Principal’s News—Simone Champion

Parent Information Session
We had a great response for our Parent/Teacher Information Session this week. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and learn about the curriculum and school organisation for this year. Thank you to the teachers for planning the session especially for our parents. Parent feedback was very positive.

Welcome BBQ
Our Welcome BBQ following the Parent Session was enjoyable. It was truly lovely to see so many families staying after the session to continue to have a chat with the teachers. A really big thank you to Deb Bannerman and Lorraine Wright who both worked beyond the call of duty to supply the BBQ.

Payments
Thank you to those families who have paid part or in full for levies as per the statements sent home. Just a reminder to others to pay ASAP so we can cover the expenses and focus on the learning programs this term. It is also great seeing so many people accessing the online payment method.

Swimming Carnival
CMPS would like to wish all our students participating in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival next Tuesday good luck! We are sure we will hear of great things after the event.

School Planning
We are well underway in school planning for 2016. Teachers have been working on developing the milestones for this year which include quality learning experience for students, relevant professional development for staff and continuing to develop our CMPS Values and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden Program.

School Development Day
This Saturday, staff will participate in professional learning in lieu of the last Tuesday of school, 20th December. We will be learning about Personalised Learning Pathways for students, Peer Coaching for teachers and consistent teacher judgement for writing assessments.

Reminder
Please return updated Family Information Sheets to the school ASAP. We need to ensure we have current details for all families in case of emergency.

Simone Champion
Principal
### Coming Events

#### LMBR Launch—Wednesday 2 March

On Wednesday 2 March, Ms Champion and Mrs Wright will be attending the official Launch of the new Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program for schools. This is one of the largest public sector business reform initiatives in NSW. Once implemented LMBR will deliver benefits to both the school and the Department of Education as a whole.

The LMBR program will deliver a modern, integrated IT systems to better support the many aspects of teaching and learning in NSW Public Schools. The new systems will transform the way we work to provide flexibility, efficiency and sustainability across the Department. It is not just about technology, but about changing the way we work as a school and as a school community as a whole.

Both Ms Champion and Mrs Wright will be attending numerous training sessions over the coming weeks with the ‘going live’ date planned for May 16 May.

#### Clean up our School Day—Friday 4 March

Central Mangrove Public School will be taking part in the Clean Up Australia Day on Friday, March 4. On that day children will be able to wear ‘green mufti’ for a gold coin donation. It would be wonderful to see all our children participate in this event.

#### Road Awareness Program for Kids—RAPS

All students will be involved with the RAPS program on Monday 14 March. Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will actively participate in the activities while Years 5 & 6 students will act as leaders/helpers as required. The cost of the program is $10 per student as per statement of account sent home last week. Please forward payment by 10/03/16. The RAPS program is designed to complement established school Road Safety Programs.

The program promotes learning by practical experience. Reinforcements of road safety practice is provided by worksheets completed during the program and further worksheets to be either taken home or completed in class. Practical experience involves role play in a simulated traffic situation. RAPS for Kids is a mobile traffic course consisting of working Traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, ‘children crossing’ signs and flags and ‘lolly pop’ pedestrian signs.

The mobile unit also involves the use of mini cars to simulate ‘real’ traffic conditions for children. Each child will have the opportunity to participate as a pedestrian, traffic controller and as a driver. Classes will be divided into groups of four to facilitate rotation of roles. By actively participating in the RAPS program and with the promotion of the, STOP- LOOK- LISTEN and THINK emphasis, it is envisaged that these children will become safer pedestrians.

#### Second-hand Uniform Items

We currently have in the Uniform Shop a good supply of second-hand uniform items. Grab a bargain with all items only $1. Please ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name. This allows ‘lost’ items to be returned to their rightful owner. At the end of each term all unnamed lost property items are placed in the second-hand clothing pool if not claimed.

