Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see many of our families coming along to the Welcome Evening last Friday. Thanks to our P&C volunteers who did a wonderful job organising the event and I’m sure everyone enjoyed the night with a range of activities and games available. It was a good way for many of our new families to come along and be a part of our school community. Thanks to the staff who came along on the night and joined in the activities. Congratulations to the winners of the Lucky Door Prizes and the "Decorate a Star" Competition. Winners names are listed later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Connor McDonald who was selected in the Dapto District Under 11 years Rugby League Team. Connor now moves onto the Regional Trials to be held later this month.

Today we had a special assembly where SRC Representatives and House Captains received their badges and recited the new oath, which reflects our school values. I look forward to working with them during the year.

Today the second session of our “Mathematicians in Schools Program” took place. All classes will have the opportunity to work with our very own mathematician Dr Caz Sandison from Wollongong University. They will be exploring maths through “Maths Kitchen Rules” and I know our Kinder students had fun and enjoyed finding out about maths through a cooking activity. A big thank you to Caz for linking up with us in this program.

Kindergarten students will be involved in the STEPS Vision Screening Program tomorrow. This is a free service and parents are encouraged to take up the opportunity to have their child’s vision tested. Permission forms need to be returned to school before the screening can occur.

Thursday is Harmony Day and all students are encouraged to wear orange to highlight the day. A range of lessons will be taking place in classrooms with the first session of the Peer Support Program for the year being held. Students have been organised into mixed K-6 groups and will be working with teachers and Year 6 students on a variety of activities looking at different countries around the world. The canteen will be holding a special “Mexican Munchies Day” and information and order forms will be sent home. Grandparents received invitations to come along for “Grandparents Day”. They are invited to join their grandchildren for lunch and visit the groups around the school as part of the day’s celebrations. At 2pm an assembly will be held where students will have and opportunity to share their work. Grandparents and parents are welcome to join us.

We have received many entries for this year’s Writing Competition. It has been great to see students from Kinder to Year 6 bringing in their work and I look forward to reading them all. Over the coming week I will be working with staff and the SRC to determine who are our best writers for 2013. Winners will be announced and presented with prizes at an assembly soon.

Last week families received a survey about Homework. We will be developing a school Homework Policy this year and would like parents’ feedback. Please take some time to fill in the form and return it to school so that your views can be included. These should be returned by this Friday.

Recently there have been a number of students regularly arriving at school before 8.30am. Could I ask parents, in the interests of their child’s safety, to ensure that their children are not on duty until that time. 

Dale Green
Principal
ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH
TALENTED SPORTS AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Illawarra Sports High will be holding a ‘Year 6’ trial for 2014 enrolment into the Talented Sports and Development Program. This day will be held on Thursday 4th April. Notes have been sent home with students showing interest in this day. Please contact me if you require further information. I must be informed of which students wish to attend the trial day by March 27th.

Ms Suey
Assistant Principal

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