Principal's Message

Congratulations to all of our competitors who represented the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. All our students worked really hard in the pool and we had some great results. Congratulations to Mia Lilley who was age champion which is a great result. Thanks to all of the family members who attended in support of our children. Thank you also to Mrs Smoother for her organisation and her efforts in ensuring our involvement in this event.

P&C

Our P&C had their first meeting for 2013 last week and it was great to see some new parents in attendance. The P&C have set a very busy schedule of events in 2013 and our teachers look forward to working with them again for the betterment of the school. Our P&C meets on the last Thursday each month at 3.10pm at the school. The next meeting is Thursday 28th March at 3.10pm in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend P&C meetings and to get involved in the activities organised by the committee.

School attendance

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out. If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to a teacher, Assistant Principal or the Principal. If you would like to know more about your legal obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

Would you like to win a Holiday Prize valued at $650?

This year when you pay for your child’s annual school contribution and library resources bond you will go in the draw to win two nights accommodation for up to three people at the Shoal Bay Resort & Spa. This is a fabulous prize which includes full hot and cold buffet breakfast daily, unlimited access to the Aqua Spa Sanctuary and undercover parking. So what are you waiting for, if you haven’t done so, pop the money in an envelope with your child/children’s name on it and get in the draw.

The Annual School Contribution is used to purchase teaching resources, classroom equipment (and equipment maintenance), paper for use in classroom, photocopying paper, first aid equipment and other school items.

The Library Resources Bond is charged to all students to cover the cost of lost or damaged books. The bond is currently $20.00 per student and is refunded at the time a student leaves the school, less the cost of lost or damaged resources. This is a once only fee, so if you paid it in 2012 you will not have to pay it again in 2013.

Stuart Wylie
Principal
School Sores/Impetigo
Evidence of impetigo is as follows: small red spots which change into blisters appear, usually on the face, hands or scalp. They fill up with pus and become crusted. Consult your doctor and keep your child home if you suspect they may have this condition, until antibiotic treatment starts. Children may return to school when their sores are covered with watertight dressings. Encourage your children to wash hands regularly to prevent the spread of infections.

Bookworm corner
Welcome back to 2013. We have had a busy half term in the library already and all students have been very understanding, having their library lessons in the classrooms. In stages one and two we have been working on a pirate unit, which we are focusing on labelling diagrams, word definitions and setting out work. Stage three are working on an art unit which focuses on the elements of art, artists around the world and research skills. Our kindergarten students have settled very well into their library lessons. We have been learning about parts of a book, listening to stories and participating in discussions about books. We have been having the library lessons in their classrooms to allow the students time to get to know myself in a familiar environment. This week we have made the transition to the library and kindergarten students are borrowing this week. Please ensure that your child has a library bag for borrowing. This can be a recycling bag, pillow case or purchased library bag.

Our beautiful new library bags – only $10!
Mrs Carlson has a supply of beautiful “Frog” design Library bags for you to purchase – only $10!! These locally made unique bags look great and come in a variety of colours. Money raised will go towards purchasing new readers for your children. Please send money to Mrs Carlson in the library.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Our school is participating in The Premier’s Reading Challenge again this year. This is a challenge that students all over the state participate in. The purpose is to get students enthusiastic about reading. A note will be sent home this week with information about The Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you would like your child to participate, simply fill out the permission slip and send back into Mrs Carlson or the office. Happy Reading!

Mrs Carlson

Debating News for 2013
Congratulations to these eight Stage 3 students who have been chosen for the Tanilba Bay Debating Team for 2013. These students will be involved in The NSW Debating Challenge, where they will be debating against other schools in our local area, during term two and three.
Jack Hagan, Callum Port –Rose, Dylan Eyb, Elizabeth Hollings, Abbye Irwin, Noah Dawson, Tanisha Riley and Kaylah Newey

