PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome back to a busy and exciting term at Allambie Heights Public School. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period, made even better by the beautiful weather we experienced for most of the two weeks. This term is very busy and I remind families to please keep up to date with school events by regularly checking our yearly calendar on the school website. Our online calendar is updated weekly and is the best way for parents and carers to keep an eye out for upcoming events. The school calendar can be accessed at http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar.

A special welcome to the families who started at our school at the beginning of term 4. Thank you to the students and families who have been so welcoming to our new families. The Allambie community spirit is one that is unique and highly valued by our extended Allambie community.

School Uniform
Students dressed correctly in full school uniform exhibit a pride in themselves and their school. I thank all parents for their support in ensuring all students are correctly dressed in the Allambie Heights Public School uniform each day.

I have included a detailed list of the summer school uniform as outlined by the P and C. It is expected that all students are now wearing their full summer uniform to school. Please check the list below and ensure your child correctly wears their school uniform to school each day. Staff are closely monitoring the wearing of correct school uniform and students not wearing the correct uniform will be spoken to by staff.

For the safety of all students, in addition to the uniform requirements below, earrings worn by students need to be silver or gold sleepers or studs and necklaces, anklets and bracelets should not be worn at any time. These items of jewellery can be very easily caught in a game and cause serious injury to both the student wearing the item or the student caught in the item.

Girls may wear bottle green bike pants under their tunic and sports uniform. Bike pants are not to be worn on their own. Hair should be secured in green, white or black bands only.

We thank you for your co-operation in ensuring all Allambie Heights Public School students are proudly dressed in their full summer school or sports uniform every day.

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Absent days
Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. International research demonstrates a strong correlation between student learning, attendance at school and improved life outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options.

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Communities benefit from students who regularly attend school and are achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community wellbeing, and a sense of connectedness for all.

Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children. School staff monitor part or whole day absences as a part of their duty of care. The term "parent" or "parents" includes any person or persons having the custody or care of a child.

When a child is late for school or early to leave school, a note must be obtained from the school office to explain the partial absence. Parents need to accompany their child to the office for all partial absences.

For full day absences, parents are required to provide a written explanation of their child’s absence on their return to school. This note must detail the reason for the absence.

If leave of more than 5 school days is required, a written notification to the school office is essential prior to the leave starting. Leave of more than 5 school days is eligible for an Exemption from School Certificate. The issuing of this certificate can take time so as much notice as possible is greatly appreciated.

Collection of Nationally Consistent Data on Students with Disability
Allambie Heights Public School is currently participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on students in our school with a disability. The 2013 survey has been implemented following our involvement and evaluation of the 2012 trial which was co-ordinated by Price Waterhouse Coopers. Today all families have received an information sheet and a permission note for exclusion in the survey. If you would not like your child’s data included in the 2013 survey, please complete the information note issued to all families today and return it to the school office. If you would like to know more information about the survey, please come and see me.

Achieving academic excellence
Results for our participants in the ICAS Mathematics test will be distributed this week. Congratulations to all participants for achieving such great results. The following students were awarded high distinctions—Samuel C, Luke L and Andrew D. The following students were awarded distinctions—Michal B, Eva B, Luca V-B, Freya G, Thomas L and Isabel P. Congratulations to these students.

Providing opportunities for all
Congratulations to Jasi C, Isaac M, Tamsyn C, Nikki H and Misha M for their outstanding efforts at the Area Athletics Carnival held at Homebush on Monday 9 September 2013. Jasi came 5th in the Senior High Jump and Isaac was a strong competitor in the final of the 800m. I’m sure you join me in congratulating these students on their outstanding representative achievements!

Your community school
Planning for 2014 is well underway. My thanks to the families who have already notified the school of any changes to their enrolment at our school. As we work through different class structures, it is very important we know how many students we will have in all grades for 2014. As these decisions are made with the needs of all students the priority, it is important we have plans in place which will assist with a smooth transition to 2014 classes for all students, parents and staff. If you know that your family will not be at Allambie Heights Public School in 2014, we ask that you please let us know as soon as possible.

Angela Helsloot
Principal
**CALENDAR**

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**COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

The Allambie Heights Public School Community Business Directory can be located on our school website. Please use the links in the directory to view the businesses. For more information on how to advertise in the Community Business Directory please email allambieht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please use the following link to view the Community Business Directory:

**OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our school website is kept up to date and current with information about what is happening at school. The photo gallery page, which can be found on the home page of the website, displays photos of activities, events and excursions which have taken place at school.

- The calendar page has all dates of activities and excursions listed for the year.
  Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

**CHICKENPOX**

There has been a mild case of chickenpox reported in kindergarten. Chickenpox is a virus which usually causes a mild illness in children but can be severe for adults. Infection in pregnancy can cause foetal malformations, skin scarring and other problems in the baby. A vaccine is recommended for all infants and non-immune adults.

