**Important Dates**

These are our upcoming events for the next few weeks. Be sure to check out our website calendar for many more events.

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**Things requiring action…….**

- Athletics Carnival note and $11.00
- Donation of lanyards for science - Can you assist?

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**Principal’s Report**

The teaching staff have had a huge few weeks preparing every student’s individual report. It has taken them many hours and I am sure if you take time to read them closely, you will gain a huge amount of knowledge on your child’s development. I would like to publically thank the staff as it is not any easy feat finding an extra forty+ hours to complete the writing of reports while still maintain quality teaching. We hope parents take time to give us a few minutes feedback by completing our survey (details are below).

Kind regards

*Tanya Potter*

**What’s Been Happening……….**

**Regional Cross Country**

Congratulations to Billy Banyard who represented us last week at the Region Cross Country. He went very well and came in the top half of the field. The important thing was he finished and of course did a personal best! The North Wollongong PSSA team actually came first, so as a team member Billy was a winner! Well done!

**Public Speaking Finals**

For most of us, public speaking is one of our greatest fears. Yet it is such a crucial life skill that once mastered, public speaking can certainly give you an edge in life. Our students begin at an early age and
develop their skills over a number of years. Last week we witnessed some amazing talented students who will be the major shakers and movers of the future. The students all presented some fantastic persuasive speeches and it is no wonder they were chosen as their class representatives. Of course the real challenge comes when they have 5 minutes to prepare an impromptu speech and then present it. This speech certainly helps the judges make their decisions. Congratulations to all our students who made it to the stage finals, you were all fantastic.

Our representatives in the Seacillow Community of Schools' Public Speaking Finals who will contest the finals to be held today – Thursday 12th June at Austinner P.S. are Olivia Stage 1, Ella Stage 2 and Charlotte Stage 3.

Good luck to our students, we look forward to hearing of your exploits.

Choir Festival
The Choir is busy practicing the songs for the choral Festival. Next Monday we will be travelling to Figtree for our first rehearsal. The bus will be leaving school at 8.30am. The children are to wear their school uniform, not the sports uniform. They will also need to bring their fruito, lunch and a drink, preferably a water bottle that they can refill. Please ensure that all notes and money are in, and that the children are at school by 8.20am at the latest.

100 Word Challenge
Congratulations this week goes to Eli Tardent-Tong of 5/6S who has been named as part of this week’s Special Showcase for prompt #35 in the 100 Word Challenge for creative writing. The prompt this week were five words that had to be used in the story, to include Gateway Cold Running Black & Friend. There were over 1200 entries from around the world and he was in the top 20!! To read his, and other students’ entries, go to http://mrsstoneswhalewatchers.edublogs.org

Coming Events..............
Kindergarten - COS Event
Tomorrow Friday 13th we will have a few visitors to our school - the Kindergarten class from Helensburgh PS. In total there will be around 90 extra people at our school. They are coming to visit as part of their unit of work - Special Places! Our students have chatted with them using the webcam and now will spend time with them in real life. We will be completing some activities in our playground together and then having a walk down to the beach. Coledale is a special place! We will conclude our activities with some kite flying. A huge thank you to Lisa Miller for arranging to have the Marine Touch pond on site for the day.

Reports/Interviews
Students will be bringing home their half-yearly reports on Monday 16th June. We feel that the information contained in the reports is very informative but, obviously, is limited by the space. The report content fulfils the DEC requirements. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held soon after, where a full run down on your child’s strengths and weaknesses may be discussed with your child’s teacher. Please ensure you take the opportunity to meet with the teachers. We would also like parents to complete a survey about the Reporting Procedures. This can be done by completing the paper copy issued with the reports or you can also go online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5NL3DV2

We would appreciate if the survey/s could be returned or completed by end of term if possible.

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 18 June. All students need to be at school by 8.15am sharp as we need to mark rolls and board the buses. All students are expected to travel on the bus, but can go home with parents if they are signed out. All class sign out sheets will be located near the ‘whale watching flag’ that will be positioned towards the southern end of the grand stand. Please note that no child can leave with other people other than their parents without written permission. Please listen to 198 FM or Wave FM or log onto our website in the event of inclement weather. A post will be made on the website by 7.30am.

Athletics Carnival Parent Helpers
All three schools, Otford, Scarborough and ourselves are looking for parents to assist with activities and groups on Athletics Day. If you can help please let the office or Mr Galvin know, so that your name can be added to the list. You can accompany your child around the events and assist teachers at the same time. Hope you can help!
P&C
Next week's P&C meeting will be held in the 5/6 Room on Tuesday 17th June from 7pm. Discussion will involve our environmental program, forward school planning and half-yearly reporting. Please come along and have input into the decision making process - all parents are very welcome.

General Notices............
Staff
Mrs Stone will be commencing leave on 23/6 until 8/8. We welcome Miss Organ who will teach 5/6 for the duration of Mrs Stone’s leave.

WILDCARE - Holiday Care
Carmel has put together some great holiday activities but please remember to support her by booking in early. Please see attached program.

