Principal’s News

The great weather over the Easter break has seen staff and students return enthusiastic to make the most of the remaining two weeks to the Autumn holidays.

Last Thursday our school celebrated Easter with a whole school Easter Hat Parade. The hats were a riot of colour with many creative designs. Students and teachers got into the groove inspired by Mrs Enright's upbeat music selection. Big thanks to all the parents who supported this fun event. A few students recorded the event using the iPad cameras and we obtained some priceless footage of a very happy, positive event. Keep checking the class blogs as some of this is bound to find it's way to them.

Many students in Years 3–6 are bringing in their own digital devices. iPads and iPod Touches are particularly popular. One of the nice things about the Apple iTunes Store is that all content is rated in a similar way to movies and TV programs. In the Settings there is a Restrictions function. This allows you to configure the device to ensure that your child is only able to access appropriate content. Parents can set a password to protect these settings. Ratings can be set for Music, TV Shows, Movies, Books and Apps. The only thing we ask for school devices is that Safari is left active because this is necessary to access the internet and our advanced cyber safety filters at school. Click here for a two minute video link on how it is done.

The family PCs and Laptops also have a safety filter provision. In Control Panel on Windows, and System Preferences on MacOS, there are settings in the local Accounts configuration that feature Family Safety Controls. A good way to set this up on a computer that has more than one family member using it is to create a separate local account for each family member. A quick Google of You Tube should turn up a how to for your particular computer(s).

We are planning to include a “how to” set of instruction for these items on the school website in the near future.
On the topic of filters, all student internet access at school is directed through a portal to sites that have been certified as OK by our screening team. All other sites are blocked. For instance, You Tube can be viewed and shown by teachers, but students do not have access to You Tube at school at the present time. Teachers can request educationally valid sites be unblocked, just as they can request an inappropriate site that slips through the safety net to be blocked. Fortunately this is a rare occurrence. We also have school based software that can block any site as needed.

In addition to these protections, we also actively teach cyber safety as part of our curriculum.

**Reminder** - School Cross Country – Thursday 11 April
Commencing 11.40 am
Captain Oldrey Park

This Thursday’s assembly at 1.45 pm will be led by students from 1J. All families are welcome to attend.

Dave Hounsell
Relieving Principal

**Thought for the Week**
A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein
2013 Illawarra & South East Region
Primary Debating & Public Speaking Camp
The Regional Debating and Public Speaking Camp for students in Years 3–6 is being held on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August 2013 at the Baywaters Inn, Batemans Bay. Accommodation will be in motel rooms. Students will share rooms in appropriate groups.
The fee for students is $190. The cost covers accommodation, all meals, workshops, workshop materials and workshop leaders.
If you are interested in your child participating in this camp, please contact the Front Office for further information.

2013 ISER Junior Band Program
Students from Years 4–10 in Public Schools in the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW and have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years are encouraged to apply to be part of the ISER Junior Band Program in 2013. This program has been running for a number of years and members of the group have gone on to become part of the Performing Ensemble and Southern Stars Showband, as well as representing their school at a Regional Level.
We are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments and can read music at least to a Grade 2 level to form a large ‘Concert Band’ Strings, Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, French Horns, Trombones, Baritones, Keyboards, Bass Guitar and Percussionists are needed.
We also form a ‘Rock Band’ which will consist of guitarists, drums and keyboards. Guitarists MUST be able to read music, either ‘tab’ or notes and know basic chords and progressions.
The 2013 Program begins with a 3 day 2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from Sunday 19 May to Tuesday 21 May. All students who wish to become members of this program must attend the camp.
The total cost of the program will be $190. This will include the cost of the camp and rehearsal days and performances costs. It will also help to cover tuition from qualified music staff, a booklet of music for the year and a CD.
If you are interested in your child participating in this camp, please contact the Front Office before Friday 12 April for further information.

2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
The Woolworths Earn & Learn Program commences for 2013 on Monday 8 April. Everytime you shop at Woolworths you will be given one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 you spend. Remember to ask grandparents, relatives, neighbours and friends to collect the stickers for our school. The more stickers we collect, the more fantastic educational resources we can redeem for our school.
HELPERS NEEDED

We would LOVE some help on the morning of the disco and during the disco to help prepare and serve food. Please put your name down at the Front Office if you’re able to help.

Thank you
Uniform Shop
Uniform Shop open Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30 am to 9.15 am. Outside of these hours, orders can be left at the Front Office with payment for collection next day.
Volunteers needed for Uniform Shop.
Please note – Uniform Shop will not be open Tuesday 9 April.

Bronze Awards

Margaux McCarthy, Ethan Woolridge, Leah Hearne, Campbell Padman, Seth Conolan, Jack Seath, William Reid, Tahni Mackay-Kierspel, Vivianne Wallace, Teliyah Foulstone, Sky Lewis, Tarren Elliott & Chloe Dunn

Fish Bit Draw

Term 1 Week 9
Stage 1 Gretel
Stage 2 Alex
Stage 3 Kylie
# Weekly Class Awards

**FISH:**  Fair  Inclusive  Safe  Honest

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Easter Hat Parade – 5/6C
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James gives the royal wave while on the bunny walk

Guess Who?
Community News

School Holiday Felting Workshop
With Sue Jamison
At Natures Nest Community Child Care Centre Sunday
21st April 2013 1pm – 4.00pm
$6 per person + cost of wool*
Great fun for children and adults *wool approx.
$4 per person depending on size and design of felt piece you choose to make
Places limited book early
Janine.maree7@bigpond.com.au or 44 743 440

Wanted - Coaches and Aspiring Coaches

The Football Federation of Australia (FFA) will be conducting a Grassroots Coaching Certificate and Optus Small Sided Football (CSSF) coach education sessions for current and aspiring coaches of players aged 5-9 years old. No experience needed.

Where: Gundary Oval, Moruya
When: Sunday April 7th from 1-30pm – 4.30pm
Cost: Free

Register online at https://coaching.footballaustralia.com.au/public/coaching/course.asp?UDF34=217&courseID=58113&c ourseType=C
or email David Field, Eurobodalla Director of Football (soccer) on eurofa.dof@gmail.com