Principal’s Report - Mr. Scott Campbell.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Paul Harragon Cup last Friday. By all reports the kids gave it everything they had on the day and represented the school with pride. Apparently they even had FUN! Well done kids and big thanks to Mr. Booth for coaching the team!

Last week we held our first Lockdown practice for the year. A lockdown is a procedure in which all rooms are locked and no access is available to any learning space. It is a technique used if there was an immediate danger in the school such as a dangerous animal like a snake or a dangerous dog. I am happy to report that it was successful and that at no time were the children in any real danger.

No doubt throughout the year your child or children will be given an engaging “project” to complete. From my own experiences with my children I know that projects can cause a few headaches for families. The NSW DEC have created a helpful site to take the stress out of projects:


Every year our school has been a contributor to the Starstruck performances. Unfortunately this year the two (2) major sponsors have withdrawn from the event. This has led to the management committee advising all schools that there will be an individual performance fee imposed on every student who would like to participate. We will keep you informed of the costs involved as the information becomes available.

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Parent Online Payments

As of March 25th all of our families will be able to use our school web page to make payments for excursions and school events. Details to follow soon.

Thought for the Week!

Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence.

- Ovid.
Term 1, Week 8 Award Winners

Principal's Award
K/1N  Dannica Penfold
1/2M  Malachi Hand
1/2O  Benjamin Keelan
3M
4B  Thomas Dezalak
5/6W  Olivia Felemi

Student of the Week
K/1N  Koby Harland
1/2M  Michala Phillips
1/2O  Ashton Dawson
3M  Abigail Sims-Easton
4B  Josh Felemi
5/6W  Izaac Brown

You Can Do It
K/1N  Eila Sutcliffe
1/2M  Bailey Robson
1/2O  Tayla Bishop
3M  Fred Aitchison
4B  Daisy Niddrie
5/6W  Taylar Rowan

Merit:
K/1N  Mykka Armstrong
1/2M  Jack Tinsey
1/2O  William McDonald
3M  Olivia Cullen
4B  Dylan Pope
5/6W  Luke Halls

Weekly Focus – Organisation
HARMONY DAY

21 March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

On Friday March 21st students are asked to come dressed wearing ORANGE and will participate in fun activities that encourage getting along and working together. Parents are welcome to attend and more information will be given closer to the day.

Mrs Mandas

Paul Harragon Cup

On Friday the 7th of March a break in the clouds saw the Belmont North boys travel to Windale oval to take part in the Paul Harragon Cup.

The boys showed great determination and teamwork throughout the tournament, producing some outstanding link up play in both defence and attack. As an added bonus the boys were excited to have their photo taken with Newcastle Knights great and Origin representative- Paul Harragon.

I would like to congratulate the team for the way in which they conducted themselves beyond the school grounds, showing great sportsmanship and maturity. Furthermore, thank you to the parents and caregivers for their help throughout the day!

Regards,
Rhys Booth
4B Class Teacher
More photos from the Paul Harragon Cup.

**REMNINDERS:**

1. **Classes K/1N, 1/2M, 1/2O:** Australian Reptile Park Excursion on Thursday 3rd April. Payment & Permission Notes ~ DUE NOW. $22.00 per student.

2. **Class 5/6W:** Canberra Excursion – Tuesday 24th June to Friday 27th June. $50 deposit, due by this Friday 21st March.

3. **Years 3 – 6 Excursion:** Fort Scratchley & Newcastle Foreshore on Thursday 27th March. Payments & Permission Notes due Friday 21st March, $12.00 per student.

4. **Public Speaking:**

All students will deliver a speech to their class over the next 2 weeks. Students have been given a reminder about this. Thank you to those students who have come prepared with their speeches today.

**PARENT HELPERS WANTED**

We are looking for parent helpers again this year. Last year our parent helpers assisted with Reading Groups, Home Reading and small groups in Maths and English. They were a valuable resource in our classrooms and school community.

If you or a family member are able to lend the students and teachers your time it would be greatly appreciated. We require parents/aunts/uncles/grandparents to help in all of our classrooms K-6 from 9am – 11am daily.

Accompanying the newsletter today is a Parent Helper note for our volunteers. Please fill this out and return it to Mrs Mandas.

We look forward to another successful year of our partnership!

Mrs Mandas
Canteen Roster
This week 17th Mar - 21st Mar

Monday - Sue

Tuesday - CLOSED

Wednesday - Tina K

Thursday - Mel & Kayleen

Friday - Tammy & Tiana

The Conservatorium Youth Choir

“Life is a song worth singing... why don’t you sing it?”

Are you interested in: singing better, working as a team, developing your harmony singing, making new friendships and having fun? Then join in the fun!

Entry: No audition – enrolment through Conservatorium Office

Ages: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)

Rehearsals: Monday’s 4.00pm-5.30pm, Peter Martin Studio at The Conservatorium

Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicianship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year. The CYC participates in various activities around the region and in the life of the Conservatorium. Students who join can expect to perform in a range of Conservatorium and community events often in collaboration with the Conservatorium's other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Director: Christopher Blake

Cost: $99.00 per 9 week term

Contact: the office on (02) 4921 8900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

We have LOTS & LOTS of lost property in our basket on the school verandah.

Please check to see if your child has misplaced any clothing.
Southern Beaches Rugby Union Club is a locally based, community focused sporting club and are looking for players in the Under 7s age category. Home games are played at Allen Davis Oval, Gateshead on a Saturday morning at app 9am. This age category is basically an entry level into rugby with 6 players on the park and the tackle rules are 2 handed touch. The cost of registration is fully subsidised and is absolutely FREE. If you think your son or daughter might be interested in playing please contact Brad Evans (Harry's Dad) on 0417 875 405.

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**2014 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in Computer Skills, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing. 2014 Sitting Dates & Entry Prices below:

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Please choose your subjects and send correct money to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and test subject selected.

Glenda Williams