The Grapevine

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Meet the Teacher Evening
Thank you to the many parents who attended our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening last Tuesday. Fostering of the home-school partnership is important for all children. We look forward to working together to achieve personal success for all our students.

P and C – all welcome
Please join us for our first P and C meeting of the year. Our meeting will take place in the Blue Room on Wednesday 20 February and will commence at 7.30pm. This is a great way to hear about all the wonderful opportunities our school has to offer.

School Uniform
Students dressed correctly in full school uniform exhibit a pride in themselves and their school.

I remind students and parents of the appropriate attire which needs to be worn to school each day. As a safety precaution, girls should only be wearing sleepers or small studs in gold or silver in their ears; hair should be secured in green, black or white clips, headbands or elastics only and black school shoes need to offer support for growing feet. Tiaras; necklaces; bright, fluffy headbands; necklaces and bracelets; different coloured items of clothing and nail polish do not form a part of our school uniform.

School hats also need to be worn correctly. Students have the option of the legionnaires hat or the broad brimmed hat. Teachers are closely monitoring students who do not wear their hat correctly. Students are not permitted to tuck up the flap of the legionnaires hat or fold in the brim on the broad brimmed hat. Students who do not have a school hat need to sit quietly in the designated areas during play time. For skin protection, students without school hats cannot be in any other part of the open playground.

I thank all parents for their support in ensuring all students are correctly dressed in the Allambie Heights Public School uniform each day.

Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners (PBEL)
Congratulations to all students who are working so diligently in classrooms to receive ‘Allambie Arrows’ and Bronze Awards. Once a student has 10 ‘Allambie Arrows’, they hand them to their classroom teacher for trading to a Bronze Award. Trading for Silver and Gold Awards and School Medals is completed in the office. Awards handed in by the Wednesday of our assembly week will be presented at our fortnightly assembly.

Our chart details how the previous system is incorporated into the new system. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s class teacher.

It is important all students place their ‘Allambie Arrows’ and their awards in a safe place as they will not be replaced if they lose them.
On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Jody Green for the fantastic job she has done in designing all our new awards and values/expectations posters. We are very fortunate to have such talent in our community.

**Parent volunteers in our school**

As detailed in The Grapevine last week and during ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening, the NSW Department of Education has brought in strict child protection guidelines for volunteers in schools. All parent and community volunteers must complete: ‘A Prohibited Declaration Form’ and ‘A Working with Children Identity Check Form’ (100 point check). If you wish to work in the school as a volunteer (canteen, band program, classroom helper, reading helpers etc) you must complete these 2 forms. The link below can be used to download the identity check form.


‘A Prohibited Declaration Form’ and explanations will be given out at ‘Meet the Teacher’ tonight. Examples of suitable identification are: Birth Certificates and current passports (70 points), driver photo licence (40 points), Medicare cards, current rates notice, lease/rent agreement, water, telephone and gas bills (25 points). I know these procedures are very time consuming but it is important to follow these guidelines put in place to keep our children safe. Once you have completed the ‘A Prohibited Declaration Form’, please bring this form to the office with your items for the 100 point check.

As a safety precaution when volunteering in the school, all volunteers must sign in and out at the front office. When signing in, please collect and wear a ‘volunteers’ badge and return your badge when signing out. In the case of an emergency, it is essential we know who is in the school grounds at all times.

Thank you to all parents who have already provided this documentation to the school. Your support is greatly appreciated by our school community.

**‘Triple P’ parenting course**

Centacare will be running a Triple P parenting course in our school grounds in March. The course will run from 7.00pm – 9.00pm for three consecutive Thursday nights, commencing 7 March 2013. Further information is attached to The Grapevine email or at the school office.

Angela Helsloot, Principal

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**CALENDAR**

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DANCE NEWS
Congratulations to all the dancers who were successful in the auditions for our two dance groups. There were 41 junior and 51 senior students trying out for the 48 places available altogether. Rehearsals have begun so it is important that all children attend all rehearsals. If your child is not available to attend both weeks in the last two weeks of term 2 please inform me immediately. Dance permission slips need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. The Eisteddfod group note is also needed immediately so we can finalise the places.

Kay Dewey, Dance co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!
The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5.00 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking co-ordinators, Mel Erskine 0416 203 872 or Sarah Nesci 0411 309 850.

If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, Nicole from CBA will be coming to the school for opening of New Youthsaver accounts. Dates will be advised soon.

WHOOPING COUGH
A note was sent home yesterday informing parents that two of our students have been diagnosed with whooping cough. Please be aware of your family’s health as this illness is very contagious. For further information visit http://www0.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Our school has a fantastic website which is updated weekly. Class newsletters can be found on the school website at www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au On the left hand side of the page scroll down to the bottom “Class Newsletters”.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have changed your contact details over the Christmas holiday period please advise the office so records can be updated. In particular, it is very important we have current mobile telephone numbers to contact you in an emergency.

HUSKI TRIATHLON
On the weekend some Allambie School families went down to Jervis Bay for the Huski Triathlon. For many it was a first and the kids competed in various age groups over distances up to 150m swim, 4km bike and 2km run. They all tried their best and we were all proud of the wonderful smiling faces that greeted us at the finish line. The kids also enjoyed cheering on all the parents!! A great time was had by all and they are looking forward to the next one. The families that attended were: Bennet, Montague-Jones, Nievergelt, Wakes-Miller, Bowen, Laughton, Lachele, Pamp, Price and Hutt.

