Dear Parents,

As I mentioned on Wednesday night at the Presentation Evening, what another huge year we have had at Cowan Public School in 2015. There are too many people to thank individually, so just a big thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members for making 2015 such a great year and for making my job of leading such a fine school seem like a breeze most of the time!

We won’t be resting on our laurels in 2016 as we are already planning many exciting events for our students and community. It starts with our Swimming Carnival during the first week. A major event in 2016 will be the Writers’ Festival which will be held at our school.

Our annual Presentation Evening was held on Wednesday night in the hall at Wideview Public School. What an evening we had. Many awards, singing, dancing and musical performances. Later in the newsletter you will see a list of award winners. Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2016 who were announced on the night, Maddie and Samantha. They will be fantastic ambassadors for our school. They do have big shoes to fill as our retiring leaders, Emily, Corey, Natasha and John have done a wonderful job all year.

The Year 6 Farewell was held on Monday night at Asquith Golf Club. Year 5 hosted the evening to farewell our seven Year 6 students. It was a very enjoyable evening and I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the running of it. What a way to celebrate the end of schooling at Cowan Public School for a wonderful group of young men and women.

Today, the whole school has been enjoying themselves at Bobbin Head to celebrate the end of the year. Lots of fun was had playing different games, using the huge playground area and going on a bushwalk. School reports were handed out on our return back to school.

On Monday, I have the pleasure of taking six of our children to District 3 at Hornsby Westfield as well as a train trip. This is the reward for the children who made it to Platinum, our highest level, on our Awards Level system. Congratulations to Sarah T, Will Tu, Annie, Jai, Jack, and Emily.

On Tuesday, the students of K/1 will not need to bring lunch to school as they will be having a Pizza party as their prize was being the Champion Class of the Spelling Bee.

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Just a reminder that our last day of the year for our students will be next Wednesday. It is expected that all students are at school for our final three days of the year. The school will still be open on Thursday and Friday, for staff only, as they are School Development Days.

On Wednesday, there will be a short end of year newsletter detailing how the new year will begin.

Until next time.

Paul McSweeney,
Principal

Awards, Awards, Awards…

Congratulations to Natasha and Bill on achieving Senior and Junior Citizens of 2015. Also, congratulations to Emily on receiving the Matt Kean Leadership Award.

Congratulations to Corey on being awarded Sports Champion, and to Holly W on receiving the Premier’s Sporting Challenge medal. Congratulations to our Sports House winners:

- Swimming Carnival: Alberta
- Cross Country Carnival: Alberta
- Athletics Carnival: Alberta
- Sports House for 2015: Alberta

Congratulations to our Campers of the Year, Lily and Emily, and our Spelling Champions of the Year, Emily (4/5/6), Raeree (2/3) and Makai (K/1). Also, congratulations to our champions of our inaugural Public Speaking competition, Emily (4/5/6), Annie (2/3) and Molly (K/1).

Lastly, congratulations to our Class Award recipients, as follows:

- K/1
  - Sienna: Kindergarten Academic Excellence
  - Archie: Year 1 Academic Excellence
  - Molly: Improvement and Application
  - Nate: Citizenship

- Yrs 2/3
  - Raeree: Year 2 Academic Excellence
  - Luka: Year 3 Academic Excellence
  - Will Tu: Attitude and Application
  - Holly J: Consistent Effort & Application in Literacy

- Yrs 4/5/6
  - Thomas: Year 4 Academic Excellence
  - Maddie: Year 5 Academic Excellence
  - Emily: Year 6 Academic Excellence
  - John A: Attitude and Application
  - Grace: All-round Achievement
  - Tyler: Commendable Effort

Library…

Please, any library books not returned yet should be brought in to school by the last day—next Wednesday! Thank you for your cooperation.

Last Day of Term…

Wednesday 16th December. This will be Party Day and students can wear mufti, but no sandals or thongs please—closed-in shoes only.

