Principals Message

Cross Country
The Small Schools Cross Country was a great success last week. We had fabulous weather and the modified track held up just enough to be able to get through all the races. Well done to all our students who participated in the races and a fantastic effort by Toby and Matthew on being Age Champions. We wish all our students good luck next week at the Zone Cross Country. Thank you also to all the parent helpers who assisted with the lunches. It ran very smoothly and the sausages in the rolls were delicious.

Mother's Day Stall
The stall was a great success last week. I hope all the mums out there had a lovely day and that you enjoyed the gifts given to you. Thank you, once again, to the great community support in running the stall. We had a large crowd of helpers which was fantastic!

NAPLAN
Well done to all the children who participated in the NAPLAN. I was really proud of all the students and how they were quite mature in their approach towards the tests. Thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Bannerman for organising the breakfast each morning for the children who completed the tests.

Walks Safely to School Day
This will be held on Friday, 22 May. We will use this day to practise our Evacuation Plan whereby we will walk up to the Golf Course Club House through the golf Course. There will be no need for a permission note as this was signed for at the beginning of the year.

Winter Approaching
As the weather is now becoming a bit cooler, students may like to start wearing their winter uniforms. Don’t forget to pack the jumpers in as well as the mornings are quite chilly.

Simone Champion
Principal
2015 Term Dates for Students

- Term 2: 21 April – 26 June
- Term 3: 14 July – 18 September
- Term 4: 06 October – 16 December

School Development Days for Staff

- Term 2: Monday 20 April
- Term 3: Monday 13 July
- Term 4: Taking place in Term 2

In the Spot Light

Uniform Shop

Open the first student day of each term then first and third Monday of each month at 8:45am – 9:15am

Term 2 dates are:
- May 18
- June 1
- June 15

Future dates for your calendar

Term 2

- P&C Meeting – June 1. Meetings are held in the Library from 3:15pm. All welcome to attend.
- BW Cross Country – 22 May
- Sydney North Cross Country – 11 June
- Term 2 sport program – Athletics Week 3 – 7: no cost involved.
- Wise About Waste Athon – June 10
- Reports home – 15 June
- CMPS Athletics – 18 June
- Year 6 Gala Sport Day @ KMHS – 26 June

Term 3

- National Tree Day – 24 July
- Education Week – 27 – 31 July
- Day of Excellence Performance @ KMHS – 29 July
- Small School Athletics Carnival @ Mingara – 31 July
- Choir Choral Festival Rehearsal – 14 August
- KMHS Science Day – 19 August
- BW Athletics Carnival @ Mingara – 21 August
- Science Day for Whole School: ‘Planet Dome’ @ Peats Ridge PS – 24 August
- Fruit & Vegetable Month – 24 August – 18 Sept.

Term 4

- Choir Choral Festival Rehearsal – 7 October
- Choral Concert (Day/Night performance) 20 – 22 October.
- Grandparents Day – 21 October
- National Bandana Day – 30 October
- Year 6 High School Orientation Day – 3 December

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Helpers are urgently needed to assist students in Years 2 – 6 during the middle session (12:10 – 1:40pm) for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Come along and experience our Kitchen Garden lessons on the following dates/times:

- Week 6 Wednesday 27 May
- Week 9 Wednesday 17 June

As some lessons depend on assistance from helpers, we therefore need advance notice of your availability. Please return the attached RSVP to Mrs Gallagher ASAP so final organisation can be completed.

Lost Property Box

The uniform lost property box (located in the school office) is currently overflowing with unlabelled jumpers and jackets.

Unless claimed by the end of next week these jumpers/jackets will be laundered and placed in the second hand uniform supply.

Please ensure you clearly label all your child’s belongings to ensure lost items are returned to the rightful owner.

Coming Events

Choir Rehearsal

Our first combined rehearsal for the 2015 Central Coast Choral Festival is on Monday 18 May at Valley View Public School. The rehearsal will be with children from the other schools in our concert, and will go from 9:30am until 2pm. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and will return by 2:30 in time for school buses home. Children will need to bring recess, lunch and water to drink and will need to wear full school uniform. The canteen will be open to students for drinks and snacks only.

Other rehearsals to come include:
- Monday July 20 – half day composers workshop with Ian Jefferson at Mingara
- Friday 14 August – all day rehearsal at Ourimbah Public School
- Wednesday 7 October – all day rehearsal at Wyong Public School

Mrs Rebecca Pugh - Choir teacher

PSSA Small Schools Soccer Day

Students from Central Mangrove Public School will be competing in the first round of the PSSA Small Schools Soccer. The game will be played against Wyong Creek on Monday 25 May at Bloodtree Oval. Kick off time will be between 10 and 10:30am followed by Somersby and Mt Keira PS at 11:30. Parental assistance with transport will be required. Please watch out for a permission note coming home shortly.
On Tuesday 19 May all Year 6 students will be participating in the Grip Leadership Conference at Central Coast Leagues Club, Gosford. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference concentrates on training all students to be leaders.

The topics and content of this conference focus on what the students can do right now. The conference will run the following five sessions throughout the day:

• Stand Up: Making the Most of Leadership Opportunities
• Pay It Forward
• Looking for Opportunities to Lead
• Developing Your Leadership
• PLAN Q&A with GRIP Leadership Team.

The goal of the conference is for student leaders to leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.

Ms Champion will be the accompanying teacher. Private transport will be provided by Ms Champion and other parents.

Students will need to be at school by 8:00 am ready to leave by 8:15 am. Students will return to school by 3 pm. BYO packed lunch/drinks/snacks and normal school uniform is to be worn Cost is $21 which is the subsidised amount.

Thank you to the P&C who have generously paid half of the total cost for each student.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au.

All complaints will be treated confidentially.

Junkyard Orchestra School Challenge

This year CMPS has joined the Junkyard Orchestra School Challenge.

This initiative begins with the creating of musical instruments using recycled or repurposed materials. Being involved requires no experience in music but involves the experiences of listening, singing, playing, moving and organising sound.

The last stage of this project will lead to the performance of the school’s final composition at Erina Fair.

Attached with this week’s newsletter is a photography waiver for this activity for your child/children.

Please complete form and return to the school ASAP.

Check out the YouTube footage of the World’s leading junkyard orchestra just to see that anything is possible: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiYFculkBjU

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Commonwealth School Banking is shooting for the stars.

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range.

Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland. Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit; www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

I am available to assist with the lessons of SAKGP:

Name: ______________________________________

Contact number: ______________________________

Please ✓ your preference of Wednesdays & area:
Times 12:10 – 1:40pm

Kitchen Garden

Week 6  27 May     Week 9  17 June

Credit Card PAYMENT OPTIONS

Student’s Name________________Class:_____

Payment for: ___________ Amount: _____

Visa □  MasterCard □ Expiry Date ……./ ……. 

Card No:________________________________

Cardholder’s Name:_______________________

Signed: _______________________ Date: ______

Office Use Only:
Authorisation number:
Receipt No.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION:

Child’s Name: .........................Class: .......... 

Date of Absence: ..............................

Reason for Absence: ........................

□ Sick
□ Medical Appointment
□ Family Reasons
□ Family Holidays
□ Other – please specify

Signature: ______________________ Date: ............

REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

I/We request:

☐ A Private Vehicle Subsidy Form
☐ An Uniform Order Form
☐ Bus Pass Application
☐ Pinted copy of school handbook
☐ Student banking application package
☐ Book Mobile Application Form
☐ Other:

Eldest Child’s Name & Class: ________________

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Mother’s Day Stall 2015