Principal’s News——Simone Champion

This is our last Newsletter for 2015. What a fantastic year it has been! Thank you everyone for your support this year, it has been a very productive year with many opportunities given to students. For returning families, I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Students in Years 1 – 6 will return on Thursday, 28 January. Kindergarten will be completing the Best Start Testing in the first three days and will begin school on Tuesday, 2 February.

Presentation Day and Thank You Morning Tea

Next Monday will be our Presentation Day and Thank You Morning Tea. We look forward to seeing you and your family members at this special occasion. We especially look forward to our Thank You Morning Tea and hosting all the wonderful people who have contributed their time and effort to our school in 2015.

School Uniform 2016

It is expected that all students are to wear correct school uniform in 2016. Shoes seem to be the main cause for concern. Please do not purchase fluorescent sneakers for students to be worn at school as this not part our school's uniform policy. In warmer weather, students should wear a light blue polo shirt with grey/check shorts. Girls also have the option of a check dress. For a more detailed explanation, please visit the website and click on the Notes tab to find the Uniform Policy.

School Plan

We have achieved many of our milestones in 2015 thanks to the efforts of our staff, students, families and community members. We are currently developing our Milestones for 2016 which is linked to our School Plan 2015 – 2017.

Rip it Up!

Deborah Bannerman, Kerri Jones and I all had training in the ‘Rip it Up!’ program last Tuesday. It will be very exciting to introduce this intervention reading program into our school in 2016 for students who need extra support in developing their reading skills. Amanda Tocci who developed this program came to CMPS personally to assist us in making sure we make this package a success next year.

Final Message

I would like to thank my outstanding staff for their dedication and commitment to our students. I also wish you and your family a very safe and enjoyable holiday break.
Please return all sold and unsold raffle tickets to the school office by 9am on Monday morning so we can be prepared for the draw to take place at the conclusion of the Awards presentation Day Assembly. Tickets are only $1 each or 3 for $2.

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

Students are invited to participate in a Talent Quest with judge Ms Champion on Wednesday 16 October from 9:30—11:00am.

Please find attached information about our student’s class requirements for 2016. As previously promoted in an earlier newsletter you now have the opportunity to purchase your child’s class requirement for 2016 through . We hope many families will support us in the fundraising event.

We still have a number of year 2 students who have NOT completed their OPAL Bus pass application for 2016. It is essential for all bus traveller in 2016 to have an OPAL Card as students will be required to tap on and off the bus on each journey. All students in Years 3—5 who currently hold a bus pass will automatically be issued with the new OPAL Cards. Only students entering Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 7 in 2016 need to apply. More information and application forms found on: www.transportnsw.info/schools-students.

It would be greatly appreciated if all outstanding accounts sent home last week be finalised by Wednesday 16 December. Please contact the school if this request is of a concern.


The Uniform Shop is open from 8:45am – 9:15am on the following days;

Thursday 28 January—Monday 1 February—Monday 15 February

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
In the Spotlight

Future dates for your calendar & Holiday Activities

**Term 4—2015**

- 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
- Uniform shop — 28th January
- Uniform shop —1st February
- Kindergarten start — 2 February
- Book Mobile - 3 February
- Uniform shop —15th February
- Uniform shop — 7th March
- Uniform shop — 21st March

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**Stories at the Gosford Regional Art presented by Gosford City Library**

Wednesday 6 January from 10:30—11:30am
Includes free craft activity. Ages 6—12 years.
Bookings essential: ☏ 4340 7011

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**December 2015—January 2016 Fun Holiday Activities**

**Office of Sport and Recreation**

Bookings and information:

☎ 4362 3184 or 13 13 02
www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au

Activities include: canoeing; kayaking, circus skills, gymnastics, sailing, surf life saving, paddle boarding, surfing, & tennis.

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**Kids in the Park**

Sydney Olympic Park provides the largest school holiday program for the summer holidays.
Over 60 fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors & entertained. Activities range from free to $25 making it affordable to discover an exciting holiday playground.

Full details: www.kidsinthepark.com.au

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**GO4FUN**

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above a healthy weight. The program consists of games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion size and much more. A FREE once a week program starting 27/1/16 to 8/4/16 at Gosford & Wyong Olympic Pools, peninsula Leisure Centre & Mingara.

Phone: 1800 780 900 OR www.go4fun.com.au
**Spencer Cup Riverside Markets**
Sunday 24 January 2016
Spencer Waterfront from 10am—3pm
Duck Races, Crab Races, Oyster & Spoon Race, Entertainment, Market Stalls, Local Artists & Craft; Plants, Fresh Produce, Local Seafood, Great Food, Chocolate Wheel, Local History and lots more!
Presented by: Spencer Community Progress Group Inc.
More information: moniquelisa@acemail.com.au

**CARES Bike Skills & Road Safety**
Presented by NSW Police for students Years 3 to 6 on Wednesday 20 January from 9am—2pm Cost: $4 per child payable on the day.
Bookings: 4362 8340

**Rock Pool Rambles Central Coast**
Come and explore the rock pools with OCCi’s expert guides and learn about the fascinating creatures who live there.
Bookings essential—Phone: 0450 990 995
Terrigal Haven: Friday 8 & 22 January from 1:30pm
Norah Head : Saturday 9 January from 2pm
Towoon Bay: Sunday 10 January at from 2:45pm & Sunday 24 January from 3:00pm
Umina Beach: Sunday 23 January from 2:15pm

**Sanitarium Weet-Bix**
**Kids TRYathlon**
Registration: Close 31 Jan 2016
7—15 yrs. inclusive
Cycle, Run & Swim
February 7 at James Browne Oval, Woy Woy
Volunteers Also Needed
Bookings: volunteer@x-tri.com.au

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**Christmas Lights in the Gardens**
Mt.Penang Gardens
18—22 December from 6:30—9:30pm
$15 per family (max 2 adults & 3 children under 18 years), $5 per person; children under 3 years free.
Buy your ticket at the gate or call 4340 1002 to purchase tickets in advance.

**Sanitarium Weet-Bix**
**KARIONG OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE & VACATION CARE**
Thursday 17 Dec 2015 to Friday 22 Jan 2016
Booking essential 4340 4595
Web: www.knc.net.au
At Kariong Neighbourhood Centre
Child Care Benefit & Child Care fee rebate available. A friendly, caring, safe and connected community.
Visit our NEW SENIORS room open with technological games and space for older children to hang out together!
Christmas Craft; Bricks for Kids—minions; Aboriginal culture & craft; jumping castle & Water sport day; movie day and much more.

**Strings & Children’s Music Program**
**Summer School**
Open to everyone
Suitable for beginners to advanced levels
Beginner violin class—learn to play in 4 days.
45 Mann Street, Gosford
Phone: 4324 7477
Email: admin@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au
Central Coast Conservatorium

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