Principal’s Message

Quality teachers making a difference

Congratulations to all 479 students who performed in our whole school production of ‘Seussical Junior – The Musical’. I’m sure all who attended the evening and senior citizen performances were amazed at the talent of so many of our students. To produce a whole school musical is a mammoth task and I sincerely thank all students and staff for the exceptional effort and enthusiasm which went into ensuring our 2013 production was a huge success.

I would also like to extend thanks to Beacon Hill Primary School and Neutral Bay Public School for supporting our musical. BHPS supplied the cordless microphones and the spotlights for each performance and many of the props were borrowed from NPBS. The support of our neighbouring schools in assisting with these resources is greatly appreciated.

Craig Mitchell and Susan Barrett will both be taking full time leave in 2014. Susan will continue experiencing teaching in various parts of the world, while Craig will enjoy some time at home with his two young children. We look forward to welcoming them back to our teaching staff in 2015. As our school continues to grow, we welcome Sarah Woods to our teaching team for 2014. Sarah comes to us from Neutral Bay Public School and is very excited to be a part of the Allambie Heights PS community.

Congratulations to Robyn and Jon Reinhardt who have announced the news that they will welcome their second child in early June. I’m sure you join me in congratulating Robyn, Jon and their daughter, Emma, on this great news.

Achieving academic excellence

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Providing opportunities for all

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School Captains

Tamsyn Curley

Bianca Beck

Jade Ruskin

Sam Tobin

Ethan Williams

Josh Lachele

Tara Donaldson

Oliver Parratt

Chantelle Cunningham

Davin Kelly

School Vice Captains

Rosewall

Maddy Steward

Alisha Vagner

Isabella Keech

Ella Sheard

Annabel Hutt

Paris Johnston

Grace Cummins

Katie Cochrane

Lucas McDonald

Jacob Evans

Charlie Nesici

Kaye Erskine

Bishoy Ibrahim

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Your community school

School resumes on Tuesday 28 January 2014 for staff, Wednesday 29 January 2014 for students in year 1 - year 6 and Thursday 30 January 2014 for Kindergarten students.

On Wednesday 29 January 2014 students should put their bags outside their 2013 classroom from 8.40am and play in the morning playground area until the bell rings at 9.10am. At 9.10am staff will meet the students at their 2013 classroom. Please arrange with your child where you will meet them in the afternoon until you know which classroom they will be in.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all families the very best for a Merry Christmas and a relaxing, peaceful and safe new year. Our best wishes go with our Year 6 class of 2013 as they transition to high school in 2014... enjoy this new and exciting journey!

Angela Helsloot
Principal

CALENDAR

Week 10
- Wednesday 11 December: Scripture Christmas Celebration and thank you morning tea
- Thursday 12 December: Year 6 Dinner Dance

Week 11
- Monday 16 December: Talent Showcase
- Wednesday 18 December: End of Year Picnic Day & Movies K-6

Last day of school

2014
- Tuesday 28 January: Staff return to school
- Wednesday 29 January: Students year 1 to year 6 return to school
- Thursday 30 January: Kindergarten students commence school

SIBLING PHOTOS

If you ordered sibling photos please come to the office to collect them.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Allambie Heights Public School Community Business Directory is located on our school website. Please use the links in the directory to view the businesses listed. 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 for 2014 has all dates of activities and excursions listed for the year. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar
- Eagle Tag photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/eagle-tag
- Seussical Jr the Musical photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/seussical-jr-the-musical
UNIFORM SHOP
The last day to purchase from the Uniform Shop will be Thursday 12 December 2013. We will open in the new year on Tuesday 28 January 2014 from 9:30am to 10:30am which is the day staff return to school. Due to work commitments we are unable to open on Wednesday 29 January, the day that year 1 to year 6 students return. We will then open as usual from Thursday 30 January 2014 from 2:30pm to 3.30pm.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA
Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 11:00am in the Staff Room
Our school is holding a special thank you morning tea to show how much we appreciate your help. If you have been a helper with reading, Canteen, Spring Fun Fair, excursions, Uniform Shop, P&C, working bees or any other capacity at our school, please come along and enjoy our thank you morning tea.

