Thank you to the many parents who attended our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening last Tuesday and then our P and C meeting last Wednesday evening. 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 during 2014.

Quality teachers making a difference

School development day – change of date

Our school is one of eleven local primary schools who have combined to form the Warringah Community of Schools. This learning community will see us work closely with Frenchs Forest PS, Beacon Hill PS, Mimosa PS, Wakehurst PS, Terrey Hills PS, Kambora PS, Belrose PS, Arranounbai SSP, Killarney Heights PS and Forestville PS as we develop all aspects of our schools to improve student learning and outcomes. Our first major professional learning event is a full day school development day for staff from nine of the eleven schools. This **school development day** will be held on **Friday 11 April 2014** (last day of term 1). During this student free day, all staff will be exploring the new Mathematics syllabus, the quality teaching framework when planning and implementing mathematics lessons, enriching mathematics lessons through higher order problem solving tasks and incorporating mobile technology (such as iPads) to engage all learners in mathematics. We look forward to working with colleagues from our local schools as we prepare for implementation of our new Mathematics syllabus from the beginning of 2015. Please note: This school development day replaces the scheduled school development day for Monday 28 April 2014.

Your community school

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.

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**Girls may wear bottle green bike pants under their tunic and sport uniform. Bike pants are not to be worn on their own.**
I thank all parents for their support in ensuring all students are correctly dressed in the Allambie Heights Public School uniform each day.

My thanks to our uniform shop committee – Julie Morris, Nyree Osborn and Karen Frost. These ladies have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks as many families purchase new uniforms for their children. Due to supplier issues, many popular items have run out of stock very quickly. I thank all parents for their patience as our uniform shop awaits the arrival of all ordered stock. If you have any issues as you wait for new uniforms, please contact the office as we have spare emergency supplies that may assist waiting families.

**Parent volunteers in our school**

As detailed during ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has strict child protection guidelines for volunteers in schools. All parent and community volunteers must complete: a ‘Working with Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors’ 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, available from the school office.

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 ‘Working with Children Check – Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors’, 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.

This is for new volunteers in 2014 only. Parent helpers who completed this paperwork in 2013 do not need to complete this paperwork again. Thank you to all new parents who have already provided this documentation to the school. Your support is greatly appreciated by our school community.

_Angela Helsloot_  
Principal

**CALENDAR**

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Click on this link for more calendar days on our website: [http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar](http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar)
CHOIR NEWS
In 2014 there will be three choirs at school. A General Choir will be formed for term 2 and term 3 for any interested student in year 3 to year 6. Rehearsals for General Choir will be held during Interest Groups time.

Our school will again be participating in the Festival of Choral Music, held at the Sydney Opera House. Students who wish to take part in this auditioned choir will need to be able to commit to the weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at lunchtime. Auditions are open to students from year 4 to year 6 and will be held at lunch time on Thursday 20 February in the music room.

The third choir will be a vocal ensemble, a smaller group of keen singers who are interested in singing songs of a higher standard and singing some more serious vocal works. Auditions for Vocal Ensemble will be held in the music room at lunchtime on Friday 21 February and rehearsals will be each Friday lunchtime.

Kristen Wells, Music Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to our year 6 Library Monitors for 2014 – Caitlin P, Laura G, Byron M, Alisha V, Giovanna L, Chloe G and Hope F. You will see these enthusiastic and capable students when you visit the Library at lunchtime. They are committed to all aspects of school life and with their friendly, helpful dispositions they will be a great asset to all who come to the Library.

Elleni Christie, Teacher Librarian

PSSA SPORT REPORTS
T-Ball A Team
The team played really well this week. Sophie D was the player of the match with great throwing, catching and batting. I have decided to give player of the match to Sophie because she played really well. By Isabelle F

T-Ball B Team
The player of the match was Tia-Drew because she was really supportive and co-operated with the team. Overall the team had a fantastic day. By Megan T

THANK YOU
On behalf of our school community we extend a big thank you to Col Beaven of Allambie Tree Service who kindly removed a number of tree stumps from the playground at no cost to the school. We thank Col for this generous contribution to our school.
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:

SCHOOL WEBSITE
- The Canteen Menu has been uploaded to the school website. Click on the following link:

CLASS PARENTS
Thanks to everyone who has nominated to be a class parent. We are still looking for someone to be class parent for KM and 3P. If you would like to be the class parent for these classes or have any questions about the role please email Julie Morris at juliette.ross@hotmail.com

KINDERGARTEN PARENT HELPERS SESSION
On Thursday 27 February 2014 Kindergarten teachers will be conducting a short presentation for parents interested in assisting with literacy groups and/or reading in a Kindergarten classroom. This session will begin at 8:30am in the Literacy Centre (the area beside the Uniform Shop). We request all parents who have volunteered with literacy groups to attend this session.

