PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Achieving academic excellence
During week 9, all staff across the school were involved in planning days at school. During each session, staff worked collaboratively to develop the teaching and learning programs for term 4. These planning sessions are made possible thanks to the flexibility of our support and extra curricular teachers. All students should look forward to another term of challenging, engaging and connected learning in term 4.

On Friday, NAPLAN data for 2013 was released to all schools. Congratulations to all year 3 and year 5 students for some outstanding results. I look forward to working with all staff early in term 4 as we evaluate this data and use it as a tool to help direct our school strategic directions for 2014.

For parents, there has been a hold up in the distribution of student reports. The following statement was issued by ACARA to explain this issue:

“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.”

On Wednesday 11 September 2013, Andrew D, Rory W and Gina S represented our school at the regional Spelling Bee finals at Frenchs Forest PS. Our three representatives should be extremely proud of their efforts and were great ambassadors for our school. In each final, there were representatives from 22 local public schools. To make the regional finals is a huge achievement. Special congratulations to Gina S for making the top 15 in the senior final.

Results for our participants in the ICAS English test were distributed last week. Congratulations to all participants for achieving such great results. The following students were awarded distinctions: Eva B, Luke L, Andrew D, Lucas S, Luke S, Imogen T and Laura S. Congratulations to these students.

On Friday, I look forward to celebrating student achievement at our Honour Assembly with our community. Congratulations to all students who will receive awards recognising achievement or effort in Creative Arts and age champion medals for swimming and athletics. All members of our community are invited to join us for this special assembly, commencing at 2.00pm in our school hall.

Providing opportunities for all
Congratulations to Tyler K for achieving such outstanding results at the Australian Swimming Championships in Adelaide last week. These championships are a culmination of school/zone/area/state/national competitions and include students from public and private schools. For Tyler, being a member of the NSW team was exciting as most finals saw NSW and QLD go head-to-head, so team spirit was very strong. Tyler rose to the occasion by clocking a personal best time in every event in which he competed. Congratulations for achieving such outstanding results:

- Boys 10 year old 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay 1st place and new Australian Record (2.02.99)
- Boys 10 year old 50m Freestyle 4th place
- Boys 10 year old 50m Backstroke 4th place
- Boys 10 year old 100m Freestyle 5th place
- Boys 10 year old 4 x 50m Medley Relay 5th place

This week, Emma B is touring the North Coast of NSW with the Northern Sydney Regional Band. We wish Emma all the best with this very exciting opportunity.

Congratulations to Zoe L and Maya P who have been chosen as a part of the Sydney North Dance Ensemble to be a part of the 2013 School Spectacular. We wish both girls all the best with their commitment and dedication to this highly sought after opportunity.
As we reflect on term 3, I would like to thank all the AHPS staff for the amazing opportunities they provide for all students in our school. Organising incursions and excursions, in addition to excellent teaching and learning programs, requires dedication, commitment and a love of our school and our students. From Zoo Snooze and zoo trips to Musica Viva, Science Week, Tournament of Minds, Raw Art, Athletics carnivals, Book Week/Education Week, Lunch with the Stars and Opera House Choir rehearsals, all students in our school have had the opportunity to be immersed in lessons outside the classroom. I’m sure you join me in thanking all staff for providing such outstanding opportunities to our students.

Your community school
Congratulations to everyone involved in the Spring Fun Fair on Sunday 8 September 2013. With sunny weather on our side (and clouds that stayed away!), the oval was a hive of activity and fun. In chatting to many people throughout the day, everyone was very impressed with the quality of the stalls, the prizes on offer and the positive vibe of ‘community’, which was clearly on show for everyone to enjoy.
I would personally like to thank all parents and friends who donated prizes, sold raffle tickets, helped out behind the scenes, worked during the day and those who are still working to wrap up the fair. Without this support, the Spring Fun Fair could not have been the huge success it was.
There are many people who have been planning and organising the fair for many, many months. A special thank you to the fair committee for their dedication and enthusiasm to bringing us this wonderful fundraising event.
On behalf of our school community, I say ‘thank you’ to everyone involved and look forward to a fair wrap up at the P and C meeting on the Wednesday 18 September 2013.

2014 Planning
As a school, we have started planning for 2014. Over the coming weeks staff will be looking at class structures and formations based on our anticipated enrolments. As the school continues to grow 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.

As term 3 concludes on Friday 20 September 2013, I wish all our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Spring break. I look forward to seeing all students back at school in their full Summer school uniform on Tuesday 8 October 2013.

Angela Helsloot, Principal

CALENDAR

Term 3
Week 10  Wednesday 18 September  P&C Meeting 7:30pm Library
          Friday 20 September  Honour Assembly 2:00pm
          Last day of term 3

Term 4
Week 1   Tuesday 8 October  Students and staff return to school
Week 3   Tuesday 22 October  Opera House Choir performance
          Wednesday 23 October  P&C meeting—Library 7:30pm
Week 4   Monday 28 October  CARES—year 5
          Tuesday 29 October  School photos day 1
          Friday 1 November  Kindergarten 2014 Transition Program 1
Week 5   Monday 4 November  CARES—year 5
          Wednesday 6 November  Kindergarten 2014 Transition Program 2
          Thursday 7 November  Village Fair
Week 6   Monday 11 November  Kindergarten 2014 Transition Program 3
          Tuesday 12 November  School photos day 2
          Friday 15 November  Allambie bands in concert 7:00pm-9:00pm
SCHOOL BANKING
Dollarmites money boxes will no longer be available in 2014. We understand that there may be students saving their tokens to redeem them for money boxes. So we wanted to give you as much notice as possible to let your children know that if they want to collect a moneybox they will need to do it this year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Nesci or Mel Erskine.

