4th February 2014

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 2
From the Principal’s Desk

Uniform News: We are expecting delivery of the new green polo shirts in the next three weeks. Students may wear their old green shirt, a cheap green polo from Big W, K-mart etc or their gold sports shirt until the new stock arrives. We will advise parents as soon as they come in and do apoligise for the inconvenience this has caused. The uniform shop will open each Friday from 3.10pm to 3.45pm.

Canteen Opening Times: Canteen will be opened for lunch only on Mondays and Tuesdays and opened for lunch and recess on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Student Banking: Banking day at our school is Monday. Please leave your bank books at the office before 9.30am each Monday if you would like to bank. Books will be returned to students on Tuesdays with the newsletter. If you would like to open a student bank account please ask at the office for an application package.

Swimming Carnival Thanks: Our Swimming Carnival, which was held last Friday was a wonderful success. Many thanks to Miss McLeod and Mrs Hunt for their expert organisation. Many thanks to the many parents who helped on the day. Final congratulations go to our fantastic students. Not only did they show off their talents in the pool, they displayed fantastic sportsmanship, congratulating their peers and cheering on all competitors, even those who struggled to finish. Ribbons for those students who gained a place in their event (not their heat) will be handed out at our assembly in Week 4 (21st February).

Welcome Kindergarten: Our Kindergarten students have all undertaken their individual Best Start Assessments and had their first day at Big School today. Ms Sellick needed to see a medical specialist today, so Mrs Kelly stepped in to help out. Ms Sellick will be back at school tomorrow. The local paper sent a photographer along to capture the moment. If Kinder parents have any concerns about their child’s photo appearing in the paper for this story, please let us know.

Reminder: Kindergarten students will start school at 9.30am and finish at 2.50pm for this week only. From Monday the 10th February Kinders will attend normal school hours: 9.20am to 3.20pm.

West Tigers Anti- Bullying Message: Four players from the West Tigers NRL club attended a special assembly at school yesterday to lend their voice to the important anti-bullying message. They showed a short DVD and spoke to students about the different kinds of bullying (social, emotional, physical and cyber bullying). They also spoke to students about simple strategies they can use if they are bullied (basically our 3 step program of
1. Tell the bully to stop
2. Ignore them or move away
3. Report it to the teacher if it continues
The other thing they spoke about was the important role of the bystander in making sure they speak up and tell the bully that their behaviour is not OK and assisting the student being bullied to get help. Teachers will be following up this presentation in class as we lead up to National Anti Bullying Day on 21st March.
Our school takes the issue of bullying very seriously. Please make sure you let your child’s teacher know if your child needs support with this issue.

Year 6 Parents – High School Decision: The parents of all students in Year 6 will be asked to lodge forms identifying which high school they would like their child to attend in 2015. Forms will come home in the next few weeks, but I thought parents may like some time to think about it prior to making a decision.
Campbelltown Performing Arts High School Information Night: Parents and Year 7 students 2015 are invited to an information evening on 12th February at 6.30pm at CPAHS. Applications for audition can be found on the school’s website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or collected on the night. Closing date for applications is 28th February 2014. Contact Mrs Seton on 4625 1403 for further details.

Lucky Draw: Starting next week we will be having a ‘lucky draw’ to reward students who are at school on time and wearing their school hat. All students will go into the draw. If their name is pulled out and they are at school and wearing their school hat they will win a Canteen Voucher worth $2.00. We are also considering a ‘100% club’ to reward students with perfect attendance each term.

P&C AGM: Our first P&C Meeting will be held after Meet the Teacher Evening on 25th February. This meeting will be an Annual General Meeting – so please consider taking on a role. We will have more information about P&C in the newsletter next week.

Swimming Carnival: The winning house was: Hume on 208 points Hovell – 2nd on 163 points Tyson – 3rd on 127 points Macquarie– 4th on 93 points Swimming Carnival champions were: Ryan Kitson and Mackenzie McEvoy-King Runners-Up champions were: Patrick Rochaix and Ayla Costello Swimming ribbons will be presented at the assembly in Week 4 Friday 21st March. Well done to all competitors and also to those who supported by cheering their teams. Thank you once again to the parents who helped on the day. Without this help the carnival would not be a success. Students who have made the Zone team will be advised shortly.

Thank You: Thank you to the Hughes family (Killara 2/3 and Sophie K) for their donation of a large doll house, books and toys for our Kindergarten room. These will come in very handy for developmental play in the Kindy room.

APPIN UNITED SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS 2014
- Team sports provide kids with important lessons on personal values.
- Children who play team sports are less likely to feel isolated.
- Team sports can encourage parents to become active with their kids.
- Team sports help kids deal with winning and losing.
- Team sports can help kids overcome shyness.
Our last registration days will be Tuesday 4th February 7-9pm & Saturday 8th February 9-12pm. Contact Jo 0410 827778.
U6-U7 $110 U8-U9 $120 U10-U18 $130
Senior Student $210 (F/T student card must be sighted) Seniors $230 *includes socks and a training ball
*For the U6 team, players must be turning 5 or 6 in 2014 to be eligible to play.

Reminders and Diary Dates

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