STEWART HOUSE COLLECTION
Stewart House bags have been sent home today. Now is a good time to have a clear out, at home, of unwanted clothing in reasonable condition that can be donated to the Stewart House Collection. Please return your bags to the office no later than Friday 28 February 2014.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
We will be having a clean up in the school grounds and on the oval on Sunday 2 March 2014 from 10:00am onwards. Many hands make light work so the more helpers the better. Please bring some gloves with you. Buckets and bags will be provided. A BBQ for our helpers on the day will be held after the clean up. There will also be prizes for the most rubbish collected.

Fiona Verity

P and C Welcome BBQ
Friday 21 February 2014 from 5:00pm
Our annual welcome BBQ will be held this Friday commencing at 5.00pm. This social occasion is run by the P and C.
Please join us as we welcome all our families to the 2014 school year.
For catering purposes, please RSVP to Kelly Barr-Jones kelly@rapidplans.com.au no later than Thursday 20 February 2014.
We look forward to seeing you all there!
DEC guidelines state that alcohol can not be consumed at a school event when children are present. Alcohol is not permitted at this event.
**SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER**

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Allambie Heights Public School.

**STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!**

Complete three deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x 3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

Great things happen when you save!
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Last Wednesday night we had our first school Parents & Citizens Association meeting in the Library. We welcomed all attendees, both returning parents and those who were involved for the first time. We introduced the Principal and the new Executive Committee and then got down to business.

Items raised were broad ranging, from procedural matters (as we agreed to conclude business at the meetings by 9.30pm sharp) to encouraging reports about our school community life together.

We heard about a number of administrative roll-over challenges presented to the local school at the end of 2013, required to meet Departmental compliance requirements. It became clear that some the staff had worked long shifts to make this happen. The P and C wanted to express our gratitude to both teaching and admin staff for the hard work that they do to keep the school running smoothly. We especially noted the hard work under taken by Chris Follett and her staff team. We also expressed our thanks to Ellen Douch, who has now retired from her role as Booking Officer at the Community Centre, and wish her well.

We noted the structural improvements that have been made to the central reservation in the primary playground. The P and C wanted to express our appreciation to John Stirling and Mike Amour, our maintenance men, for their work in caring for and developing the school site.

The P and C were alerted to the financial needs of two school families who were struggling to meet their financial commitments to the school. We decided to meet the current non-voluntary school needs for both families and agreed to continue to warmly receive and suitably assess requests on behalf of families in financial hardship at the monthly meetings.

Every P and C meeting, we hear a report from each sub-committee to update us on progress. These reports are a source of both information and encouragement. The P and C agreed to regularly update school families through the Grapevine on these reports. This week, Steph and Kirsty, our Treasurers, have given us an update on our how our financial contributions and fundraising have been apportioned during 2013 and outline plans for 2014. Our thanks to Steph and Kirsty for their careful and responsible financial management.

Warm regards
Robin Kinstead, President

TREASURER’S REPORT
Last year was a big year for the P&C with school fundraising from 2012 – 2013 able to provide $30,000 for learning support, $12,300 technology support for Wi-Fi for classrooms (Blocks A,B,C and L) as well as $35,000 to establish the BOOST Discovery Trail. The P&C was also able to financially support the dance group and gardening club, bought a new instrument for the band, contributed to the year 6 ‘Young Leaders’ Leadership Day and funded morning teas for new kindergarten parents as well as cover our usual student insurance and operating costs.

In 2013 the Spring Fun Fair was the main fundraiser (over $37,000) followed by our first Dance-a-thon which raised $8,300. The chocolate drive contributed $5,900 and other events (discos, Outdoor Movie Night, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, BBQs, Parents’ Night and Christmas cards) added a further $8,300 to the total. Special mention also goes to the Uniform Shop, which contributed over $10,000.

This year we do not have as many commitments, with only $15,000 required for learning support because we have extra staff available in the school and $7,300 needed to complete Wi-Fi (D and Admin blocks). We have been able to complete the BOOST Discovery Trail with a $24,000 community grant and a final $3,300 from the P&C.

Our approach to fundraising has changed this year; we are open to new events and ideas. At this stage there are no fixed events apart from the discos each term.

If you are interested in fundraising, please come along to the next P&C meeting or get in touch with your stage fundraising contact:

| Stage 1 (year 1 and year 2) | Ezra Lawrence | qalqin@gmail.com |
| Stage 2 (year 3 and year 4) | Stephanie Barker | stephrbarker@hotmail.com |
| Stage 3 (year 5 and year 6) | Kim Kelso-Ferrier | kim@inps.com.au |

Stephanie B and Kirsty M, Treasurers
The Canteen Menu has been uploaded to the school website. Click on the following link:

Roster—Term 1

- Thanks to all those that have volunteered at the Snack Shack.
- We require two volunteers each day to maintain full service.
- We are still looking for volunteers for the following days:

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<td>one volunteer from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on 26 March.</td>
<td>one volunteer on 27 February (would suit K-2 parent as the Swimming Carnival is being held this day) and two volunteers on 10 April.</td>
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Lisa Burnette, Snack Shack Co-ordinator, 0409 994 809 / ahpscanteen@gmail.com

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<td>Veronica C</td>
<td>Traci H</td>
<td>Justine W from 10:00am</td>
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<td>Michelle C</td>
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<td>Jo U – tbc</td>
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<td>Kelly BJ 10:30am – 2:00pm</td>
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BAND NEWS

We hope all band students have settled back into the school year and are enjoying their rehearsals and tutorial sessions.

