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 caretakers to keep an eye out for upcoming events. The school calendar can be accessed at [http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar](http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar).

**Quality teachers making a difference**

**Special interest groups**

Our school was a very busy place on Friday afternoon as our 521 students made their way across the school to their first special interest group for Semester 1. With 24 groups working concurrently across the school each odd week Friday afternoon, it was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of students and staff alike. From all reports, our first Friday afternoon session was a great success and I know all staff involved, including myself, look forward to the creative, inspiring and talented work our students will work towards over the coming sessions. Congratulations to all students for being so settled as they moved quickly and quietly to and from their groups.

**Teacher professional learning**

School development days are used by schools to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and the school administrative support staff. School development days improve learning outcomes of students by enabling whole school planning and enhancing teacher quality, school leadership and management practices, as well as allowing staff the opportunity to implement legislative and policy requirements.

As a staff we have discussed moving the school development day on Friday 19 December 2014 to Saturday 15 November 2014. After an exhausting term and end of year, the feeling of staff is that moving the day to earlier in the term will be much more productive. If the change is made, staff will spend the day focusing on consistent teacher judgement in assessment and reporting. Should you have any question or queries in regards to this proposed change, please let me know as soon as possible.

**Providing opportunities for all**

**State swimming carnival**

Our school community congratulates Tyler K who participated in the State swimming carnival at the end of term 1. Tyler achieved outstanding results in this competition against competitors from over 2000 schools across the state. With these wonderful results, Tyler is off to the Nationals in September to represent NSW. This carnival will be held in Melbourne. Tyler’s outstanding results include:

- 3rd – all age 4 x 50m freestyle relay
- 4th – 11 years boys 50m freestyle
- 5th – senior boys 200m individual medley
- 5th – 11 years boys 50m backstroke
- 7th – 11 years boys 50m breaststroke

In gaining selection to the state team, Tyler needs to raise funds to cover the cost of this privilege. To support Tyler, raffle tickets are for sale in the office. Tickets are $2.00 each and include some amazing prizes. Please see the ladies in the front office and show the Allambie spirit in supporting Tyler make it to Melbourne.

**Zone cross country**

To our school cross country representatives, we wish you the best of luck as you compete in the Warringah Zone Cross Country Carnival today at Lionel Watts Oval, Belrose. We look forward to celebrating your success on your return to school.

**Your community school**

**Term accounts**

Term accounts will be mailed to all families this week. Appearing on the term 2 account are expenses incurred by parents in relation to educational programs such as excursions, incursions and sports costs. Parents are billed at the beginning of each school term, rather than being asked to send small amounts to school throughout the term.
Prompt payment of these accounts is vital as the school is required to pay for such costs. Failure to settle term accounts is a great financial drain on the school budget, ultimately resulting in reduced resources for all students. My thanks to all families who always promptly settle their term account; it is greatly appreciated!

**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. For the safety of all students, large, coloured earrings, necklaces and bracelets/bangles (including Rainbow Bands) do not form part of our school uniform and I thank parents for ensuring these items are not worn to school at any time.

I have included a detailed list of the winter school uniform as outlined by the P and C. It is expected that all students will be wearing their full winter uniform to school from Monday 12 May 2014. Please check the list below and ensure your child correctly wears their school uniform to school each day.

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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.

**P and C meetings**

Our first **P and C meeting** for term 2 will be held in the **school library** on **Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 7.30pm**. During the meetings, committee reports and school reports are detailed and submissions for future plans across the school are presented. All parents are always welcome to attend these meetings.

**Kindergarten 2015**

As many parents within our community start looking at schools for 2015, I would ask all families in our school community who have siblings commencing at Allambie Heights in 2015 to please contact the school office for enrolment forms. It is important that we have an idea of what our sibling Kindergarten numbers will be so that we can cater for the number of enquiries we are currently receiving. Please contact the office on 9451 5440 or download important information at allambieht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Congratulations to Ginny Thompson (KE class teacher) and her husband Chris who have announced the news that they will welcome their third child in late October. I’m sure you join me in congratulating Ginny, Chris and their daughters, Holly and Milly, on this great news.

As we approach Mother’s Day this Sunday, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the mums in our community all the best for a wonderful day – a day to celebrate and acknowledge the important role all mums play in our lives.

_Hoping that blessings might brighten your way,_
_Wishing you happiness day after day._
_Trusting your heart will be filled with good cheer,_
_And loving you tenderly, Mother my dear…_

*Angela Helsloot*
*Principal*
CALENDAR
Thursday 8 May  Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 9 May  Dance Auditions at Glen Street Theatre
Monday 12 May  Golden Ridge Animal Farm—Early Stage 1 excursion
Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN
                P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 14 May  NAPLAN
Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN
Monday 19 May  Stage 3 Camp

SCHOOL WEBSITE
The following has been uploaded to our school website. Click on the link to view.