**VALUE**

‘Respect’— Recognising personal space

**WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE**

- Knowing when it is OK to touch someone
- Knowing that people are different and need space
- Knowing when to leave someone alone
In the Spotlight

Payment of Statement of Accounts

A statement of account for excursions, extra curricular activities and school levies was sent home with eldest children last week. Thank you to the families who have made payments for these costs. Please contact the school and discuss a payment option to suit your family budget if needed.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card (either in person and/or by mail or phone), or by using the school’s Parent on Line Payment system (POP) through our school web page:


Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Canberra Excursion

We have been notified by the organising school, Kulnura PS that the 2016 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion will be on 14—16 September at a cost of approximately $385 per student. This costing is based on 88 students and may vary depending on final numbers.

Students interested in participating are asked to pay a $40 deposit ASAP to secure their place on this excursion. Further information will be sent home as it becomes available.

P&C AGM—Monday 7 March

Parents, caregivers and interested community members are invited to attend the P&C Annual General Meeting on Monday 7 March at 3:15pm in the Library. At this meeting all positions, President, Secretary and Treasurer will be declared vacant. CMPS P&C Association plays an active role at Central Mangrove. As well as raising additional funds to assist with school activities, and organising both Kid’s Kitchen and Uniform Shop; the P&C can have a say in everything from traffic safety problems, bullying, enrolment issues, school transport, testing procedures, improved curricula, school funding, teacher performance, student support services, libraries & information technology, student counselling and wellbeing to mention just a few topics.

Your P&C association can assist in making a difference to how your child is educated and help them enjoy their time at school, resulting in better performance in and out of the classroom.

Our P&C can only function effectively if you (the parents) actively participate by attending your P&C meetings and support their activities.

Research has shown that students whose parents are involved in their school (via their P&Cs), perform better academically and socially.

You are eligible to be a member of your school P&C association, so please consider attending the next meeting on 7 March. Now is the time to actively get involved in your child’s education both at home and in the school.

Headphones

Headphones are an essential item needed for classroom use. Your child may bring their own headphones from home or purchase a pair from the office at a cost of $12. Please ensure if bringing a pair from home that they are clearly marked with your child’s name. Due to health safety reasons headphones are for individual use and can not be shared.

Library News

Next Gosford City Council Book Mobile visit is on:  Wednesday 2 March

Application forms for a Library Card are available from the school office
Community News

Term 1
- Friday 4 March — Clean Up Our School Day
- Monday 7 March — BWPSA Swimming Carnival
- Monday 14 March — RAPS Day
- Wednesday 16 March — Syd. Nth Swimming Carnival
- Monday 21 March — Harmony Day @ Kulnura PS
- Friday 25 March — Good Friday
- Monday 28 March — Public Holiday
- Friday 8 April — Small Schools Cross Country
- Holidays 11—24 April

Term 2
- Monday 25 April — Anzac Day: Public Holiday
- Tuesday 26 April — Staff Development Day
- Monday 9 May — Whole School Photo Day
- Tuesday 10—Thursday 12 May — NAPLAN
- Friday 20 May — Year 6 GRIP Conference
- Monday 13 June — Public Holiday
- Wednesday 29 June — Raw Art

Term 1 Week 4

CM1
- Gemma — Settling well into Kindergarten
- River — Always trying his best
- Ava — Being a positive and happy class member

CM2
- Mohammed — Always trying his best
- Emmiline — Caring for others

CM3
- Caitlin — An improved work ethic in all key learning areas.
- Jazmine — Persistence in Mathematics
- Mattius — Enthusiasm and hard work in Mathematics

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Term 1 Week 3

CM1
- Rhianna — Neat and tidy writing
- Jake — Neat and tidy writing

CM2
- Kieryn — Great effort in artwork
- Summerlilly — Participation in all classroom activities

CM3
- Nicholas — Beautiful book work
- Daniel — Great work in History

Reminders

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 15 February, 7 & 21 March from 8:45am – 9:15am. Order forms are available from the school office.

