NEWSLETTER - 1st Nov 2013

Diary Dates

Term 4
Heartbeat Stage 2 5th November
Swim Scheme 4-15 November
Gala Day 8th November
Life Education Van 11 - 20th November
Kindy Orientation 2 14th November
Sports Presentation Day 27th November
Kindy Orientation 3 28th November
Presentation Day, Reports Home 5th December
Stage 3 Camp 9 - 11th December
Attendance Extravaganza at Events 13th December
Year 6 Farewell 16th December
Last day for students 18th December
Last day for staff 20th December

From The Principal

Extravaganza

A huge THANK YOU to all parents, family members and friends who came along to see our Extravaganza last Wednesday.

It was wonderful to see the support you offered the students and great to hear all of the very positive feedback. The students did an amazing job and demonstrated their skills in the creative and performing arts. A big thank you to all of our staff for their work on the Extravaganza. Many hours were spent rehearsing, choreographing, sewing costumes and making props.

A DVD of the Extravaganza will go on sale in the coming weeks.

School Planning

Over 50 staff will be working on the school plan on Friday evening allocating resources to support student learning for 2013. I appreciate Rosemeadow PS staff dedication to the continued improvements of learning outcomes for all students at RMS.

There have also been significant Education reforms in recent weeks that impact on how schools will be funded in 2014. A Parent Meeting will take place in the hall on Tuesday 12th November at 9.30am. I encourage parents to attend to discuss any suggestions you may have for future programs and to hear about the new funding model and changes.

Class Structure and Enrolments for 2014

Planning for 2014 classes has now started. Accurate information on student numbers is essential to minimise disruptions in Term 1 2014. Please assist by letting the office know if you intend on moving to a new school or there are new neighbours in the street. Your support would be appreciated.

Life Education Van

This year we will be having a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. Life Education assists student to:
• acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
• develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
• recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours

All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive a note home next week inviting them to attend the Life Education Van. The cost of a visit to the Life Education Van this year is only $4.

Regards - Mrs Cook

NEW DEC Student and Finance System

The DEC is changing the way we process payments and as a result we will be without our EFPOS machines from 2nd November 2013 until 18th November 2013. Cash will still be accepted for payment during this period.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but ultimately the new system will allow parents to logon to a “Parental Portal” to make safe secure payments, see any outstanding amounts owed by the student and get copies of school and NAPLAN reports.

More information about this new portal will follow at a later date.

Kindy Orientation

Kindy Orientation will be held in the kindy rooms on Thursday 31st October, Thursday 14th November and Thursday 28th November from 9.30am to 10.30am.

Parents are invited to stay in the classroom for the first session. During the 2nd and 3rd sessions there will be parent information meetings held in the hall and the opportunity to purchase uniforms.

Miss Sinnott

Public Speaking

Today three of our students proudly represented our school at the Campbelltown Area Public Speaking Competition Area Final.

Against strong competition our students presented confidently and enthusiastically. Piper C of class KC was the area winner for Early Stage I.

Congratulations to all of our students on a job well done.

Mrs Davies - Public Speaking Coordinator

Campbelltown Art Centre

Sunday 3rd November, 10am - 2pm is a free day of non-stop activities for kids in the beautiful Sculpture Garden. In this event children will be able to explore their imagination and creativity through clay sculpting, designing a postcard and other activities. For more info call 4645 4100

Year 7 Selective High School Placement 2014

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for a selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, please contact.

Mrs M Lester

Grandparents’ Visit 30th October 2013

What a wonderful turnout for Grandparents day. The students and the school really appreciate you taking time to visit the school and have a picnic with your grand children.

Donations needed

If you have any old school uniform or old school shoes that you no longer need could you please send them to the office so we have spare clothes and shoes to change students into when they have accidents

Information And Enrolment Night For Sacramental Programmes For 2014

An information and enrolment night will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm for all eligible Catholic children in Rosemeadow Catholic Parish, in the Parish School Multi Purpose hall for any parents/caregivers wishing to present their children for any of the sacramental programmes in 2014.

It is important you attend this night for all information and dates of the programmes and to enrol your children for Reconciliation (Confession), First Holy Communion (year 3 and above) and Confirmation (year 6 and above) in 2014. Please bring a copy (to attach to the enrolment form) of birth certificate and baptismal certificate. If your child was baptised at OLHC or Appin, you only need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Fees may be paid on the night ($25.00 Reconciliation, $25.00 First Holy Communion, $25.00 Confirmation). Thank you.

A Course For Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND - Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher. Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. The course is designed to:
• assist parents to see through their children’s eyes the experience of parental separation.
• develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:
• Grief and Loss after Separation
• The Hidden World of Children
• Rebuilding Resilience
• Bridging the Gap
• Looking Back and Moving Forward

Cost of course is $100 per person including parent workbook.

All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course. Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced parent educators, counsellors and mediators.

2014 Dates

Term 1 4.2.14 Fairfield, 25.2.14 Wollongong* 27.2.14 Campbelltown, 11.3.14 Sydney City

Term 2 5.5.14 Fairfield, 5.5.14 Campbelltown* 20.5.14 Wollongong. 28.5.14 Bankstown

Term 3 23.7.14 Wollongong*, 31.7.14 Campbelltown

Term 4 23.10.14 Wollongong, 28.10.14 Campbelltown* 31.11.14 Fairfield* 1800 55 46 46

Program is run by KEEPING KIDS IN MIND - CatholicCare Sydney | CatholicCare Broken Bay | CatholicCare Parramatta | CatholicCare Wollongong

NB Courses marked with an * are day time courses, all others are evening courses. Course dates and times may be changed, please check with relevant venue for further information. Certificates of attendance will be issued.

KIDS IN MIND

Look forward to seeing you there.