in the Kindergarten rooms. Next Thursday 12 June parents of 2014 and 2015 kindergarten students are invited to a Numeracy Workshop in the Kindergarten rooms. This workshop is part of our Parents in Partnerships program. The workshop will give parents an opportunity to see some of the teaching/learning strategies that are employed to teach numeracy to kindergarten students. The workshop will commence at approximately 9.00am, as soon as the students are settled in the classrooms after morning assembly. All are welcome.

Parents in Partnership
Thank you to Mrs Rider and Mrs Karatzis for presenting a very energetic workshop on Problem Solving in Stage 1. Thank you to parents who attended. I know that everyone would have learnt a lot about working mathematically in Stage 1 from this workshop. Our workshop on Problem Solving in Stage 2&3 will be on 18 June at 2.00pm in 3/4B’s room. A note will be sent home about this. All are very welcome to attend this workshop which will be extremely informative.

Our Michael Grose article this week is Reading your child’s report. Please have a read and please if you are concerned about your child’s report make an interview time with the classroom teachers and teachers will also let you know if they are concerned with any aspects of your child’s learning.

Sharing Afternoon
We would like to invite all parents to join in a “Sharing Afternoon” in your child’s classroom on Monday 23 June during Week 9 of this term between 2.10pm & 3.00pm. This afternoon is for you to join your child in class and for your child to show you the work that they have been doing over the semester. The afternoon is very informal and relaxed and we hope you are able to attend. Grandparents or a relative or a close friend are very welcome if parents are unable to make the afternoon.

Reporting
Our reports will be sent home on Wednesday 25 June, Week 9. We have followed the same reporting procedures as last year. However the English report will be different to other years as we are reporting on our new English Syllabus.

All students except for Kindergarten and our special learning needs will be given an overall A to E for English. The comment will reflect their progress in English in line with our new syllabus. This scale is explained on the front of each report. Below is an explanation of the A to E scale.

A-Outstanding The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
B-High  The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C-Sound  The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D-Basic  The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competences in the processes and skills.

E-Limited  The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Our Artist in Residence
Last week Ken Tucker who is an artist in Residence with the Shire Local Banking Credit Union visited our school to discuss the painting of a mural on our mini hall wall. He has some wonderful ideas and with teachers, students and parents we will paint a mural on our mini hall wall in Term 3/ Term 4. Ken will also paint with the help of students our 7 Habits Tree on the ground in front of the school hall. This will be a fantastic entrance to our school hall. Mrs Davis and Mrs Karatzis will meet with Ken soon after taking photos of our local environment to discuss the mural and the form it will take. This will be an exciting project for our whole school community.

Road Safety Parking Illegally
Last Friday Brushwood Drive at 3pm was very chaotic. I was on bus duty and the business of the road at that time was escalated due to one of our parents parking in the bus zone. Two buses were on their way down the road and had to stop in the middle of the road. When the driver of the car arrived he was apologetic but said he was late. All students in our school are safe. If parents are late please park safely. Your child will be waiting with a teacher or they all know to come to the office. It is imperative that we all obey the road/parking rules for the safety of everyone.

Robyn Dowse
Principal

School Voluntary Contributions
Our School Voluntary Contributions note has gone home this week. If you pay on-line the contribution can only go to the Admin account and not to the Library account. Library account contributions need to be in cash, cheque or credit card. Thank you.

SRC News
The SRC have decided to organise a Movie Night once again this year. Movie Night will be on Wednesday 25 June, Week 9 in our school hall. The Kindi, Year 1 and Year 2 movie session commences at 4.30pm and ends at approximately 6.15pm. The Years 3-6 session commences at 6.30pm and ends at approximately 8.15pm. Tickets are $5.00 each or a maximum of $10 per family. Students will be supplied with a supper and we will also be having a lucky door prize. Please remember the Sleepy head/Comfy clothing theme. Tickets will be on sale during Week 8 and the SRC will decide on a movie in the upcoming weeks.

Aaron McKrell & Nick John

SSSMF- Ticket Sales
All tickets for the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival are on sale now. Visit www.trybooking.com/EHCN to purchase tickets online.

You do not need to purchase a ticket for your child if they are in the choir or dance groups.

If any parents would like an extra ticket for the junior concert Wednesday 20 August, we have one available in the front row. Please see Mrs Rider if you are interested.

Dance & Choir Teachers

Athletics Field Events Carnival
Our field events carnival will be on Tuesday 17 June at Coachwood Oval commencing at 9.15am. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and support our students. The students will compete in Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and novelty events. After the carnival the points for both the track and field events can be tallied to determine the overall Athletics Carnival points for 2014.

Debbie Burke

Respect & Responsibility, Care & Compassion, Cooperation & Fairness
Grime Scene Investigation
Yesterday was World Environment Day and ten Stage 3 students and myself spent a rewarding day on the banks of the George’s River at Sans Souci investigating the estuary as an important breeding ground for marine organisms. We enjoyed a river cruise, completed a water quality analysis and collected data for a CSIRO study related to litter along the beaches of Australia. An exciting and educational day was had by all. Well done Tayne, Thanh Loan, Jack H, Jack M, Rachael, Caitlin, James, Mya, Dylan and Rie-Vee on outstanding behaviour and enthusiasm.

Debbie Burke

Public Speaking
Public Speaking starts this 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.

Debbie Burke, Kim Dobson & Nick John

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - T2, Week 6
KL  Gabriella W
KD  Simone R
1-2R Georgia J
1-2J Ryan B
2-3P Halle L
3-4B Paris D
3-4M Tiana T
5-6B Samira S
5-6D James C

THE POINT CAFE
Hot chocolate is available for $2 on Wednesday’s during Term 2 & 3.
Monday, 16 June is oven baked wedges day. They will cost $2.50, tomato sauce or sour cream is an extra 30c.

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

Volunteers, for Week 7
Monday, 9 June
CLOSED

Wednesday, 11 June
Bronwen Mackney & Vicky Tsomis

Friday, 13 June
Ha Thanh Brard, Chris Powell & Alana Witting

P&C News
Our next meeting is on Thursday 12 June in the afternoon, commencing at 2 pm in the staff room. Please come along and join in!

We also have had an enquiry from a HSC student, Nadine Lebde, for parents to participate in her research on parenting for her Society and Culture major work. If you would like to assist Nadine in her research, please go online and complete the questionnaire. All responses will remain anonymous. The link to the survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F2V387N.

Many thanks
Maree Stuart

Entertainment Books
All Entertainment Books or money must be returned by Tuesday 10 June at the latest.
Denese Adderley
Please report trespassers in the school grounds to:

School Security: 01300 880 021
Menai Police: 0431 995 299

UNIFORM SHOP
In 2014 the uniform shop will be opening on Friday mornings at 8.30am - 9.15am in the hall.