Another idea for holidays, especially for our Gifted students is the LEARNING LABS & EARLY LEARNING LABS from University of Wollongong
If you are a student looking for an intellectually challenging and fun experience in the January and July school holidays then this program is for you! The LEARNING LABS program is for students in Year 3 to Year 10 who are bright and inquisitive. You are capable of performing in the top 10-15% of your age peers whether it be in Math or English, Drama or Visual Arts. You could be in a public, catholic, independent school or receiving home school, we welcome everyone who would like to meet other kids that share your interests and meet inspiring teachers. Go to the link to find out more information:

LOST PROPERTY - How much can one container hold?? I am sure some children must be going cold with the amount of lost property in the tub. Please have a look and take what is yours. We have had a number of the new hoodie jumpers go missing especially in the smaller sizes. It would be appreciated if all parents can check that the correct one is coming home. It is a good idea to renew name labels, as many we find are unreadable on many items.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier's Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the students who are continuing to work towards completing the challenge. Students have just under 3 months to complete the challenge, so it is achievable for all students. Remember - the library is available at lunch to enter books on your online reading record, you just need to see Mrs Porter.

Voluntary Contributions
To date the school has received Voluntary Contribution payments from 52 families. The money this year has been used to purchase home readers and guided readers that cover the range of students from K-6. Family contribution is set at $70.00 and single student contribution is $40.00. Please consider sending your contribution to the office!

Exemption from School Attendance
If you are taking your children on a holiday during term time an exemption form MUST be obtained from the Office, completed by the parent/guardian and signed by the Principal.

AASC – Active After School Communities final week will be next week. Unfortunately this program will not be operating for the reminder of the year.

BRONZE AWARDS

K/1G
Nadia D
Euan F

Yve F
Noah W

Saree B
Yillen C

Lenox G
Clancy H

Kayden J
Isobel L

Cameron L
Flynn O

Cameron P
Ruby C-S

Scout T-T
Charlie K

Emmy R

3/4M
Billy B
Ava R

Cate C
Sian K

Holly H
Phoebe H

Jemma M
Lilly S

Czarina H
Primary Ethics for Year 1 & 2 starting Semester 2

We are happy to announce that Alison Mercia will be teaching Primary Ethics for year 1 & 2 next semester. Please let the office know if you have a child in year 1 or 2 that would like to do Primary Ethics as an alternative to Scripture or non-Scripture.

What do children learn in Ethics classes?

Students learn how to think about ethical issues. Students form a ‘community of inquiry’ with their peers and talk about subjects such as homelessness, keeping promises, and the treatment of living things. They learn how to find and evaluate the morally relevant issues in each topic. Trained volunteer teachers lead discussions. There is a short video of an ethics class and more information on our website: http://www.primaryethics.com.au/whathappens.html

Can I be an Ethics Teacher?

Primary Ethics now has age appropriate curriculum for Kindergarten students. We’re looking for volunteers who have time to prepare for and teach a 30min class each week of the school term, who enjoy engaging with children & have an interest in philosophy/ethics. We give our teachers training and ongoing support and the opportunity to work with children and meet new people. Read about volunteering at our website www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteers.html Volunteers must undergo a criminal history check and sign a Working with Children declaration. If you are interested in becoming an Ethics Teacher please contact Sarah Goss or visit the Primary Ethics website at http://www.primaryethics.com.au

Community News----------

ART WORKSHOPS - SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Wednesday mornings, July 2nd and 9th 10am - 12 noon.

Coledale studio, 52 Squires Crescent.

School students 7-14 years. Enjoy creative expression using acrylic paints, inks, pastel, watercolour pencils, etc. All materials supplied as well as morning tea. Strictly 6 students to each workshop. $20.00 per student. Enquiries: Pamela McKinlay 0418 201 587 or email: pmckinlay25@gmail.com
OUTREACH

The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate II Skills for Work and Training (Introduction to Retail)
2. Certificate I in Access to Work and Training Introduction to Café and Hospitality Skills
3. Certificate III in skills for Work and Training (Office and Customer Service)

These courses have no TAFE Administration fee.
Courses will commence the week starting 21st July 2014.
Information session will be held at 10.00am in L.G.19 (Building L, Ground Floor, Room 19).
Wild Care
Vacation Care
July 2014

Week 1

Monday 30th
Pop up Circus
Wollongong
$10

Tuesday 1st
Greater Union Cinema
How to Train you Dragon 2
Popcorn and drink included
Cost: $15

Wednesday 2nd
Whacky Wheels Day
Bring your helmet, bike, scooter or skates.

Thursday 3rd
Science centre
Fairy meadow

Friday 4th
Games day
Board games with a picnic lunch at Coledale beach.

Week 2

Monday 7th
Luna Park
Cost $35

Tuesday 8th
Tie Dying
Bring a t shirt, pillow case, bag etc to tie die or decorate with fabric crayons. Wear old cloths as things could get messy

Wednesday 9th
IPAC
The Listies are back with their new show “Earworms”
Cost $15

Thursday 10th
NERF GUN WARS
This time it’s every man, women and child for themselves!!

Friday 11th
PJ’s and Pizza
Don’t even bother to get dressed to day. We are going to play games, eat pizza and watch movies