Mrs Callintzis on behalf of Kindergarten staff

SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Scripture Christmas assemblies will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2013. The Kindergarten to year 2 assembly will be held at 11:30am and the year 3 to year 6 assembly will be held at 12:20pm. All parents and friends are invited as well as other scripture groups and non-scripture groups if they would like to attend. A number of children will be participating in the celebrations this year and it is a great way to prepare for Christmas.

TIME OF GIVING
Christmas is the time of giving. If you need to make room for new toys at home we are happy to accept your pre-loved good quality child friendly toys. Kindergarten classrooms would like to replenish their activity corners with items such as Lego, Duplo, Mobilo, doll’s houses, sturdy small cars and complete board games. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated and any donations will be gladly received.

Mrs Callintzis on behalf of Kindergarten staff

Library News

Please encourage your children to keep reading during the holidays. The Warringah Library service offers some great summer reading programs and activities to keep the kids busy.

Overdue notes are being sent home, so could you please double check to see if you still have these books.

Please contact us if you have any concerns about overdue books.

We have had a wonderful year in the library in 2013.

Have a safe holiday!

Catherine Lindsay and Sue Greenfield
Teacher Librarians

SAFETY AT THE OVAL CAR PARK
To ensure the safety of all pedestrians, a reminder that cars parking in the oval car park need to park safely in the marked parking bays. Cars have been pulling into the entry of the car park to drop children off and reversing out back onto Allambie Road. This is unsafe and we have had two near misses with pedestrians in the last week. We thank you for your co-operation in being safe and responsible car park users.
Eagle Tag
Seussical Jr
# AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 8 & 10 ASSEMBLIES

## BRONZE AWARDS

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## SCHOOL MEDAL

Jack D

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From the students and staff of Allambie Heights Public School we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Good luck to Year 6 as they head off to high school.
**Important dates for 2014**
Could all band parents, including 2014 training band, please put this date in your diary: Band Camp for all band students will be held Friday 28 March, Saturday 29 March and Sunday 30 March 2014.

**Congratulations to Band award winners for 2013**
A huge congratulations to Rory W who was the winner of the "2013 most outstanding contribution to the AHPS Band program" award. Rory is not only a talented musician but is always enthusiastic, helpful and an inspiration to the younger members of the band program. Well done Rory! The concert band award was won by Zoe L for her dedication and improvement throughout the year and the training band award went to Riley D for his commitment and willingness to practice and learn.

**Training band for 2014**
We are very excited about the response to next year's training band. Could all students please return their form indicating whether they intend to hire or purchase their instrument for 2014. This assists the band committee with instrument allocation for 2014. Should your child not have participated in the instrument test but is interested in joining the band, please email us on ahpsband@gmail.com and we will arrange an instrument test early in 2014.

**Last rehearsals for the year - this week**
Concert band tomorrow Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 8:15am
Training band Thursday 12 December 2013 at 8:15am

**Last band morning for 2013 - return of instruments**
All hired instruments need to be returned for servicing and storage on the above dates. Please make sure you take out any of your own personal items from the instrument cases (eg neck straps, oil, reeds). Also, we would appreciate it if you could place a note in the case if there is anything in particular that needs looking at with your instrument eg sticky keys.

**Last band morning - bring a plate**
The last rehearsal is party morning for band students. Could students bring something suitable for breakfast such as mini muffins, fruit, fruit juice, mini croissants, cut up scrolls, etc.

**Band program for 2014**
There are some exciting changes to the 2014 AHPS band program.
Due to the popularity of the AHPS band program and the corresponding increased student numbers, we are now able to offer 3 bands in the AHPS band program. The bands will be: training band, concert band and performance band. Fortunately Ms Wells will be able to conduct all 3 bands.

**Rehearsal times for 2014**
Training band: Tuesday and Thursday mornings — no change
Concert band: Monday afternoon after school in the hall from 3:20pm to 4:20pm and Wednesday morning
Performance band: Monday morning and Thursday afternoon in the hall from 3:20pm to 4:20pm

We appreciate that families are very busy after school and that these times will not suit everybody. However, we do hope you are able to make suitable arrangements to ensure your child is able to continue their musical journey.