**Symptoms:** These don’t appear until approximately two weeks after exposure to the virus, and range from sudden onset of a slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash which appears over a three or four day period beginning as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.

The virus is spread early in the illness by coughing and then later by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters. Chickenpox infection triggers an immune response and people rarely get chickenpox twice. It can reappear later in life as Shingles.

**Absence from School:** The virus is contagious for 5 days or more after the rash appears. Children should not attend school or socialise during this time.

Further information can be obtained on-line at www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/chickenpox.html
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN WANTING TO JOIN THE BAND IN 2014?
The Allambie Heights Public School Band program is open to students in year 3—year 6. There will be an information night on Tuesday 26 November 2013 in the music room at 6.30pm. If your child is interested please put this date in your diary. In the meantime, if you would like some general information on the band program, the 2012 band handbook is on the school's website.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
AdvancedLife Photography will be taking our school photos on Tuesday 29 October 2013 and Tuesday 12 November 2013. Individual student order forms have been sent home this week. Sibling (family) photos will be taken during lunchtime on Tuesday 29 October and order envelopes are available at the school office. Order forms, together with payment, are to be returned to school by Wednesday 23 October 2013. Full school uniform to be worn on photo day.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Operation Christmas Child is a unique project which brings hope and joy to children in desperate situations. Gift-filled shoe boxes are donated by you and given to needy children in over 100 countries. Since 1990, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God’s love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. The national collection month is October. Boxes and brochures with further information are available for collection from the school office. Online donations can also be made at this link: www.samaritanspurse.org.au/occ

TRASH AND TREASURE
As you may know the year 6 Village Fair is coming up and our Trash and Treasure stall needs your donations. So clear out your cupboards look under your bed and find toys, books, soft toys and collection figures that are still in good condition. Please donate your toys to our stall by handing them to Mr Aikin in 6A’s classroom.

PSSA REPORT
Softball A
We played Frenchs Forest and it was a slow game but a great experience for everyone learning the rules and having fun. We are looking forward to some possible faster matches in term 4. Final score was Frenchs Forest 5 to Allambie 2. Player of the match was Daniel S. By Isaac M

T-Ball B
We played Frenchs Forest and did not have a very good game. Jess T was the player of the match.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR OPEN DAY
Congratulations to girls in year 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via your school. Invitations to the AGC Open Day are in the office and we hope that you will be able to join us! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day on Sunday 27 October which will give girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. Phone 9922 6722 for more information or visit www.aspagroup.com.au

THE VILLAGE FAIR
The year 6 Village Fair will be held on Thursday 7 November 2013 in the north playground at 11:35am. Everything is 50c, $1.00 or $2.00. Buy your coupons before the day. A brochure, map and coupon order form have been sent home this week.
**KEEP SAVING TO WIN MORE DOLLARMITES’ TREASURE!**

The Dollarmites have found treasure washed ashore on Savings Adventure Island and want to share it with you. They are giving away 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB and 100 x Kid’s Adventure DVD Packs including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 and HOP.

For your chance to win, simply make two or more school banking deposits from 21 October 2013 to 30 November 2013 and you will automatically be entered into the competition.


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**THANK YOU**

Dear members of the P&C and members of AHPS school community

Thank you for my beautiful retirement gift. This special artwork (in purples and greens) takes pride of place in my family room where it is a constant reminder of my time at Allambie Heights Public School. In my 24 years at AHPS I always marvelled at the sense of community that existed with the changing parent and student population. The faces changed but the sense of purpose, support between teachers, parents and the local community did not. I believe AHPS has this unique quality and I will miss the friendships with many of the families that I have made after teaching successive family members. Thank you again,

