Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all families, I hope you had a restful break. We have several new families joining us for the first time and I wish them a warm welcome and smooth transition into our school community.

Mrs Hewson has unexpectedly needed to take leave and during this time I will assume the position of Relieving Principal.

Term 2 is always a busy one, with a focus on assessment and evaluation, leading up to the Semester 1 report which will be issued in the final week of term.

While testing procedures focus on the academic progress of a student, teachers are also evaluating the effort, work habits; consistency and attitude students bring to their learning. During this term both students and teachers, will work on the areas needing improvement which were identified and discussed at the Parent/Teacher interviews and consolidate the skills and understandings learnt during Term 1.

With regard to the implementation of NAPLAN, I will keep the community informed as and when information is made available to me. At the moment the Australian Education Union has declared a moratorium on the implementation and administration of NAPLAN 2010 in order to stop the publication of league tables. The Union stance is, that league tables are misleading and damaging and reduce the complexity of a school community to a single number and rank. I will be attending a meeting next Thursday which will further inform me of the course of action teachers are likely follow. In the meantime students in Years 3 and 5 will continue to follow the planned learning program and will be fully prepared for the NAPLAN tests should they go ahead.

I look forward to a productive term
Mrs Anne Whale
Relieving Principal

Value of the Week

This week, our Core Value of Excellence is from the Personal Values category, with emphasis on “reaching personal best performance”.

No matter what our ability, we can always strive to do and be the best we can. When we look at elite sportspeople, their measure of success is improving their own performance, not merely doing better than a competitor. It is important for all of our children to develop this ethic and to not judge themselves by comparing themselves to others. For gifted students, this can result in coasting and underachieving, because they are doing better than others with perhaps a reduced effort. For children who are less able, comparing their achievement to others can lead to frustration and “giving up”.

Truly recognizing and valuing individual differences; helping our children to set achievable personal goals; and refraining from comparing and focusing on the success of others will help foster commitment to achieving personal best.

Dates to Remember 2010

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Enrolments 2011

Due to the increased number of permanent classrooms, currently under construction, it is anticipated that there will be the capacity to accept some out of area enrolments in all grades in 2011. As this has not been the case for some years, please invite friends or neighbours who are interested in attending our school to contact our office and leave their details.

To help us monitor enrolments, and determine how many places may be available for non-local children, we are also asking for in-area applications to be lodged from now. Application forms are available from the office or our website. Our website also has our boundary map and other criteria relating to enrolment. There is also a link to translations of the application form.

Your help in promoting early enrolments would be appreciated.

SRC News

Thank you to all who supported our Easter raffle. We raised $765.00 for our World Vision child, Habiba. Prizes for the senior and junior classes that donated the most eggs were 6C and 2D. They will each receive a board game of their choice. Well done!

The ‘Eggs’hibition was an impressive and entertaining compliment to our Easter celebrations. Congratulations to those who participated enthusiastically and applied themselves to supporting school life to the full. We are already looking forward to our next ‘Eggs’hibition. If you have not experienced the joy of submitting an entry into the ‘Eggs’hibition, make sure that you start planning for next year. Photos of 2010 entries are on the school website.

Stewart House envelopes for their ‘Donation Drive’ are included with your newsletter. You could win a fabulous holiday and support Stewart House at the same time. Please return your envelopes as soon as possible and no later than Friday, May 7.

District Netball Trials

Georges River netball trials are on April 28. Outstanding netballers who would like to trial for this need to speak to Mrs. Law.

Well done!

We would like to congratulate Chrystal for being one of 14 players to be selected from 80 children in the Sydney East Region Girls’ Football team. Chrystal qualified to represent our school and the Sydney East Region in Gosford next term after being selected for the Georges River District, the combined Georges River/ Botany Bay District and the Sydney East Trials.
EASTER HAT PARADE

Thank you to Carolyn, Sibila and Jill for all their assistance on the Easter Hat Parade.

Thank you to all the K-2 children with their wonderful display of hats and the teachers for all their efforts.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

THURSDAY, MAY 6
From 10am

Selection of gifts from $1—$8
(NB—No more than 3 items per child)

Hand made gift cards / bookmarks / Mum vouchers & chocolates
hair accessories / scarves / earrings
bracelets / necklaces / brooches
soaps / candles / drawer sachets / bath soaks and petals
body cream / jewelled tea lights
cosmetic purses / notebooks / pens / fridge plaques / key rings

Parents are needed to help on the day
Any assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated.

NB—in some cases, there are only small quantities on selected items.
To avoid disappointment, the children are encouraged to have a second or third choice.
P & C News continued

PICK UP ZONE SUPERVISION ROSTER

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Community News

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

The course commences Monday, May 3 and concludes June 21, 2010

The course runs for 8 weeks, including 3 weeks of one to one telephone conversations to discuss planned activity routines following the teaching component of the program

Time: 10.00—12.00 noon
Venue: Carss Park Community Centre
L1, 72 Carwar Avenue Carss Park

Light supper provided
Bookings essential on 8558 4000