Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Dear Families

Congratulations to our 4 amazing Zone Representatives that tried their best and represented us proudly. Well done Reegan who is going on to State level for 200m.

This week is SASS Recognition Week. Our School Support Staff include our amazing office ladies of Christine, Lisa and Janelle: our wonderful GA Phil and the best SLSO’s (Teachers Aides) of Michelle, Julie, Claire, Kylie, Mary and Yvette. Please take time to say thankyou for the work they do at our school.

Our Stage 2 students are having a great time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. I watched them fly down the flying fox, swing and scream on the giant swing and enjoy bushcraft. Miss Cootes, Mr Mathews, Mrs Payne and Miss Mole are enjoying themselves with our resilient and persistent students.

Our Kindies for 2016 will join us tomorrow for their first of many orientation days. We welcome our new families and our familiar faces. If you know anyone who is in-zone only please ask them to ring the school.

Good luck to our Senior Netball and Senior Soccer Teams who will play on Friday in the PSSA semi-finals and finals day. Our parents will be running the canteen and a BBQ as a school and band fundraiser. If anyone can help at this event see Terri or turn-up at Wallsend Park to cheer and serve. Thank you.

Head Lice do love the warmer weather so please check your child’s hair every week and treat appropriately so we can stop the cycle before it begins.

Welcome to Miss Dawson a student teacher who will be working with Mr Smith and the Seals for the next 3 weeks.

There are still some Father’s Day Gifts available for purchase this week. I thank everyone for their donations, it was a great stall. Special thanks go to the ladies who sorted, wrapped and helped on the stall.

Have a great Sunday Dads.

Jo Swadling

PS. Don’t forget to get sponsors for the fun run on the last day. Students will run and enjoy activities from 90.30am to 11 am followed by a Sausage Sizzle.
Miss Davey, Bella, Mirran and Miss Stilgoe at their annual Physical Culture competition. They all do ‘physie’ for the Warners Bay club and love the fun, friendship and fitness that is the sport of physie! Miss Stilgoe.

Anaphylactic Message

Please refrain from sending nuts and nut products to school as we have several highly allergic students.

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WITH STACEY - NEWCASTLE

!!! FREE LAUNCH PARTY !!!

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 6PM

Garden Suburb Public School

Contact Stacey 0435 012 330

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Adult $28.00
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Child $18.00
Adult $32.00
Ring Side Chairs
Child $22.00
Adult $32.00
VIP Chairs
Child $50.00
Adult $80.00

SHOW TIMES
Fri 11th Sept 7.00pm
Sat 12th Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sun 13th Sept 11:00am & 3:00pm
Thurs 17th Sept 7:00pm
Fri 18th Sept 7:00pm
Sat 19th Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sun 20th Sept 11:00am & 3:00pm
Mon 21st Sept 11:00am only
Wed 23rd Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Thu 24th Sept 11:00am only
Fri 25th Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sat 26th Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sun 27th Sept 11:00am & 3:00pm
Mon 28th Sept 11:00am only
Wed 30th Sept 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Thurs 1st Oct 11:00am only
Fri 2nd Oct 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sat 3rd Oct 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sun 4th Oct 11:00am & 3:00pm
Mon 5th Oct 11:00am LAST SHOW

CANTINE ROSTER

Thursday 3rd September
B. Cusack / L. McClymont
Friday 4th September
C. Rankin / K. Firbank /
Monday 7th September
M. Straumer / T. Clark
Tuesday 8th September
K. McGaw / J. Harris
Wednesday 9th September
T. Clark / K. Kidd
# Learning and Engagement Directorate

## Summary of Changes to the *School Attendance Policy* for 2015

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<td>Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.</td>
<td>The revised description clarifies the period of time in which parents are required to explain an absence from school.</td>
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<td>4.2.2</td>
<td>Principals will ensure the school has effective measures in place to monitor and follow up student absences.</td>
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<td>4.2.3</td>
<td>Principals or their delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents promptly and within two school days of an absence being unexplained, if contact has not already been made. An absence is unexplained if parents have failed to provide an explanation to the school within 7 days.</td>
<td>Clarifies the time frame for follow up of absences.</td>
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<td>4.2.5</td>
<td>Principals must ensure that for students with attendance problems, the learning and support needs of those students are addressed in consultation with parents.</td>
<td>Focus on capturing attendance concerns as part of schools' learning and support collaborative practices.</td>
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| 4.2.6   | Principals are responsible for ensuring that when frequent absences are explained as being due to illness that:  
- consultation occurs with parents regarding the health care needs of the student  
- medical certificates are sought for the absences  
- consultation occurs with medical professionals regarding the student's health care needs and strategies are developed to address the student's learning and support needs to ensure their attendance at school. | Provides guidance on what is to occur when frequent absences are being explained as due to illness.  
Implements recommendations from the NSW Ombudsman. |
| 4.2.8   | Principals must ensure that any matter relating to school attendance where safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns for the student arise:  
- consideration is given to the requirements of the Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People Policy  
- all required reports are made to the Community Services Child Protection Helpline or the Child Wellbeing Unit (as required by the Mandatory Reporter Guide). | Provides alignment with the Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People policy. |
| 14      | Application and Certificate of Extended Leave | Implementation of the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting - travel or holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted.  
Parents will be required to complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel and provide to principal for their consideration. If the principal accepts the reason for travel the absence will be marked as “L” and a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel will be issued. |
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