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Principal: Mrs Anne Hewson

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Welcome to the first “paperless” edition of our weekly Newsletter! As you will know from our previous Newsletters, we are making a concerted effort to model sustainable and environmentally responsible practices by significantly reducing the amount of paper we consume. More than 33,000 A3 sheets will be saved each year by this initiative alone. Apart from the direct consumption of paper, this reduction in paper use will have other environmental benefits.

- We will reduce photocopying and thereby the use of electricity, toner, and ink.
- By purchasing less paper, we will reduce the number of deliveries of paper supplies to the school, and thereby the consumables used in their delivery, such as petrol and oil.
- By purchasing fewer consumables, we are reducing the amount of resources used in, and emissions created by, their manufacture.
- We will reduce rubbish and the amount of materials to be recycled when the Newsletter is disposed of in homes.

In making this move to publish our Newsletter electronically, we are conscious of the risk that families may not bother to read the Newsletter if it is not placed directly in their hands.

Our hope is that, if families value the information we put in the Newsletter, and value being informed about our school, they will make it a priority to access this information in its new form.

Very few of our families have indicated that they don’t have access to the internet at home or at work. In 2011, it is increasingly becoming a necessity for all families with children of school age to have this technology available in the home. More and more, learning will require convenient access to information that is only available on line. Students will need access to word processing facilities, the internet and a printer. Of course, they will also need the traditional tools of books, paper, pencils and pens, but these alone will no longer be sufficient.

It is becoming a reality that the disadvantaged of the future will be those who are without access to, and the capacity to effectively and appropriately utilise, new technology for communication, information, expression and creation.

Our task, at home and at school, is to give our children the access, knowledge and skills to make the most of the opportunities that technology presents, and limit, control and educate them about the responsibilities and dangers that are also present in the world of today and tomorrow.

The value for the coming week is taken from our set of Community Values. Under the heading of Democracy, we will be focusing on being fair in decision making.

Being fair can be a difficult concept for many students, especially those who are very competitive or overly focused on winning. Helping our children to put aside personal preferences for what is best for the majority and to abide by rules and decisions will make relationships much happier and more equitable.

### Dates to Remember 2011

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Welcome Back!

Returning from maternity leave this term are Mrs Beth O'Keefe and Mrs Alison Scotti. Mrs O'Keefe will be taking RFF classes on Mondays and Tuesdays; Mrs Scotti will be providing executive release for Mrs Fowler on Mondays and Tuesdays, and for Ms Scally on Wednesdays. It is wonderful to have Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Scotti rejoin our teaching staff.

Also providing executive release for Mrs Green will be Mrs Anne Whale. Starting this week, Mrs Whale will provide release each Friday; then, from 2 June, this will be extended to include Thursdays as well.

We have received an allocation of teaching days for executive release as a result of our increased enrolments across the school. Being class free on their allocated days will allow our Assistant Principals to undertake additional roles and responsibilities to assist Mrs Hewson with the increased workload that comes with a large school. It will also allow the executive more time to carry out their regular duties and support and develop programs within the school, for the benefit of our students.

Arrival at School

The Department of Education and Communities wishes to remind parents and carers that children must not arrive at school prior to the commencement of supervision. At our school, supervision is provided from 9.00am each day; therefore, no child should arrive before that time.

The only exceptions are children who are required to be here for sport or band commitments, for which supervision is provided only for those children.

Any children who need to arrive earlier than 9.00am are required to use the Before School Care service, which will provide the necessary supervision.

NAPLAN Testing 2011

“The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of:- Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au”

A friendly reminder

Please make sure your children have a healthy breakfast to sustain their energy throughout the testing.
Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons next week.

- The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week.
- Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities.
- Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom.
- We are working on a module called *Keeping Friends*. This helps the students explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and to develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.

We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Principal’s Awards

Principal’s Awards have been received by:

- Montana
- Stephanie
- Ronan
- Lara
- Nivage
- Dimitrios

Congratulations to these students for consistently displaying our Values in Action.
We started our Year 3 Chess Competition with 16 enthusiastic participants. It is pleasing to see the friendly spirit in which the games are being played. There are some skilful strategists in our group with these players successfully through to the next round: Mathew G and Bidhu (3D), Jason and Amy (3F) and George (3H).

Thank you for a marvellous response to our Easter raffle and "Eggs"hibition. We raised $1,047.10 for our World Vision child, Habiba.

Next week we are selling Stewart House dolphin key rings. They are $2 each. We have only purchased 250 key rings. As all of the key rings are identical and are difficult to label, you will only be able to purchase a key ring by placing an order form and your money into an envelope. The order is to be sent to Mrs Murray and your child will receive their key ring in an envelope to take home. Please do not open your envelope at school because if it is lost, it will not be replaced. Please note that we will only be able to sell the dolphins to students that attend our school due to the limited numbers available.

Thank you.
SRC Coordinators
Mrs C. Murray and Mrs N. McCain

Order Form for Stewart House Dolphins

1. Class: .................. Child’s Name: ......................................................... $2
2. Class: .................. Child’s Name: ......................................................... $2
3. Class: .................. Child’s Name: ......................................................... $2

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Parent’s Signature
2011 CPPS Trivia Night

On Saturday 18th June, the P&C are holding our annual TRIVIA NIGHT

Where: School Hall
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm
Cost: $15.00 per head
Theme: Back to the ‘80’s
BYO: Food & Drinks

Don’t worry if you can’t fill a whole table (10 people), we can compile a table for you – it’s a great way to meet different people from your community.

There will be prizes for the best dressed table and also winning and runners up table prizes.

Lots of fun on the night – Coin Toss Games, Heads & Tails Games, Lucky Seat Prizes, Music and much, much more!

Adults Only – no kids admitted

Closing date for table registration and payment with Sue – 10 June

For bookings and enquiries please call Sue Szalay on 0404 022 489

Please complete the form below and leave it in the school office addressed to Sue Szalay – Trivia Night.

2011 CPPS Trivia Night

Name……………………………………………………………………………………………………
Contact Phone number ……………………………………………………………………………
No of People…………………..
Name for table………………………………………
Payment Included…………………………
CPPS 5 cent Challenge  
as at 09/04/2011

Main Target: 1,000,000
Collected: 263,882
To Go: 736,118

2011 Target: 300,000
Collected: 14,001
To Go: 285,999

A really big effort for the last week of 1st term. I collected 3,883 coins.
Special thanks to Billy in 2M, Kristian in KS, Amelia in KC, Joshua, Diana
and Isabela in KM and also to Miss Benson. A BIG thank you to Mrs
Hewson for bringing in an impressive 733 coins. Congratulations to
4/5M for bringing in the most coins in the Primary school and we nearly had
a 3-way tie between KC, KM and KS but KC were the winners by only a few
coins!

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P&C Sausage Sizzle

On Friday 20 May we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle for the children.

Please fill out the below form and send it back, together with your money to your child’s class. Available for sale will be.

- Sausage on bread - $2.50
- Chicken Kebab on bread - $2.50

To assist with catering, please return this form together with your money to your class teacher or to the office no later than Wednesday 18 May.

Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________________________

No. of Sausages________________________

No. of Kebabs_________________________

Total money included: $________________
P & C News continued

Canteen News

Congratulations to Xenia our lucky volunteer raffle winner for the month of April.

Reminder
Sunnyboys are not sold during Terms 2 and 3.

Canteen Roster

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