FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Thank you to Jeannie and Jake, new Kinder parents, for their generous offer to clear out the area around the water tanks. They loaded up the ute last week, and the area now looks great – all ready for some weeding and planting by our FOE (Friends of The Environment group).

We had planned to have our ‘Clean Up Australia Day for Schools’ last Friday but due to the weather we needed to reschedule it to a dry and fine day this week.

You may have noticed the large green shade shelter was ripped to shreds in last week’s storms. We hope to get it replaced asap, so if anyone has a contact in the shade or sails industry, please let me know.

In accordance with the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Work Health and Safety practices, all schools need to have regular evacuation, lock down and lock out drills. Last week we had a practice evacuation drill, and all the children behaved in a calm and sensible manner. We will be continuing our drills over the next few weeks. If you are within the school grounds during one of these practice drills, it is essential that you participate in the procedures so we can ensure our drills do as they are supposed to - ensure everyone is safe and accounted for at all times.

A reminder from the Canteen that from this week all children need to order their morning tea using an order bag clearly labelled RECESS.

One of our school targets this year is to improve student punctuality. We have a large number of children who arrive late to school. The first session of the day is known as ‘prime learning time’, and it is so important that children arrive at school before the bell. The school bell rings at 9.00am, followed by a brief assembly in class lines in the playground. According to DEC policy, any late arrivals after the children are marked as ‘partial absences’ and are placed on the student record cards. These are regularly monitored by both the school and DEC. Already this year quite a few families are arriving well after the bell, so please take this general reminder as a prompt to get into good habits and assist your child’s learning by being at school before the bell.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Cathie Ferguson

Swimming Carnival report
CWPS swimming carnival was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their swimming ability and team spirit. It was terrific to see students having a go and entering the 15m freestyle race and enjoying the novelty events. The most popular events were the 15m and 50m freestyle races. We didn’t have many competitors in each age group for breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke. It was a pleasure to see some students enter every

Coming Events

Week 7
15th Mar Cross Country

Week 8
20th Mar Cross Country (back up date)
event and arrive at the starting blocks with a smile ready to go again. The 50m relay was hotly contested by each of the houses. Next year we are hoping to include a 25m freestyle race to accommodate for the many students who can swim 25m comfortably but not 50m yet. Thank you very much to the parents who braved the heat and were time keepers as well as the parents and friends who came along to enjoy the day.

25 students progressed through to the Cessnock Zone swimming carnival. Students displayed great perseverance and sportsmanship at the carnival. Highlights on the day included:

Maddi M came first in her heat in the 12/13yr old girls 50 m freestyle.

Chelsea H came third in the 11yr old girls freestyle.

Brianna M came second while representing the girls in the 50 m freestyle.

Our boys had some tough opposition in the pool but some still managed to place. Charlie P came second in the 9yr old 50 m freestyle.

Though no students will be advancing to the Regional carnival, fun was had by all on the day.

Mr Vogel and Mrs Croft

P&C News

Thank you to Jeannie and her family for cleaning up the scrap metal etc that was near the water tanks. The area is looking much better already. Also thank you to the families for the donation of plastic coat hangers for the clothing pool. Teressa has most of the school clothes now on hangers and it looks much tidier.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 6.30pm in the school library. The AGM will be held first and only members who are financial and have attended at least one meeting will be eligible to vote. If you are not sure if this applies to you, please see me.

As I mentioned last week we are seeking donations of Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle and gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall. All money that is raised through fundraisers such as these are put back into the school to buy items/equipment for the children and an example of this was the recent softfall under the Infants play equipment. Please help support our school!

Megan Donn
Secretary

Canteen News

Could everyone please cross off the following items from their canteen price list?
Iced coffee mild,
Milo stick ice blocks,
Boost bars,
Finger buns.

Also check prices with your order bags as children are still coming to the canteen with wrong prices on their bags.

We have a new ice block. It is called a Yogo Snapz. It is a frozen strawberry yoghurt for 40¢.

Milo is now available at the canteen. Cold milo is 50¢ and hot milo is $1.20.

Thank you
Linda Fernance

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To listen to their Radio Show Podcasts and check out what’s happening on Playground Radio go to our Website:

http://cwps-playground-radio.wikispaces.com/