Rehearsal Adjustments

A reminder that *training band* will rehearse this Thursday am 20 February. Due to the Swimming Carnival there will be no rehearsals for *training band* or *performance band* next Thursday 27 February.

Band Camp - Friday 28 March 2014 to Sunday 30 March 2014

Band camp permission notes were handed out to all band students last week. The notes were also emailed. If you did not receive a copy please collect one from the office. These notes need to be returned to the office by Friday 28 February. The non-refundable deposit is due by Friday 28 February with full payment due by Wednesday 12 March. The preferred method of payment is direct debit (bank details can be found on the permission note). The parent roster will be emailed once all forms have been returned. More information, including a site map and medical form, will be sent home to parents closer to the event.

**Music stands.** We ask that as many families as possible supply a collapsible music stand for use at the band camp. These stands are needed for the tutorial sessions (the school stands are transported to the camp but are used in the auditorium for the rehearsal sessions). It is recommended that all band students have a music stand at home for their practice sessions.

**Invoices**

Band fee/instrument hire invoices will be emailed in April 2014.

**Band Handbook**

The 2014 band handbook can be found on the school website on the P&C page under band. This handbook should be referred to if you have any general queries in relation to the band program.

**Important dates for the year**

**Band camp weekend:** Friday 28 March 2014 to Sunday 30 March 2014.

**Yamaha festival:** Friday 13 to Tuesday 17 June 2014 and Friday 20 to Sunday 22 June 2014 at the Chatswood Concourse Theatre. (This is the only competition that the School participates in so please put this time period in your diary. There will only be one performance per band but we don't know these dates yet. We will let you know as soon as we find out).

*Deanne Hutt, Band Co-ordinator*
THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL
GATS (General Achievement) TEST
Saturday 15 March 2014

The Forest High School will be running their GATS Test on Saturday 15 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 2015 must first sit for this test. The Year 7 G&T class for Year 7 2015 will be determined after close examination of the test results and the students’ NAPLAN results from Year 5.

The cost of the test is $20.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring a 2B or B pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:

- Part 1 – Mathematics - 40 multiple-choice questions.
- Part 2 – Reading and language – 40 multiple-choice questions
- Part 3 – One writing task

Students are requested to arrive at The Forest High School by 8:45am for a 9:00am start. They are also requested to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test.

If you would like your child to sit for this test please ring The Forest High School on 9451 5111 and register your name, your child’s name, address and phone number. Please register before Friday 7 March.
MOBILE BLOOD SERVICE
The service will be visiting Warringah Mall Shopping Centre on:
Friday 28 February 9:00am to 2:50pm
Saturday 1 March 9:00am to 2:50pm
Call 13 95 96 or visit donatedblood.com.au

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
My name is Erin Hayes and I am an ex-Allambie Heights student who graduated in 2005. My 5 siblings also attended Allambie Heights over the past 23 consecutive years. I am participating in the Leukaemia Foundation, World’s Greatest Shave on 15 March 2014 and I will be shaving all my hair off. If you would like to support me I would be most grateful. Click on this link for further information:  http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/erinhayes

ALLAMBIE RUGBY CLUB
We are still taking late registrations for the Under 6 and Under 7 age groups. Registration is $70.00 and includes everything except boots. Please visit www.allambierugby.com or call Wayne Reeve on 0438 777 544 for further information. Training starts Friday 7 March at 4:00pm.

GIRLS NIGHT IN – SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2014
ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY HALL
A great opportunity to frock up and get your new class mum’s or a bunch of gal pals together. Two school mums will share stories of their cancer diagnosis, so show your support for the Cancer Council, more importantly women’s cancers, and have an enjoyable night out as well. Themed “Ladettes to Ladies” you will get some hot tips from a stylist, sample some tasty treats from a Top 10 Master Chef AND be able to let loose on the dance floor to some rocking tunes by DJ Andy! Great prizes available through Silent Auction and raffles, and the first 100 Ladies through the door will get a GNI Goodie Bag.
Tickets $50 per person available online now at www.allambiegni.org. For more info call School Mum’s, Larissa Laughton 0400 119 338 or Nanette Bowen 0419 225 228.

MILDREN EVENTS

ENTRIES ARE OPEN – GET IN QUICKLY!!

Go-Tri / Go- Aqua / Go-Duathlon
7 - 15yr olds

TRIATHLON
Manly Dam
16 February, 2 March, 30 March

AQUATHON
Manly Dam
16 February, 2 March, 30 March

DUATHLON
H.A.R.T Training St Ives
11 May, 15 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 Sept, 12 October