Wednesday 29th April 2015

Week 2 Term 2

Dear families,

It is great to see the sun shining again and our oval starting to dry up. A big thank you to our community for the understanding, patience and ‘grape-vine’ messages, that helped keep everyone informed. A big thank you also to my amazing staff, who cleaned, sorted, taught and drove through flying objects and water to get here. A special thank you to Vincent Lannuzel who helped with our clean-up on Wednesday.

It is great to see so many parents and carers coming to parent/teacher interviews. It is a good opportunity before reports to hear how your child/children have settled into school, where they are at and what they need to develop.

Our new 3 year Plan has been approved and is on our school webpage. Also our Annual School Report for 2014 is also on the webpage. Please go in and read what our school has achieved in 2014 and what we are aiming to achieve in the next 3 years.

Thank you to our 4 Leaders who met me at Cardiff R.S.L. at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning. They laid a wreath (donated by Adamstown Public School) and flowers donated by parents) at the dawn service. Our own ANZAC service at school was well received by all who attended. Our soldier and poppy mural will be completed and erected in our garden in remembrance. Mr Smith has worked hard to get this finished.

Good luck to our Zone X country team for tomorrow. Mrs Stilgoe and Mrs Ambrose will be there to support the team. Thank you to parents who have been able to help with transport. Run safely.

Our Week 3 P&C Meeting is on Monday at 9.15 a.m. in the uniform shop. Please come and join us.

Don’t forget our Hip Hop Dance program will begin Friday. All students can attend this week. Next week only students who have paid will be able to go—alternate sport will be held for those students. Dance was an area that was suggested to us, through surveys, that we could introduce to students. P.S.S.A. soccer and netball starts on the 15th May.

Jo Swadling
Mothers Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mothers Day Stall next week on Wednesday 6th May. We are still accepting donations of gift items that can be sold to the students for a few dollars. Please send these donations into the school office. Volunteers for helping on the stall will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you can assist.

PARKING ISSUES
The Staff and P&C have big concerns with parking issues around the school. Parents are NOT to use the staff car park to pick up and drop off as it is dangerous for our students. DO NOT PARK in the Community Hall driveway, it is a busy footpath for our students, OOSH bus students and public bus students. DO NOT double park to wait for children and observe all traffic signs. The Rangers will fine parents not observing the rules.

Local Resident Concern
I am a local resident of Prospect Road and have noticed the driving habits of some drivers this year to be exceedingly dangerous when entering the Myall Road from Prospect Road intersection.

In the last month, I have had three near collisions with drivers entering the intersection, even though they have no right of way and driving directly in front of vehicular traffic that is mobile and beginning to turn into Prospect Road. Three times, I have had to lock my brakes and narrowly avoid a collision. I fear that if I was an elderly driver, my response times may be lacking and an impact would have occurred.

I am aware that by RMS standards, the mentioned intersection is not functioning well. In fact it has been deemed as “Failing” by the RMS’s own assessment. With more vehicles going to be entering and leaving with the new pre-school I would ask that all drivers take care to avoid a serious collision.

Our school celebrated the 100 year commemoration of the Anzacs on Friday 24th April. The Soldier was painted by Mr Smith and every child in the school added a Poppy.
This photo of Mr Mathews was sent in by Geneine McSeveney, “working hard” in Turkey. The photo was found in an article about the group of backpackers he is working with. Well done Mr Mathews!

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