

Dear Parents

I must admit that I am counting the days until I begin Long Service Leave. However, as it happens when you have deadlines to meet, challenges are thrown in your way. On Tuesday, the Department of Education completed an upgrade to the computer system. Generally, this is not a problem but this time my computer did not want to comply and it told me that I had "relationship issues with the domain!" This meant that I could not access any school documents. It has taken three days to restore my relationship. In the meantime, I have been using Carina's classroom laptop and circumventing the system. There's more than one way to skin a cat!

Regards

Lyndy Richmond
Principal

Voluntary Contributions

Your voluntary contribution assists the school in providing materials to improve your child's learning experiences. It would be fantastic if all contributions could be received during Term 1. Families may choose to send in cash, a cheque or pay by direct deposit to our ANZ BSB 016798 ACCOUNT NUMBER 253884676.

Please make sure that you identify your deposit with your child's name to ensure that we credit it correctly.

BIRTHDAYS

Students

Noah Della Bosca 29.03.15 10 years old



Awards

Drew Zweck	for using aspects of persuasive text in his writing.
Mikayla Auld	for writing great full sentence answers to comprehension questions.
Kathleen Harvey	for her help while assisting others to start their Gods Eyes during Art.
Andrew Steel	for his help while assisting others to start their Gods Eyes during Art.
Lucy Birtles	for always trying her best when completing activities in class.
Zion Fogarty	for his fantastic formation of letters during handwriting.



Colts Training

Ron Goodhill advises that Colts training will be every Wednesday and Friday.



Shop Lunches

Karen Webb will be away the last Thursday of Term, Thursday 2nd April and has advised that there will be no shop lunches available on this day.

Dates to Remember

Assembly	Friday 27.03.15
Pink Stumps Day	Friday, 27.03.15
Open Classrooms	Friday, 27.03.15
Last Day of Term One	Thursday 02.04.15

Long Long Long LONG Weekend

The long weekend in June will be extra-long for students in the EWEN network. All schools in this network will be involved in two (2) days of Professional Learning with Kagan Australia. We will be looking at Instructional Strategies.

Your long weekend will go from Saturday 30.05.15 - Wednesday 03.06.15.

I hope that this does not inconvenience anyone.



YSSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th March we will be holding our YSSSA Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Southern Cross Pool. The carnival is scheduled to get under way at 9.30am and parents have been asked to once again take their own students to the pool and pick them up again at the end of the day. Can all students be at the pool by 9.15 a.m. so the Carnival can start at 9.30 a.m. sharp.

All students will have the opportunity to compete in a wide range of events, some fun events and some competitive events. We are expecting it to be a fun and exciting day and we hope to see as many families there as possible cheering on our students and supporting the school.

This year as we missed one day of swimming lessons all students will be able to get into the pool for the Carnival without paying. We will use the money that parents have given the school to pay for entry for the swimming lesson we missed.

A reminder to the parents of our Kindy students, there will be no Kindy on Friday 20th March as all staff and students will be at the swimming carnival and for safety reasons our Kindy students are deemed too young to compete.

Thank you to Brad and Michelle Auld offering to picking up the shade for the students from the Tennis Club.

Kindy Day in Lieu of Swimming Carnival Day

Due to the Swimming Carnival being held on a Friday and Kindy students do not attend the Carnival. Can parents please send their Kindy children to school on Thursday 19th March.



Please join us for a cricket match to raise funds for breast cancer and the McGrath Foundation on Friday 27.03.15. This is the same day as the End of Term assembly, open classrooms and Book Fair. Please join us for morning tea after the cricket match.

Students may wear pink clothes, colour their hair pink, use pink zinc etc. Each student is asked to bring a gold coin donation. As it is also the end of term assembly, Miss Hobbs and Mrs Nicholson will advise their classes if they need other clothes for assembly. They can then change into their pink gear.

We have been given a **VERY PINK CRICKET SET!**

Please see timetable guide below.

8.30 - 9.00	Book Fair
9.00 - 9.30	Assembly
9.30 - 10.00	Open classrooms Book Fair
10.00 - 11.00	Cricket Match
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Tea

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Due to the Football Tipping competition being so successful and our major fundraiser for the past few years, the P&C have decided to run the competition again this season. Round one gets underway on Thursday 2nd April and so we ask all families to get involved and also to encourage extended family, friends and community members to join up. The more competitors the more fun it will be and of course the more money we will raise.

Registration forms will be emailed to all of our school families and competitors from last year. We're on track to maintain our first prize of \$1000, 2nd prize \$500 and 3rd prize \$200. The value of the weekly prize will be \$50.

If you require any more information please contact Lib Irving, 90498001 or townfoot13@bigpond.com



happy
scrapbooking!

YOU are invited to a scrapbooking weekend at the Southern Cross Senior Citizens Centre on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 27th, 28th, 29th March 2015. Jennifer Hedger from Dusty Attic, will be present. It will be a bring and share food weekend.

Costs are still TBA.

Please have expressions of interest in by Wednesday, 18th March 2015 to Carol Truran. Phone: 08 9049 1272

Mobile: 0429 491 272

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SURVEY FOR PARENTS AND KIDS

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children or teens between the ages of 8 and 16 to help us find out more about the relationship between the personality trait, narcissism, and children's emerging understanding of who they are (their sense of self and self-esteem).

The survey can be done over the internet and at home, and it takes about twenty minutes of your time (10 mins parents, 15 mins children). Parents are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to Coles/Myer.

To participate go to:

www.tinyurl.com/SSBParents

For more information please contact
Kate Derry at 6488 3259.



Clean up Australia with waste free lunches

This year marks 25 years of 'Clean up Australia Day', which aims to get rid of rubbish from streets, parks, bush land and waterways across the country.

One way your family can help to reduce the issue of rubbish is by packing waste free lunches.

Try to use -

- Reusable cutlery
- Lunchboxes with several sections to avoid the issue of lost lids
- Resealable containers so leftovers can be eaten later
- A reusable water bottle.
- Buy healthy packaged foods in bulk and portion into smaller containers; or
- Make your own at home

Avoid

- Packaged foods, particularly those in individual wrapped portions (these are also often higher in salt, sugar and/or fat)
- Zip-lock bags and plastic wrap
- Juice boxes, single use yoghurt containers

Another bonus of waste free lunches is that they are often healthier and cheaper too.

For more information about 'Clean Up Australia' go to: <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>

For more ideas on how your school can be WasteWise see:

<http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/waste-wise-schools/>

Quick Tips for dealing with lunchbox leftovers:

- Involve your children in planning and preparing lunch to make it a positive experience.
- Ask your child to bring home lunch leftovers. You will get an idea of how much they eat, what they like, and support them to try small amounts of new foods.
- Try to avoid telling them off for not eating their lunch, as this could lead to them overeating to please you, or throwing food away to stop getting in trouble.

Recipe idea: Breakfast Smoothie <https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/327/breakfast-smoothie>