1S at work and play photos  http://www.allambieh-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery/1s-at-work-and-play

PSSA COMPETITION
Friday 9 May  Allambie Heights v Mimosa at David Thomas Oval
Friday 16 May  Allambie Heights v Terrey Hills at David Thomas Oval

T-Ball A Report
Allambie Heights played Forestville and it was a great game. The score was 20-16 our way. Ingrid F was the player of the match for getting lots of batters out, for some great hits and she got 3 home runs. By Emma-Jane R

T-Ball B Report
Abi was a good catcher. She was nice to people if they were upset. Abi was a great team sport to all players. Well done Abigail. Player of the match was Abigail. By Tia-Drew K-F

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE
Stewart House envelopes have been given out to each family. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please return your envelope with your donation to the office. We thank you for your support.

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 allambieh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Please use the following link to view the Community Business Directory:

ARTICLES FOR THE GRAPEVINE
If you would like to submit an article in The Grapevine please note that it is sent home every even week of the term on a Tuesday. We require all articles to be at the office by the Monday before The Grapevine is sent home. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee articles will be included in The Grapevine if we do not receive your article by the due date.
**OPERA HOUSE CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

Tickets for the Primary School Choral Festival which will be held on Wednesday 6 August 2014 will go on sale on Wednesday 25 June 2015. More information will be sent home to choir students soon.

**STAGE 1 PARENT HELPER SESSION**

On Friday 9 May 2014 Roslyn Peel and Stage 1 teachers will be conducting a short presentation for parents interested in assisting with literacy groups. This session will commence at 8:30am in the Literacy Centre (the area near the Uniform Shop).

We invite all parents who would like to volunteer with literacy groups in their child’s classroom to attend this session. If you are able to attend please advise your class teacher.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Thursday 8 May 2014. Each class will visit the stall to purchase their Mother’s Day present. If you have not yet returned your order form please collect one from the office. Mother’s Day presents are $5.00 each. Wishing all mums a very happy Mother’s Day!

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY REMINDER**

Don’t forget that Tuesdays 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. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10.00 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Allambie Heights Public School.

**SAVE IN TERM 2 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN THE DOLLARMITES’ SUNKEN TREASURE**

The Dollarmites want to encourage School Banking students to keep up their regular savings habits. That’s why they are giving students a chance to win a share of the sunken treasure they have found in the Lost City of Savings.

**Here’s how to win**

If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5 -13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday**

Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast; VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast; a Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and a $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes**

130 Toys’R’Us Gift Cards to the value of $250.00 each to spend on your favourite toys. There will be a separate draw giving one school in each state/territory of Australia the chance to win $1,000 cash to spend as they wish. Remember, no matter how small, regular deposits will help your savings grow.

**HONOUR AWARD WINNERS-CITIZENSHIP**

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**PERMISSION FOR EXCURSIONS**

Permission notes are regularly sent home in hard copy and by email for excursions that students attend. It is very important that a signed written permission note is returned to school for your child to attend any excursion or incursion that is occurring at school. Please be advised that if your teacher does not have a copy of a written signed permission slip then your child may be excluded from attending an excursion. We are no longer able to ring for verbal permission. Parental permission must be received in writing.
SNACK SHACK NEWS

- It took a couple of days to build up our stocks due to not having a pupil free day at the start of this term. Full menu was available from last Wednesday with the popular Gingerbread People back in stock by the end of week 1.
- Please remember we now operate with on-line ordering only. This also applies to volunteers who must order their child’s lunch via Flexischools in the usual way prior to arrival in the canteen.
- Rice tub ordering options have been temporarily reduced until we replace some non-working cookers. The option has been removed from Wednesdays, this is because a hot foil tub of rice next to a sushi item was not ideal. The option has been replaced with another popular item – pizza crusts.
- A reminder that children must stay seated during the 15 minutes supervised eating time. The children are to line up at canteen with their brown paper bag showing item to be collected after the second bell at the end of “eating time”. Please do not order items for collection on the days your child has a lunch time commitment. Children who come to canteen within the 15 minutes supervised eating time to collect items will be turned away.

Roster
For all roster enquiries please contact our volunteer roster co-ordinator Lisbet on 0450 014 355. Thanks for your continued canteen support Lisbet. You are doing a great job.

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BAND NEWS

Rehearsal Adjustments
Performance band: No rehearsals the week commencing 19 May 2014 due to the School camp. No rehearsal on Monday 9 June due to the long weekend.

Concert band: No rehearsal on Monday 9 June 2014 due to the long weekend.

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod—Training Band: Training Band will perform on Thursday 22 May 2014 at St Augustines College, Brookvale at 9:15am. Permission notes will be distributed this week. Parents will need to arrange transportation for their children if they are unable to attend.