Co-ordinators- Dom Haddad & Nicola Drummond

Zone Netball Carnival
A reminder to all students involved, the Zone Netball Carnival is this Friday 8th of March. All notes have been sent home and need to be returned ASAP please. We are meeting at the Raymond Terrace netball courts at 8:30am and there is an approximate finish time of 2pm. Thank you to all helping us out.
Miss Newton
Zone Swimming
On Monday 4th March, ten Tanilba Bay students competed at the Annual Zone Swimming Carnival at Lakeside Leisure Centre. All students did an outstanding job and each did their Personal Best on the day.
A special congratulation goes to Mia Lilley who was awarded Junior Girl Champion.
Thank you to Judy Hagan who provided the children and parents with shade for the day and also to all of the supportive parents who came along and encouraged the students.
Ali Smoother
(Sports Coordinator)

Caught You Being Good – Wii Success.
As part of our CYBG reward scheme children are able to win a Wii session with Mr Wylie. Kane Chester won last assembly and we are very pleased to announce he BEAT Mr Wylie!! Mr Wylie is known as our bowling champion. Unfortunately he is no longer! Well done Kane!

Kindergarten
Kindergarten have participated in so many new experiences in 6 short weeks.
We have begun listening to words and initial sounds.
We are counting to at least 20 and recognising numerals.
We have started reading in small groups and pointing carefully to the words.
Home Reading has commenced. If your child does not have a Home Reader yet it may be because the blue bag needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. The bag protects these valuable resources.
You may have noticed the children’s book offer in the Telegraph newspaper. The texts are high quality stories and durable enough for $1.80 each. A new title is being offered each day for a fortnight. I highly recommend them to you.
Kindergarten has also joined our weekly Assemblies. Each fortnight we join a Whole School assembly where an award is made to a class member recognising their adherence to one of our PBL values. At the Stage Assemblies, on the alternate weeks, only cumulative awards will be given eg a Bronze or Silver or PBL badge.
Kindergarten teachers will be giving out 2 awards to class members each week during Singing time on a Tuesday. Please remember that 3 blue Merit awards equals a Bronze, so hold on to them to trade. (Sometimes teachers lose track of awards given and we need to sign off on traded awards.)
Last Friday Kindergarten students had a movie and pop-corn session for all those fabulous students who have not visited our Planning Room for poor behaviour. Well done Kinders!
On Friday 15th March, Kindergarten and Stage One students will be participating in our own Cross Country race. We will be running laps of the oval, so start your training now!
On Thursday 28th March we will be having our Annual Hat Parade with a special visitor. We will not be making hats at school, so I suggest you begin your designs as soon as possible. As mad as you like, but beware of chocolate eggs on hot hats on hot days! Teachers will keep hats at school, until the day, once you have made them.
All teachers are still very keen for assistance in the classrooms. Changing Home Readers is a highly valued contribution. Please see your class teacher if you can assist on any day.

Kindergarten Teachers
Stage 1
We cannot believe how fast Term 1 of 2013 has gone. We all have been hard at work this fortnight. We thank you to all parents and caregivers who have returned notes back to school that they received at the beginning of the term. This note was important for school records. Ms Drummond and Miss Broderick have been busy teaching all classes about the HSIE topic ‘Wet and Dry Environments’. The students have been enjoying learning about the new environments. It is great to see students completing homework each week and returning their home readers every day. It is so wonderful to see students eager to learn.

We apologize for all students who had their birthdays before week 4 and was not mentioned in last fortnight’s newsletter. We would like to wish them a very big happy birthday this week as well as all the students who have recently celebrated their birthday. These students include:

James D 1K        Indiana P K/1B        Brodie B 1M
Kobi D 2F          Alana H 2R          Tia H 2/3A
Ronan L 1/2H       Chelsea S 1/2H      Jett W 1/2H
Ella G 1/2H        Cody A K/1B         Ned M 1R
Sam M 1R           Aratia K 2R         Lucy B 2F
Jack H 1/2 H       Lainee M 2R         Nyalla G 2R
Thomas J 2F        Matthew H 1/2H      Tahlie O 1K
Damon H 2/3A       Ryan S 2R           Amelie G 1K
Joshua P (2F)

Some reminders:
Please remember to send in the permission note for the Easter Bilby Video Incursion and the money to allow your child to attend this incursion. It is a great learning experience through the use of technology.

If there are any concerns or issues regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to a happy and successful year ahead in Stage 1.