Mareena Jesson
TERM 3 HONOUR ASSEMBLY CREATIVE ARTS AWARD WINNERS

**KC**  
Allister B for effort in Drama  
Kate G for achievement in Visual Arts  

**KK**  
Annabel R for effort in Visual Arts  
Nia P for achievement in Visual Arts  

**KL**  
Mimi C for effort in Music  
Tyrone H for effort in Visual Arts  

**KM**  
Ruby R for achievement in Dance  
Jade P for achievement in Visual Arts  

**1C**  
Amelia G for achievement in Visual Arts  
Alice C for effort in Music  

**1K**  
Eleanor T for effort in Dance  
Tara H for achievement in Visual Arts  

**1M**  
Emily D for achievement in Visual Arts  
Eloise P for effort in Dance  

**1/2R**  
Lucy J for achievement in Music  
Sophie D for effort in Visual Arts  

**2F**  
Cooper C for effort in Dance  
Grace B for achievement in Visual Arts  

**2P**  
Hannah M for effort in Music  
Tessa B for achievement in Visual Arts  

**3M**  
Stella B for achievement in Visual Arts  
Nathan T for effort in Dance  

**3P**  
Bob P for achievement in Visual Arts  
Taylah O for achievement in Music  

**3/4H**  
Tayah G for achievement in Visual Arts  
Mia B for effort in Music  

**4D**  
Nathan C for effort in Dance  
Lara H for achievement in Visual Arts  

**4P**  
Barney W for achievement in Visual Arts  
Meagan T for achievement in Visual Arts  

**5C**  
Caitlin P for achievement in Dance  
Davin K for achievement in Music  

**5S**  
Sophie M for effort in Drama  
Imogen T for achievement in Visual Arts  

**6A**  
Maya P for achievement in Dance  
Jay A for achievement in Visual Arts  

**6B**  
Jasmine C for achievement in Dance  
Jasmine C for achievement in Visual Arts  

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**P & C News**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Welcome back to all for term 4 and the final run home to the end of the year. The next P&C meeting is next Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 7:30pm in the Library. I look forward to seeing you there. This is the last meeting prior to our AGM in November and it is timely to consider how you might be able to contribute in 2014. All positions will be vacated, and anyone (except if your youngest child is going in to year 6) can put their hand up for a position. As you will be aware, Karen Blakeney and myself are not standing next year. As a result the positions of President and Vice President are vacant. Please consider putting your hand up for these roles in order to contribute to our school community. Please contact me on 0411 331 449 or camphysio@optusnet.com.au for more information.  

Matt Cameron, P&C President

**ALLAMBIE PARENT CHOIR**

The Allambie Parent Choir is reforming for this year for the Carols at Allambie which will be held on Sunday 8 December 2013. The Choir has performed at the Carols for the last two years. Please contact Helen Eavis on 0419 437 577 if you would like to be a member of the Choir this year—the more the merrier.  

Helen Eavis

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB**

Bookclub brochures have been sent home with all students this week. This is the last chance to purchase from Bookclub this year and with only ten weeks until Christmas, provides the perfect opportunity to get a head start on the Christmas shopping. There are six different brochures filled with books, games and activities suitable for all ages, from toddler to early teens. Extra copies of all brochures are available from the office.

If you would like your purchase to remain a surprise, please clearly mark your order “To collect from the office”. Don’t forget your phone number so we can call you when your order is ready for collection.

Remember every order you place with Bookclub provides us with valuable rewards that are used for the benefit of all students at our school. Already this year, your orders have enabled us to purchase many books for the Library and the classrooms.

To order, please place completed order forms in an envelope with payment (cash, cheque or online or phone credit card receipt number) and hand to the office. Due date for all orders is Monday 21 October 2013. Any queries please call Jo on 0431 894 314.

The Bookclub Team
SNACK SHACK NEWS

- Order and delivery of supplies were slightly affected by the public holiday last week and defrost of freezers prior to the holidays. Most items are back in stock this week, with the exception of juices, as our supplier has been out of stock.
- We had some changes to our scheduled roster early this term due to overseas holidays and work commitments. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help.
- Please note changes to our menu for the summer months are as follows: Thursday daily special will change from nachos to fried rice, effective this week. $5.00 summer wrap packs (wrap and drink of choice, mini muffin) will return as the Tuesday special, replacing chicken burgers. The Tuesday change will take place over the next fortnight as Flexischools change the item. Please remember that Tuesday orders are on-line only.

Roster

Volunteers are required for the following days. Please contact Lisa, after hours appreciated, on 0409 994 809 or email ahpscanteen@gmail.com.

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Lisa Burnette, Canteen Co-ordinator
PARENTING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS
Parenting programs for child and adolescent parenting are being offered during term 4. The courses are Tuning in to Kids Course, Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course, Communicating with Kids Course, Tuning in to Teens Course, Toddlers Workshops, Resilient Kids Workshop and Dealing with Teens’ Backchat Workshop. Please phone 9887 5830 for more information.

COLLAROY TURTLES WATER SAFETY SWIM PROGRAM
Registration day will be held on Sunday 24 November 2013 at the rockpool from 8:00am to 9:30am. Cost for the program is $25.00. The program will commence on Sunday 1 December 2013 at 8:00am. Registration forms can be found on our website at http://www.waterskillsforlife.org.au/index.php/news/33-2013-2014-registration-collaroy-turtles

ARE YOU CYBER SAVVY?
A cyber safety presentation will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at The Forest High School from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Free but bookings essential on nikki.welch@warringah.nsw.gov.au or for more information call 9942 2681.