Invoices
Annual band fee invoices were recently emailed. If you did not receive your child's invoice please email us at ahpsband@gmail.com so that we can re-send it to you. The fees can be paid by instalments. The full payment or first instalment is due by 15 May 2014. The second instalment is due by 15 August 2014.

Yamaha Festival
The Yamaha festival has been cancelled for this year.

Important Dates for the Year
Northern Beaches Eisteddfod: Training Band has been entered into this eisteddfod and will perform on Thursday 22 May 2014.

Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) concert series:
Performance Band: Forest High School Tuesday 10 June 2014
Concert Band: Forest High School Thursday 12 June 2014
These events are in the evening so please put these dates in your diary. More information will be sent home soon.

2014 Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival:
The expected dates are as follows but have not yet been confirmed:
Performance Band: Pittwater High School Sunday 22 June - afternoon
Concert Band: Pittwater High School Thursday 19 June - evening (from 7:00pm)
Training Band: Pittwater High School Sunday 22 June - morning
Please put these dates in your diary. More information will be sent home soon.

Allambie Bands in Concert (ABIC):
All bands: Allambie Heights School hall Friday 14 November (evening)
All three bands perform at this event so please put this popular date in your diary

Deanne Hutt, Band Co-ordinator

Community Notices

ALLAMBIE NETBALL CLUB would like to invite 7 year olds (born 2007) to attend our NetSetGo junior netball program. NetSetGo has been developed to provide children with the best possible learning and playing experience, and to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

Where: Allambie Heights Public School on netball court inside school grounds.
When: 3.45pm to 5.00pm - every Thursday from 29 May to 26 June 2014 (5 weeks)
Contact: Cathy Prieibenow 0434 261 161
Cost: $65.00 which includes a ball and t-shirt.
For further info & registration form visit www.allambiejc.nsw.netball.com.au

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Bunnings Belrose
50 Napolee Close, Belrose
Monday 19 May
9:00am – 2:30pm

Get into a great mood and make a difference.
Please bring photo ID with you.

Cost $13.95 or visit donortel.net.au
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures will be sent home this week. Book Club is available once per term and provides an opportunity to purchase quality books at great prices to encourage your child to read. Every order you place earns valuable reward points for our school to redeem for books and other resources for the Library and classrooms for the benefit of all students.

To order, complete the order form and place it in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class. Enclose payment (cash, cheque or completed phone or online credit card slip) and return it to the school office by Monday 12 May 2014.

If you are ordering for more than one child and wish to make one payment, please fill in each order form separately and place them together, in one envelope. Write the names and classes of both children on the front of the envelope. This will make it much easier for our parent volunteers when reconciling orders and payments. Please note that books will still be delivered to each individual child’s classroom when ordered this way. If you have any queries please contact Jo on 0431 894 314 or bookclubahps@gmail.com

The Book Club Team

PARENTS NIGHT SATURDAY 14 JUNE

The parents “Night at the Races” social occasion will be held on Saturday 14 June. Emailed home with The Grapevine this week is some information about our parent night and a booking sheet for your table. You can either book and pay for a table of 8-10 people or write the names of the people you want to share a table with on your booking form and we will arrange it. If you are unsure of who to sit with then we can add you to another group.

Community members are also welcome to come along and join us for a fun night. There will be trivia, dancing, fashions on the field, a silent auction and lots more fun (more will be revealed as we get closer to the date).

As this is our major fundraiser for the year we are running our annual school raffle. Tickets will be drawn on the night (you do not have to be present to win your prize). Books will be sent home with each child next week with prizes and information. There are some fantastic prizes on offer, including a P & O cruise, holiday in New Zealand, personal trainer for a month and a surfboard….just to mention a few. The child who sells the most raffle tickets will win a mini iPad. The tickets will be due back by 3 June 2014 so get selling fast.

We look forward to an amazing night at the races and raising much needed funds for new technology in our school.

Parent Night Committee Girls

UNIFORM SHOP

The washing instructions on the long and short sleeve polo tops say "do not bleach". Use of bleach will damage or remove the school logo from the top. The best course of action is to either spray bleach directly on the stain or marks (but not anywhere near the school logo) or to soak in Napisan. Polo shirts should be washed in cold water as the logo may be damaged in very hot water.

Winter Uniform for Girls: Winter tartan tunic or pants with white peter pan collar blouse, bottle green tights, zip jacket, spray jacket or fleece. Black shoes. SPORTS: dance pants, skort or green sport shorts with short or long sleeve polo shirt, sneakers.

Winter Uniform for Boys: Green trousers or shorts, short or long sleeve polo shirt, zip jacket, spray jacket or fleece. Black shoes. SPORTS: green tracksuit pants or green sport shorts, short or long sleeve polo shirt, sneakers.
Maths Engineering Fair

It's Academic
Band Camp

Science Week
1S at work and play

Cross Country Carnival