Central Echo contains, at times, paid advertisements. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any products or services by the School, the NSW DEC or NSW Government.

Mountain Before and After School Care
4376 1255
Onsite at Kulnura Public School
7am to 9am – just $7.50
or 3pm till 6pm — just $10
*price is per child and after Child Care Rebate
CMPS students can catch bus to and from the school to After School Care.

The Mountain Tuesday Social Tennis Group
All members of this Tennis Group would like to say how pleased we were to donate ($500) of our surplus funds to CMPS. As a mother whose children who attended CMPS many years ago and whose grandchildren now attend the school, it is a joy to see the same school spirit and dedication of staff and parents.
As a local ‘social’ group we welcome any new members (both male and female) interested in a game of tennis on Tuesday morning at Kulnura Courts from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Non-players are also welcome to come along and learn while having a great social morning.
Please contact: Glenys Palmer ☎ 4374 1441

TEACHERS'AWARDS

Term 1 Week 3

CM1
- Gemma — Settling well into Kindergarten
- River — Always trying his best
- Ava — Being a positive and happy class member

CM2
- Mohammed — Always trying his best
- Emmiline — Caring for others

CM3
- Caitlin — An improved work ethic in all key learning areas.
- Jazmine — Persistence in Mathematics
- Mattius — Enthusiasm and hard work in Mathematics

Parent Online Payment Link (POP)

http://www.centralmangrop.schools.nsw.edu.au
Clink on the ‘Make a Payment’ link.
Community Notices

Gosford Tigers
Home Ground Adcock Park, West Gosford
We Play Sunday Footy
Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-7 year olds)
Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, U15’s, U17’s
Youth Girls: U16’s
Special team for children with disabilities.
For further information please contact
Kelly Mott on 0425 267 665
Or head to play afl.com.au

Mountain District Football Club
Registration Fees for 2016
register online www.myfootballclub.com.au
Or contact Registrar Rachael Jackson
0421 342047 & email mdfc registrar@gmail.com
Age 5-9 ...................................... $130
Age 10–11 ................................. $140
Age 12-17 ................................. $150
Student 18 and above .............. $170
Seniors ...................................... $265
(Student must produce proof of student ID)
Family Discount
2 Family Members ................... $10 off
3 Family Members ................... $20 off
4 Family Members ................... $30 off
Bank Details
BSB – 062 544  ACC – 00908286  REF – Your Name

Shim Jang Taekwondo - Ourimbah Girl Guides hall
Wednesdays and Saturdays 4-5pm.
All ages welcome.
Your instructors name is Erin, mobile number is 0404381150
First lesson is free so please drop in to try- learn self-defence, gain confidence and have some fun.
You can also visit the website - www.shimjang.com

Darren Disney Dance
Mangrove Mountain
Professional Dance Training at its best!
Enrolling now
Phone: 4355 4190
www.dthree.rocks

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE
WITH
GOSFORD KARIONG STORM
UNDER 6’S - 17’S
FAMILY ORIENTATED. FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.
ENQUIRIES: Renee 0402190282 or Claire 0420424807
Registration Days: 13th February @ Wyoming Shopping Centre
& 20th February @ Amart Sports West Gosford
10am-2pm,
Or come to training Wednesdays & Fridays 5.30pm @ Narara Valley High School.
Fees: $130 includes insurance, shorts, socks, & club shirt
Family discounts & payment plans available.

StrikeLive for iOS.
Free download. Daily practice quizzes for Selective High School, Opportunity Class (OC) and NAPLAN with detailed answers, explanations and personalised statistics.
Uniform Shop

Open: First Day of TERM
and
First & Third MONDAY of MONTH
(in Student Term)

Time: 8:45-9:15am

Term One, 2016
Thurs 28th Jan
Mon 1st February
Mon 15th February
Mon 7th March
Mon 21st March

Term Two

First Day of Term
and
First & Third MONDAY of Month
(in Student Term)