FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to those students who competed at the Dapto District Swimming Carnival last Friday. There were personal best times and all students were great representatives of our school.

Last night Parent / Teacher meetings were held to outline information and procedures for each class this year. This year the meetings were held out of school hours in the hope that more parents were able to attend. I hope many of you took up this opportunity.

Last week students received information about our annual fundraiser. This year we will be holding a Spell-a-thon on Wednesday 3rd April. This fundraiser subsidises sport and cultural programs during the year for all students and I hope they will support the event and collect sponsors. There is a range of prizes for individuals and class winners, which will be announced at an assembly on Thursday 16th May.

On Thursday, assessments for the Wollongong Academically Gifted Class will be held at the school. There are over 210 students from Helensburgh to Gerringong who have applied to sit for the test, which is made up of students in Years 5 & 6. Good luck to those students from our school who will be sitting the test this Thursday: Liam McKern and Kelsey Hamill.

This Friday is a busy one with our school will be taking part in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. We are involved each year and it is an important environmental initiative. The clean up will commence at 11.30am and all classes will be responsible for cleaning an area of the school. Students are asked to bring along gloves to wear for the clean up and parents are welcome to come along and help out. Also on Friday students in K/1FW and K/1 CT and their buddies will have a fun time with their “Teddy Bears Picnic”. Parents are invited to come along and join the students for a picnic lunch.

This week we are also holding a Book Fair in the library. This is always a popular event and is open each afternoon until 4pm. On Friday it will be opening longer for those of you coming along to the Twilight Family Night. We hope everyone will be able to visit at some time during the week.

A reminder that next Monday school photos will be taken. All orders and money need to be sent to school by Monday and forms are available from the office. I would ask that parents ensure that students are in full school uniform on Monday, which is the gold shirt with maroon trim, maroon shorts (not bike pants) or the summer dress for girls. Our uniform looks great and we hope to see all students ready on Monday.

Included with this week’s Newsletter is the School Mobile Phone Policy. Please read and discuss this policy with your children. Parents are reminded that students should not bring mobile phones to school unless they have written parental consent. If phones are brought to school they must be handed in at the school office for storage during the day and collected when leaving at 3pm. Please note: Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players, ipods, cameras and similar devices are not permitted at any time.

Dale Green
Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the School Swimming Carnival last Tuesday 12th February. All Students participated well, with 19 Students being chosen to represent Farmborough Road at the Dapto District Carnival on Friday 22nd February. A big congratulations to our age champs.

Junior Boys: Aden Warth
Junior Girls: Casey Mulholland
11 Yrs Boys: Edward Baldock
11 Yrs Girls: Brooke Semple
12Yrs Boys: AJ Christensen
12 Yrs Girls: Kirra Sproule

And the winning house group….Keira! I would also like to send a big thank you to all the parent helpers on the day, particularly Ms Colvin, Mrs Drain and Mrs Warth. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Mr Richardson

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers

I really hope you have all returned your orders for our Twilight Family Night, which will be held this Friday night. Stars can be collected from 6pm and sausage sizzles are available from the same time. The P&C and teachers have organised some fun events for the night which will include lucky dips, flash mob dances, an Amazing Race hunt and lots more, and of course the world famous ‘Teachers Celebrity Head’. We have some fantastic lucky door prizes and prizes for our Amazing Race entrants. The night is a great opportunity to meet teachers and your children’s new friends and their families. We hope to see lots of families there and we all enjoy a great, fun filled night.

Great news for anyone who has been waiting patiently for school polo shirts and caps. The uniform shop is now fully stocked, so if you would like a new shirt for the upcoming school photos, the uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 - 9.15am.

I hope you all have a great week

Stay safe.

Rachael Joyce
P&C President

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

MONDAY 4th March 6pm in the School Hall.
BOOK FAIR
Farmborough Road Public School is holding a Book Fair from 25th February to 1st March. The school will be having extended hours on Friday afternoon.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
This week's focus: "Right place, right time and right equipment".
Respect: We will respect instructions that keep us safe and help us learn.
Responsibility: We will make responsible choices to stay in the right place at the right time and use the right equipment.
Excellence: Excellent citizens and learners stay in the right place at the right time and use the right equipment in the correct way.

STUDENT QUIZ
Which Planets have no Moons?

Last week's winner ~ Kyle Maher 3/4R

Answer to last week's question ~ Bone Marrow is the soft tissue inside bones which produces blood cells

BIRTHDAYS
Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday.

Steele Laurich ~ 26.2, Flynn Laurich ~ 26.2, Susan Anastasie ~ 2.3

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL
Wollongong Preforming Arts High School: Application for 2014 Enrolment
Just a reminder that the last day for audition applications for Wollongong Preforming Arts High School is Friday 8th March. The instrumental audition will be Wednesday 3rd April, vocal audition is Thursday 4th April and Visual Arts is Friday 5th April. Dance and Drama is the following week. Dates will be announced when allocated.

Please see the office as soon as possible to receive an application package if your child wishes to audition.

Ms J. Suey

UPCOMING EVENTS
1.3 Teddy Bear (Buddy) Picnic
1.3 Parent Welcome Evening ~ 6.00pm
4.3 School Photos

5/6S Photography Day