Principal’s News——Simone Champion

Donation
A big thank you to the Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group for their fabulous donation of $500.00. We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of our school. The students at Central Mangrove Public School will benefit from your generous contribution both now and in the future. Donations such as yours can make an incredible difference to our students’ resources. On behalf of the staff and students please accept our sincere thanks.

Night of Excellence
Last Thursday night Central Mangrove students showcased their wonderful creative arts talents. Performances on the night included both live and recorded acts such as drama, choir, dance and Junk Yard Orchestra. A huge thank you to Mrs Pugh for all her hard work in coordinating the performance and in assisting the students in putting their items together. Mrs Pugh worked tirelessly and has done a great job in developing this Night of Excellence with minimal disruption to class time.

Welcome Back
Mrs Gallagher has arrived back revitalised after some extended leave. Welcome back Jodie. A big thank you to Mrs Henderson who has been relieving on 2/3G for the first seven weeks of Term 4.

Pacific School Games
Ms Champion is currently attending the Pacific School Games being held in Adelaide between November 21 – 29, 2015. The Pacific School Games provides opportunities for around 4000 school-aged students to participate in nine different sports at the highest level. It is the flagship event of School Sport Australia and provides educational opportunities for Australian and international students through the conducting of games in a range of sports. Ms Champion is the coach of the NSW Primary School Girls’ Touch Football team. This team was selected at the completion of the NSW PSSA State Carnival and will compete against other State and Territory teams. Good luck to NSW and Ms Champion.

High School Orientation
The High School Orientation Day for 2016 Year 7 students will be held at Kariong Mountains High School next Thursday 3 December. Students attending KMHS next year will need to organise transport to and from the High School for orientation day. Students have been given a canteen meal deal for the day. Any canteen orders must be returned with the money by Tuesday 1 December.

Talent Quest
Once again students will be invited to participate in the CMPS End of Year Talent Quest. All students can enter, either as an individual or as a group. The Talent Quest will be held on Wednesday 16 December during school hours.

Neil Matthew
**Coming Events**

**Awards Presentation Day and Helpers’ Morning Tea—14 December**

Don’t forget to mark this important day in your diary! Please return your RSVP or email to the school office centmangro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au as this helps with final planning and catering.

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner, Disco and Games Night—10 December**

RSVP to invitation (sent home last week) and $10 payment towards meal would be appreciated ASAP in order to confirm numbers for the venue. Students are asked to wear neat casual dress. This event runs from 6—9pm at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club.

**Swim School starts Monday 30 November**

The bus leaves the school at 9:20am as our lesson time is 10:15—11am each day. Students will need to:

- Wear their swimmers under their uniform
- Wear regular shoes and change into sandals to wear to the pool—NO THONGS!
- Bring a towel, hat and something warm (top/jacket) if weather is cool/wet
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school if possible.
- Bring a bag for wet swimmers and towel
- Bring undies to change back into school uniform when returning to school.
- Rash shirts may also be worn
- Bring fruit for a morning snack
- Lunch and drinks as normal.

**Dates for 2016**

- Staff only return 27 Wednesday January
- Year 1—6 students return Thursday 28 January
- Best Start Testing for Kindergarten students from 28 January—1 February
- Kindergarten students start Tuesday 2 February

**Fundraising Raffle—Drawn 14 December—Extra Prize!**

We now have an extra prize in our raffle; a family pass for 4 to the Mariners vs. Brisbane Roar on Sunday 20 Dec. Other prizes include:

1st: $300 Armart Sports, West Gosford Gift Voucher
2nd: $50 Box Fresh Fruit & Vegetables donated by Mountain Yoga Ashram
3rd: $50 Armart Sports, West Gosford Gift Voucher
4th: $25 Rebel Sports Gift Voucher

**Book Sellers Prize: Sell a full book of tickets and go into the drawer for $25 Coles Gift Voucher**

**Last Student Banking day for Term 4 is Thursday 3 December.**

Tickets are only $1 each or 3 for $2. Don’t miss out one of the great prizes available return.

**VALUE:**

‘Personal Best’ - ‘Being the best you can be’

**WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE**

- Set goals
- Giving something your best shot
- Reflect and improve
- Look for feedback

**FULL PAYMENT FOR SWIM SCHOOL DUE 9 DECEMBER**
As mentioned in the last newsletter, the new OPAL Bus Pass system for 2016 requires all current Year 2 (going into Year 3 in 2016) and living 1.6km straight distance or 2.3km walking distance from the school to complete an online enrolment form. If you have no access to a computer or internet, you are welcome to use one at school. If you live within the 2.3km walking distance from the school see extra information below.

All students currently in Year 1, Year 3, 4, & 5 DO NOT need to apply as they will automatically receive a new card at the beginning of Term 1 2016.

Apply at: www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

Extra Information: when applying online and your application indicates that your child is not eligible due to distance from the school; just click onto the ‘Request a Review’ button and state your special circumstances.

‘Wisemans Ferry Road is a main access arterial road without designated walking footpaths. Present roadside areas are very uneven, with rocky surfaces and large drainage systems, making walking a health and safety issue. This main arterial road also has constant heavy truck traffic as well as a large flow of other motor vehicle traffic.'
**Reminders**

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 7 December from **8:45am – 9:15am. Last opening day for 2015!**

**Community News**

**SCRIPTURE - TURN ON THE TAP 2015**

Well done Students and Families for your support and generous donations towards Turn on the Tap this year. Together as a collective group of schools Central Mangrove, Peats Ridge, Somersby and Kulnura raised $809.40 and purchased **8 Bio Sand Water Filters**. These filters will be used by the village community to provide clean drinking water and a healthier way of living. Thank you, Melinda Keegan SRE (Peats Ridge) _‘Turn on the Tap’_

**Gosford City Gigantic Christmas Parade is on Saturday 28 November** starting at 11am. Free rides, games and entertainment in Kibble Park from 10am—2:00pm.

**School Security Hotline**

1300 880 021

**Future dates for your calendar**

**Term 4**

- Year 6 Fundraiser: Mini Fete—27 November
- Year 6 High School Orientation – 3 December
- Year 6 Farwell Dinner – 10 December
- Swim School—30 November—11 December
- Presentation Day—14 December
- Helpers’ Morning Tea –14 December
- Last Day for Students—16 December
- Last day of term/Talent Quest —16 December

**Term 1—2016**

- Years 1—6 Students return — 28 January 2016
- Kindergarten start—2 February 2016

**Parent Online Payment Link (POP)**


**BUNNINGS West Gosford Christmas Family Fun Night**

Thursday 10 December from 6—8pm
Petting Zoo; Kids Disco, Drumming Workshop, Face painting; Kids craft, Christmas Costume competition & Free sausage sizzle.
For information to book visit:
Email: westgosfordao@bunnings.com.au OR check with a team member in store

**Central Coast Christmas Fair**

Sunday December 6 at Mt. Penang Gardens 9am—2pm with loads of parking & free entry. Live SEA FM Broadcast all day
Over 150 stalls with Food, interactive kids zone, live music & buskers; puppet show; arcade games, ponies, magician, Ronald McDonald House Pantomime, free face painting and lots more!