LOST PROPERTY
To minimise the amount of lost property in the school it would be greatly appreciated if all items of clothing, lunch boxes and drinks bottles could be clearly named. If found, such items can then easily be returned to the student via the classroom. Items of lost property which are not named are kept in the office for a period of time. If they are not claimed by the end of the term they are donated to charity. There are some unnamed items of lost property left at the swimming carnival. These items can be collected from the office.
**BAND NEWS**

**Band Camp**
The 2013 Band Camp will be held on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March. Returned notes and full payment are due back to the school office by this **Friday 22 February**. If you wish to pay by credit card, a form can be collected from the school office.

**Rehearsals**

Training Band:  Rehearsals continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the remainder of the year, unless advised otherwise.

Concert Band:  Rehearsals are on Monday and Wednesday mornings, unless advised otherwise.

**Parent Roster and Working with Children Check**
Band parent volunteers are required to complete the "Prohibited Declaration Form" and "Working with Children Identity check". Further information can be found on page 2 of this week’s newsletter.

**Band Fees**
Band invoices will be emailed in due course.

**SKATE & SCOOT NIGHT FOR KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2**
The night will be held on Friday 15 March 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The cost is $10.00 per child and tickets will be on sale from 5:00pm (beside the basketball court entrance). The $10.00 cost covers the cost of Skater HQ/Manly Blades who run the night. Skater HQ, MC and supervise the event, they supply staff, provide music, display new equipment and even teach the kids some new tricks. You can chose to use the equipment they bring which includes scooters, roller blades, helmets, and arm/knee pads or bring your own (you can still try out some new equipment on the night). A sausage sizzle and drink deal for $4.00 will be available to purchase on the night. Lemonade icy poles and glow sticks are also available, at a cost of $1.00. Any profit made on the night is returned to the P&C for use by the school community.

**Just a reminder:**
- Safety equipment is compulsory
- Event will be postponed if raining
- It is Department of Education & Communities policy that alcohol cannot be on school grounds during a school organised event
- This is not a drop off event, so bring along a picnic blanket and enjoy the night
SNACK SHACK NEWS

Messages
Please remind your child:

- Cash service strictly from the second bell.
- If your child has try outs or rehearsals they will need to purchase their treat at Recess or Lunch the following day.
- Lunches are delivered to your child in their class box.
- Your child must come to the Snack Shack to collect their recess order.

Frozen Items
Some frozen items your child can purchase over the counter at recess and lunch:

- Juicies (100ml) – 0.50c. “The Naturally Sweet Frozen Treat” – no added sugar or colours, no artificial flavours or preservatives. Easier to munch through. Sold at both recess and lunch. Assorted flavours.
- Berri Frozen Fruit Cup (110ml) – 0.50c. “No Added Sugar” – available in Orange or Apple. Frozen solid so can take a bit of time for littlies to get through. For this reason, sold at lunch only.
- Lemonade Icy Pops (lemonade ice blocks) and Bulla Ice Cream Cups – both $1.00 and available at recess and lunch.
- Watermelon Pieces Frozen on a Stick and Mini Frozen Pineapple Juice Cups – both 0.20c.

Over the Counter Special this week
Jelly & Fruit Cups – 0.50c (jelly in a cup topped with a spoonful of fresh fruit salad). A yummy, healthy, fun snack option.

Thank You
Thank you to the committee Karen B and Petra M who have spent hours of their own time researching, purchasing and arranging to have the new domestic oven installed in the Snack Shack. Your time is greatly appreciated and the new oven will make a positive difference to my working day.

Snack Shack Roster
Please see the attached note listing dates for the rest of the term and first 2 weeks of Term 2 for which we are looking for volunteers and contact Lisa directly on 0409 994 809 / ahpscanteen@gmail.com.

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**THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT**
Will be held Wednesday 13 March at 6:00pm

**THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL GATS (GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT) TEST**
The Test will be held on Saturday 16 March from 9:00am to 11:30am in the school hall. Students wishing to be placed in our Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2014 must sit for this test. The cost of the test is $20.00 payable on the day. If you would like your child to sit for this test please ring The Forest High School on 9451 5111 and register your child’s details. Please register before Friday 8 March.

**NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS 2013**
- **Balgowlah Boys Campus:** Open Day Tuesday 26 February 9:30am-11:30am  
  Enquiries 9949 4200
- **Mackellar Girls Campus:** Open Day Tuesday 26 February 9:30am-11:30am  
  Enquiries 9949 2083
- **Manly Selective Campus:** Open Day Thursday 28 February 9:30pm-11:00am  
  Enquiries 9905 3982
- **Cromer Campus:** Open Day Tuesday 5 March 3:00pm-5:00pm  
  Enquiries 9905 2634

**MOSMAN HIGH SCHOOL**
Open Night being held on Thursday 7 March from 5:00pm—8:00pm. Displays and student performances, information on special programs, sausage sizzle and drinks provided.

**ALLAMBIE NETBALL CLUB**
Players wanted: 2 x 10 years (born 2003) and 2 x 12 years (born 2001)
Please contact Veronica on 0419 264 938 or email allambie.netball@people.net.au for further information. www.allambie.netball.asn.au

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES**
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Contact Sylvia Kelly, Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs, Phone: 1300 884 733, Email: info@wep.org.au or web: www.wep.org.au

**ALLAMBIE RUGBY**
Registration for U6-U8 age groups for Allambie Rugby is still open. Go to www.allambierugby.com and download the form. Email completed forms to info@allambierugby.com and we will email you the EFT details. Training starts on Friday 1 March at 4:00pm for U6 and 5:00pm for U8 on Allambie Oval. Any kids wanting to come to training and have a go to see if they like rugby are very welcome to do so.