SRC WORLD VISION
On Tuesday 15 October 2013 the SRC will be holding a fundraiser for World Vision. Money raised will be used to continue the sponsorship of two children, Magdalena and Lanhna through World Vision. We will be dressing up in purple and orange and bring a gold coin donation. Purple is Magdalena’s favourite colour and orange stands for Harmony. That is why we are dressing up in these colours.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property in the office. These items have no name or we can not decipher the name. These items will be available for collection on the seat outside the administration building tomorrow afternoon after school. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so that we can return them to your child if they end up in lost property.

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.

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
- Year 4 Zoo Snooze photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/year-4-zoo-snooze
- Musica Viva photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/musica-viva1
- Spring Fun Fair photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/spring-fun-fair1
- Year 5 & 6 Zoo Visit photos have been uploaded to the Gallery Page of the website. Click on this link: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/year-5-6-zoo-visit1
On 3 September 2013 I had the pleasure of taking eight year 6 children and eight teddy bears to “Lunch with the Stars” at St Patricks College in Manly. This is an event put on by the Children’s Book Council of Australia to inspire young writers and illustrators. We were joined at our table by author Toni Brisland who has just released her book ‘What now baby Bear’. The keynote speaker was Gabriel Lord, the author of the Conspiracy 365 series. The children had the opportunity to meet 22 other authors/illustrators and had lots of fun gathering all their autographs.

Mrs Catherine Lindsay, Teacher Librarian
AWARD RECIPIENTS TERM 3 WEEK 8

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<td>The summer PSSA season has just begun. Good luck to all eagle tag, softball, t-ball and cricket teams!</td>
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Spring Fun Fair
Year 4 Zoo Snooze
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Our Spring Fun Fair was held last weekend and was an enormous success. Plenty of fun was had by all and it was great to see the Allambie Heights community getting together to put on a great day for everyone.

On behalf of the P&C committee, I would like to thank the members of the Fun Fair committee and all parents & school staff that contributed to the day in any way. All the hard work has been worth it. All who attended had a great day and we have been able to raise funds to support our kids and our school. We will have a final wash-up later in the year.

On election day immediately prior to the Spring Fun Fair, a number of parents manned a BBQ in order to feed hungry voters and to raise funds for the school. A big thank you to Jason Stephens & Ezra Lawrence for organising the event, and thanks to all who filled the roster.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 18 September 2013 at 7.30pm in the School Library. There are a couple of items to discuss including matters relating to the school uniform, so please feel to drop by even for a short time.

Matt Cameron, President

SNACK SHACK NEWS
- Friday Dads’ Day BBQ $5.00 Meal Deal – Sausage in a roll, choice of drink and lollypop. Please remember cut off strictly: Wednesday 9:30am – on-line orders preferred and appreciated.
- Congratulations to Sarah McK who is our volunteer of the month. Please pop by the Snack Shack to collect a small token of our appreciation.

Snack Shack Roster, Term 3
There are a number of gaps for which we are looking for volunteers early next term. If you can assist for the day or for a half day please call or text Lisa so that we can firm up the roster before we break this week.

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Lisa: 0409 994 809 / ahpscanteen@gmail.com
BAND NEWS

Concert Band to perform at Honour Assembly this Friday - 20th September 2013

The concert band will be performing at the Honour Assembly this Friday. Please remember to bring your instruments on that day. Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly starts at 2:00pm.

Spring Fun Fair

Congratulations to both bands on their wonderful performances at the Spring Fun Fair. It certainly started the fair off on the right note!! Thank you also to those parents who helped transport equipment to and from the stage.

Upcoming Events

- Allambie Bands in concert: Friday 15 November 2013 from 7.15pm
- Waterworks excursion: Thursday 21 November 2013 (school hours)
- Information night for 2014 program: Tuesday 26 November 2013 from 6.30pm

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will open Tuesday 8 October 2013 from 9.30am to 10.30am and then every Thursday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We are running very low on some sizes of the girls summer dresses. This is due to high demands on manufactures as well as the manufactures rejecting the material sent to them. If you have any reasonable second hand dresses in size 8 and above please bring them to the Uniform Shop so that we can pass them on to other families.

KIDS SPRING HOLIDAY SINGING PROGRAM

This four day program will cover rock and soul classics, including hits by famous artists. The program will be held Tuesday from 24 September 2013 to Friday 27 September 2013 inclusive. Call 9976 5552 or email info@vac.com.au to make a booking or inquiry.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

A mature age local lady and previous Primary School teacher is available to care for your children before school.

- From 7:00am, then delivered to Allambie Heights Public School
- Breakfast included
- Drop off at local home on Allambie Road
- Extensive experience in child education and care
- References available
- Please phone Anna on 0407 100 170

COOL N CRAZY CUPCAKE WORKSHOPS

Children learn tips and techniques as they make and decorate cupcakes, cookies and cake pops under the guidance of expert bakers and decorators. School holiday fun for kids aged 5-13 years who love to have fun and be creative. Limited places so book early. Click on this: http://www.cupcakeworkshops.eventbrite.com.au/

AUSTCYCLE

Skills, Confidence, Safety

Get riding these holidays! There are 2 courses being offered in the Narrabeen area these school holidays which will be delivered from 1 October 2013 to 3 October 2013. For more information email info@austcycle.com.au or phone 9939 5842.