Stage 1 teachers

Hunter River High School Information Evening
Parents/caregivers and students considering enrolling in Hunter River High School for Year 7 in 2014 are invited to attend an information evening.
Date: Monday 18 March 2013 Time: 6.00-7.00pm
Venue: Hunter River High School Assembly Hall Elkin Ave, Heatherbrae.

2/3A
We have started 2013 with much excitement and enthusiasm. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Smoother, Mrs Ashby and Mrs Wilkinson for our intensive Literacy block each morning. We are seeing some fabulous achievements and improvements.

Next week as of Monday we will be changing our Home Reading schedule to receiving 3 books each Monday. The children are to keep these books for the whole week and return on the following Monday where they will be changed again for new books. We still expect children and parents to fill in their daily reading log. Children can read and then re-read. We know this will improve the children’s confidence and therefore improve their love of learning and literature even more.

Mrs Smoother is thoroughly enjoying her Math lessons with the class. This week the children have been doing great work in number, revising the friends of ten and beyond, and looking at tallies and graphs.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ashby or Mrs Smoother should you require anything at all. Enjoy our photos below of our Literacy centres.

Mrs Ashby’s Literacy Centre
Lost Property
The following items have been handed in to the office. If you have misplaced anything recently (and late last year) then please check the following list:

Mallabula J. R. L. zipper jacket, 2 SD cards, EB Games Card, Silver purse, 2 skateboard/scooter helmets.

4S
Hello to the parents and carers of 4S. The past few weeks have been extremely busy in 4S. I have enjoyed very much getting to know every student. We have been learning so much! 4S has been trying particularly hard in their work on The First Fleet and also our persuasive writing. I am so impressed by how much knowledge the class has been sharing.
Speaker of the House
Kaylah Newey

Class Representatives
Ella Livett and Taniesha Tetevano (2R)
Tarah Sharp and Mitchell Morrison (2F)
Jorja Croker and Bailey Stevens (1/2H)
Isaac Maguire and Tia Harris (2/3A)
Jet Merrifield and Ellie White (3G)
Jessica Jarvis and Joe Mitchell (3M)
Hudson Wyeth (5/6G)

Students were presented with their badges during this week’s K-6 Assembly and wore them with pride. For those children who were absent, badges will be presented at the next K-6 assembly.

Lisa Wood

6K
We have settled in very well this year and enjoyed presenting our song at last week’s assembly. Very soon the stage will be being split into groups for mathematics so that will be fun; possibly having a different teacher!
Our behaviour has been very good and Mr King is very proud of us.
We are enjoying our P.E. activities as we love to run around outside and keep fit.
Mr King is also suggesting that we have a good think about what we eat and start to make decisions about our own nutrition as we are growing up and need to start taking ownership of our own healthy habits.

P & C News
We had our Annual General Meeting last Thursday and a new Executive Committee was formed. The President is Frank Lupton, Secretary is Kyla Brady, Treasurer is Sue Hamilton and the two Vice Presidents are Kelly Coupe and Kristy Davies. Congratulations to all the committee.

It was great to see some new faces join up and again this year the membership fee is only $2.00. The more people involved, the more ideas which converts into the more things we can assist the school with providing for our children.

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month at 3.15 in the library, see you there!

Second Hand
We have started a second hand pool of uniforms, so if you have something that would be useful to someone else and would like to donate it, please drop it into the office and they will get it to us. We will be selling all items at very reasonable prices, with most items between $3-5.00. This is a great opportunity for people to pick up some very reasonably priced clothes and for us to make a little bit more money to purchase items for the school.
Bunnings Warehouse

Bunnings Port Stephens Easter Family Night

Thursday 21st March 2013 6pm – 8pm

FREE ACTIVITIES!!
- Kids DIY Workshop
- Hunter Valley Zoo Animals
- Visit from the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt
- Stacks of great prizes & giveaways
- Supplier product demonstrations & displays
- Jumping castle, rock climbing wall & bungee trampoline
- Sausage sizzle provided – kids eat free, adults gold coin donation

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Youyoong Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) is the place to make that difference. AECG is an Aboriginal community organisation that works with schools & community to better the outcomes for Aboriginal Education. If you would like to have a say in your child’s education come along to our meetings, or if you just want to learn more about what we do please contact Rachel on 0431 580 086.