Opportunity Class Applications are now available!

Year 4 students who wish to apply for this class need to do so soon. Information booklets are available from me upon request. Key dates for this year are...

- **Monday 27th April**
  - Website opens for applications to be completed and submitted.

- **Friday 15th May**
  - Website closes

- **Wednesday 22nd July**
  - Opportunity class placement test.

- **Mid October**
  - Placement outcome information comes to schools.

NAPLAN – A skills snapshot...

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7, or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests on May 12-14. And despite what you may have heard there’s no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan)

First sessions are next Tuesday and will be Language Conventions and Writing.

District Cross Country…

Weather permitting is on Monday 11th May. Notes will be on the App soon. We have a large number of students who will participate in this event. Please ensure you change the date on your calendars.

Sydney Writers Festival!

We will be taking a group of interested writers (30) to this event again this year. Notes will go home soon and Ms Suey and Mr Richardson have agreed to attend this event with the students. This is a fantastic opportunity and we can only take 30 so if your child gets a note home about this event get it back to us right away. We will be backfilling the spaces.

Mothers Day Stall and Assembly!

Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May and the assembly will be on Friday 8th May. Money needs to be in so please organise this as soon as possible. The students have some great things to share so please make sure you come along to the assembly.

See you around the playground!

Pam Grosse
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you all had a good weekend. Please remember our Mother’s Day stall this Thursday and our special assembly for all the Mum’s and Grandma’s on Friday at 9:15am. I would like to wish all the Mum’s and Grandma’s a very happy Mothers Day this Sunday. Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine.

Sally Taylor
President

**Special Assembly**
Date: 8th May 2015
Time: 9:15am to 10:15am

*Each class will be presenting a special item to celebrate Mothers Day. Please come along and enjoy our presentations!*  

**Year 6 Guessing Competition…**

Year 6 are holding a guessing competition to raise funds for their yearly initiatives. Please support Year 6 by participating in the guessing competition.

Details:

- **3 different lolly jars to guess** (Smarties, jellybeans and snakes).
- **Each jar is a different competition** 3 competitions in total.
- **50c a guess or 3 for $1.**
- **Competition guesses on sale before school and at Lunch 1 in the Library.**
- **Presentation draw held at Week 8 assembly, unless all ‘guesses’ sold out prior.**

thank you

**District Cross Country…**

Dapto District Cross Country will now be held on Monday 11th May. A new note is now available on the school app, website or at school. Please email or return the note to Mr Richardson ASAP.

**Approximate times for the races are as follows:**

9:30am - Children assemble
9:45am - Walk the course
10:30am - 12/13 Yr Boys
10:55am - 12/13 Yr Girls
11:20am - 11 Yr Boys
11:45am - 11 Yr Girls

**BREAK**

12:15pm - 10 Yr Boys
12:35pm - 10 Yr Girls
12:55pm - 8/9 Yr Boys
1:15pm - 8/9 Yr Girls

**Southern Stars…**

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers to make Southern Stars a viable option for Farmborough Road, we will not be participating in 2015.

Ms Lyons

**Book Club…**

A reminder that all Book Club orders and money is to be handed in to the office by Friday 8th May. No late orders will be accepted.

**Birthdays…**

Congratulations to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week:

Clayton 9/5 ~ Jazzman 6/5

**Responsibility**

**Excellence**

**Respect**
At your local high school
Illawarra Sports High

Over the school holidays seven Illawarra Sports High Year 12 Earth and Environmental students and one Smiths Hill High School student (who is studying the course by correspondence) travelled to New Zealand with Mr Murada (science teacher) and Mrs McCarthy (Principal). The students had a great time visiting Christchurch, Franz Joseph and Fox Glacier and learning about plate tectonics and other topics relating to their course. It was an absolute pleasure taking these students on an overseas excursion.

Raechel McCarthy - Principal

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7 to 13 years who are above their ideal weight. The program runs one afternoon per week over the school term and aims to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence. Program highlights include active games, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes, a supermarket tour, plus much more!

Term 2 programs will be held at:
Horsley Community Centre every Tuesday from 4 – 6pm and Albion Park Rail Public School every Thursday from 4 – 6pm

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR TERM 2
For more information or to book in to a program please phone 1800 780 900, SMS for call back 0409 745 645 or visit www.go4fun.com.au.

Happy Mother's Day

Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school. A note of explanation should contain:
1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child’s name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent;
5. The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent a separate note for each child should be written.
A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children.