Principal’s News—Simone Champion

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy 10, 11 and 12 May. Please add these dates to your diary. Children sitting NAPLAN will be offered breakfast each day of the tests.

Central Coast Family Support Services

Please find attached a letter from Gayle Symons who is a case worker for CCFSS. This service will be offered at Central Mangrove PS and will be completely confidential. It is a great service being offered for those in need of support at home.

LMBR Training

Lorraine Wright and I are currently in training for the new LMBR coming into schools on the 16 May. There will be many changes to our system at this time and we ask for your patience and assistance as the system changes over.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who will be participating in the Zone Swimming Carnival next Monday 7 March. We wish them all good luck!

Bullying and Friendships Programs

The school is looking at investing in some programs for our students with regards to bullying and friendships. There have been a few tricky situations of late. The school believes there is a need for some explicit teaching of strategies in dealing with these situations.

P & C AGM Meeting

The P & C AGM meeting will be on Monday, 7 March. All community members are welcome to come along to the school’s library at 3.15pm. We all need to work together to make our school flourish and we welcome all families to be involved in school life.

Simone Champion
Principal
On Wednesday 2 March, Ms Champion and Mrs Wright attended the official Launch of the new Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program for schools as part of the transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on 16 May 2016.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

**Direct deposits:** As of 10 May 2016, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made into our account after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student’s account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before 10 May 2016.

**Cash and cheque payments:** Between 11 May 2016 and 17 May 2016, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before 11 May 2016. From 17 May 2016, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

**Online payments:** As of 16 May 2016, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education’s Parent Online Payment (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled ‘$ Make a Payment’ will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school’s website at: http://www.centmangro-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

**Please note:** As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder and account details will be held securely helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any further questions, please contact the school on 02 43731156.

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**Road Awareness Program for Kids (RAPS) — 14 March**

All students are asked to wear their sports uniform to school on Monday 14 for our RAPS Day. 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 indicated on the recent statement of account. Please forward payment by 10 March. The RAPS program is designed to complement established school Road Safety Programs.

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**Bullying—NO Way Day! 18 March + Harmony Day 21 March**

On Friday 18 March CMPS will be participating in the 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. During the day children will be participating different activities to promote anti bullying strategies.

Harmony Day will be celebrated on Monday 21 March. For a gold coin donation, children will be able to wear orange mufti for the day.

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**VALUE**

‘Respect’— Using your best manners

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**WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE**

- Say thank you, please and excuse me
- Knock before entering a room
- Wait your turn to speak
- Speak politely to all and at all times
On April 6 four Stage 3 and Ms Bowman will be participating in the Take 3 for the Sea Green Sea Turtle Project at Umina Surf Life Saving Club. This project aims to educate and inspire students to take proactive measures to reduce litter and marine pollution and will incorporate a unique Aboriginal perspective.

During this exciting student-driven project, student leaders become your school's experts/advocates for marine creatures - in particular the Green Sea Turtle. This diverse program increases student's knowledge of beach litter, threats to marine creatures and human activities that will help protect these animals. Students then utilise this knowledge to create an education campaign aimed at raising awareness within the school or local community about marine debris issues.

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Zoo Snooze Overnight Excursion

This overnight excursion is being held from 24—25 May. Approximate cost is $150 per student. This estimated cost may change depending on numbers attending. Please forward a $40 deposit as soon as possible so we can confirm our attendance numbers. If you wish to discuss financial assistance available, please contact the school and make an appointment with Ms Champion.

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Canberra Three Day Excursion

If your child is attending this three day excursion in Term 3, please let the office know ASAP so final costing, planning and organisation can be completed. Approximate cost is $380 (this may change slightly depending on numbers). A $40 deposit will ensure your child reserves a place on this exciting and educational excursion.

Gosford Regional Show 30 April—1 May

Gosford Regional Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown either at home or school. This year there is also a baking section for children who love to cook. Other activities include: Art, Photography, Junior Show Girl and Young Fruit & Vegetable Judging with the winner proceeding to the Royal Easter Show in 2017. Entry forms are available [www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au](http://www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au) or phone 4332 4770.

Library News & Book Club

Next visit from Gosford City Council’s Book Mobile is Wednesday 16 March. Application forms for a Gosford City Library Card can be obtained from the school office.

Book club catalogues were sent home this week. Please return orders by 24 March 2016.

Volunteering at School

If you are volunteering to assist with school activities both in and out of the classroom/school you need to complete a Working with Children Check, A Volunteer Declaration and a Drivers Declaration (if offering to transport students to excursions).

The Working with Children Check requires 100 points of identification and a completion of either a declaration at the school office or online at: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au). If completing an online application (our preferred option) you need to take the printout to Service NSW to obtain a 5-year WWCC Card.

Reminders

Uniform Shop

Change of Date due to BWPSSA Swimming Carnival

The Uniform Shop will open next on: Monday 21 March from 8:45am – 9:15am.

Orders required prior to 21 March can be left at the school office and will be sent home ASAP. Order forms are available from the school office.

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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.

School Security Hotline
1300 880 021

Future dates for your calendar

Term 1
- Monday 7 March—BWPSSA Swimming Carnival
- Monday 14 March—RAPS Day
- Wednesday 16 March—Syd. Nth Swimming Carnival
- Friday 18 March—Bullying—No Way Day
- Monday 21 March—Harmony Day
- 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

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TEACHERS’ AWARDS
Term 1 Week 5

CM1
- Hayley Working hard in all lessons
- Ruby Excellent work in literacy groups
- Xavier Excellent reading with Mrs Pugh

CM2
- Axel Enthusiasm in everything he does
- Sienna Always trying her best

CM3
- John Improvement in persuasive writing
- Missy Hard work in maths
- Hugh Persistence and improvement in persuasive writing

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Term 1 Week 5

CM1
- Elise Excellent effort at independent writing
- William Excellent effort at independent writing

CM2
- Elias Enthusiasm for writing
- Koebe Great use of number lines

CM3
- Teagan Enthusiasm and participation in literacy
- Ajay A positive attitude to learning