**2013 - band wrap up**
The AHPS band has had an extremely successful year under the wonderful direction of Ms Wells and with the support of the band committee. The bands received outstanding results at the Yamaha Festival with both the training band and the concert band being awarded Gold status. The bands also performed at school assemblies, the school concert, the Spring Fun Fair, NSSWE performances and the annual bands in concert. Each student has improved their individual musicianship skills and they have also worked really well together as a team. The school community is very proud of the band program and each student should equally be proud of their achievements.

We wish all departing year 6 band students success in high school. I would like to personally thank Ms Wells for her excellent teaching skills. Not only is she a talented conductor but also has the ability to impart the love of music to the children. I would also like to thank the wonderful band committee and office staff for their assistance throughout the year.

We wish all band families a relaxing and safe Christmas break and we look forward to doing it all again in 2014.

*Deanne Hutt, Band Committee President*
SNACK SHACK NEWS

Snack Shack Service Dates

- The last day of service this term is Friday 13 December 2013.
- The first day of lunch ordering service in term 1 2014 is Monday 2 February 2014.
- There will be counter service at recess and lunch on Wednesday 29 January to Friday 31 January 2014 inclusive.

Thank You & Farewell

- Many thanks to all the Snack Shack volunteers who have given their time this year. It has been a great year and we could not run the Snack Shack without your support. I very much look forward to working with you again next year.
- Thanks and best wishes to the wonderful year 6 helpers, who helped out when we were low on volunteers. I wish you all the very best for the next new and exciting time in your school years.
- A special thanks to Mel E, Learne F, Jakki T and Jessi R who have covered for me this fortnight so that I can attend ceremonies with my children. I know that you are all busy too and I appreciate the kindness.
- There are several volunteers leaving the school this year as their children move on to high school, or they are moving from the area or returning to full time work. Many thanks for your support of canteen and best wishes for the future.
- Big thanks to my previous committee members – Karen B, Petra M & Dee M-J. We would not be where we are today without your dedication and the many hours you have given. On behalf of the school community and personally from myself, thank you.
- It would be remiss of me not to make mention the local businesses who support the Canteen, enabling us to keep our prices reasonable. Thank you to Brays IGA, Bakers Delight and Stan at the Allambie Heights Fruit Market.
- I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new committee with whom I am very much looking forward to working with – in fact we have started already! Welcome Jakki T, Jessi R and Victoria S.
- I look forward to seeing you all again in term 1 and meeting our new kindergarten families. My very best wishes for safe, happy and relaxing holidays.

Snack Shack Roster

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are available to help in 2014, please email Lisa at ahpscanteen@gmail.com

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ALLAMBIE NETBALL CLUB – REGISTRATION DAYS
Registration will be held on Saturday 1 February 2014 and Saturday 8 February 2014 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Allambie Heights School Community Hall. Fees: 8-10yrs $155; 11-17yrs Juniors $170; Seniors $195; new bodysuit uniform - $100. For further information and registration forms: www.allambiencc.nsw.netball.com.au or email allambie.netball@people.net.au

BALGOWLAH BUNNINGS BBQ
A BBQ fundraiser will be held this Saturday 14 December 2013 at Balgowlah Bunnings. Team Cliffy which consists of Nyree Osborn, Lisa Burnett, Lisa Matthews and Julie Morris are raising funds for the 50km Coasteck Walk which will be held on Friday 28 February 2014. We are walking to raise funds to support the work of the Fred Hollows Foundation who restore sight to people who are needlessly blind. All funds raised will go towards this amazing cause to end avoidable blindness. So come and grab a few sausage sandwiches and say hello to us at the BBQ.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS AND ACTIVITY CAMP
Allambie Heights Community Tennis Centre
Roosevelt Avenue, Allambie: behind the school
For information and bookings contact
Suzy Ellis on 0417 381 138 or phone/fax: 9999 4475 or email suzysellis@bigpond.com
5 day camp: Monday 13 January to Friday 17 January 2014
Be quick and book early!