P&C SPOT

- **Carols on the Oval 16th December:** From 6pm. Sausage & Steak Sandwiches, Drinks etc. for sale on the night. Volunteers are required so please see Mel Roache or Melissa Maher if you can help out. Remember to bring something to sit on! Santa will arrive at 7.15pm.
- **Thank You:** A big thank you to all our families for their support of P&C and our School during this year. Whether it was physically or materially, or both, we very much appreciate the effort our families have put in.
- **Next Meeting:** This will be the Annual General Meeting in February 2016. All positions will be declared vacant. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an active member of the P&C in 2016, we would love to hear from you.

Features of the last school day for 2015:

- Fun
- Talent Quest after Recess
- Party lunch—each family has received a note about what food to supply for a shared party lunch
- End of day—the Walk of Fame to farewell our Year 6 students.

OOSH…

During school terms OOSH is available Monday to Friday, before and after school. If you require vacation care, then please email Meryl Sykes on sykes.theoosh@hotmail.com or go to their website: www.theoosh.com.au.

School Year 2016…

Week 1

- **Wednesday 27th January**—School Development Day—staff only.
- **Thursday 28th January**—Yrs1-6 students begin lessons / Kindergarten Best Start assessment at CPS.
- **Friday 29th January**—Cowan Swimming Carnival at Gosford Pool / Kindergarten Best Start assessment at CPS.
- **Monday 1st February**—Kindergarten students begin lessons.

2016 Cowan Swimming Carnival…

Consent notes have gone home this week and are due back at school by Wednesday (16th).

- Friday 29th January (first Friday in Term 1 2016).
- Gosford Olympic Pool, 42 Masons Parade, Gosford.
- Years 1-6 students.
- 9.30am to 2.15pm.
- Cost $6—will be included in Term 1 2016 Costing.
- Students to bring morning tea, lunch, drink, towel, hat and sunblock.
- Dress in casual clothing using house colours where possible.
- No crepe paper or coloured zinc. Clear zinc only.
- Parents will need to transport their child/children, or arrange with another parent to transport.
- Please complete and return consent notes to the school office by Wednesday 16th December 2015.
Cake Days…
Thank you to all our families this year who provided treats for cake days. We very much appreciate your support and the students were enthusiastic to raise money for Stewart House and Student Parliament.

End of Year / Holidays…
With the end of our school year drawing closer and with the long holiday period ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to ask our families to keep an eye out on our school over the vacation period. As you use our school grounds or pass by the school, if you notice any suspicious or anti-social behaviour please contact the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021 or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.

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Cowan Band

PARENT INFO

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that CPS Band will be commencing 2016. We are now looking for commitment from our current students to enroll in the Band. Every student in the tutoring program in years 3-6 in 2015 can join. The cost is $200/term. This will provide you with an instrument to practice on, 8 lessons as you are doing now and a band rehearsal with our Band Conductor Harinder Vancarella every Tuesday morning before school. It will also include a few performances in Term 3. Tutoring will continue as is for those who are not joining the band for $350/term.

There will be new lessons starting later in the year for any new students interested in joining the program.

Please discuss this with your child and let us know what you would like to do. We hope most of our current students will join CPS Band. Please email us your decision ASAP but no later than 14.02.2016.

Cowan Band

For all students in years 3-6 in 2016

Band fee is $200/term, including 10 band practices, 8 lessons and an instrument

Lessons available outside the band
$150/term for K-6

Band rehearsals
Tue 7.30-8.45am.
Lesson times TBC.

Cowan School Band
Chamber Avenue, Cowan
Tel: 9456 1065
Email: CowanSchoolBand@yahoo.com

School Security Holiday Period
If you see any suspicious or anti-social behaviour on our school grounds over the holiday period you are encouraged to contact the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021 or Hornsby Police on 9476 9799.
Advertisements

Don’t forget the Jack Whoppy Annual Factory Sale!

Where: 3/3 Marina Close, Mt Kuring-gai Industrial Area (follow signs from the Old Pacific Highway)

When: Friday & Saturday 11th /12th December, 9am-5pm

What will be there: lots of t-shirts, priced from $2.00

Ph: 0451 049 328 E: jackwhoppy@hotmail.com

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO TRY HOCKEY!
Northern District Hockey Association

Will run a ‘Hookin2Hockey’ program over 2 consecutive mornings in the LAST week of the Summer school holidays

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January 2016
Time: 9.30am—11.30am
Venue: Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field Britannia Street, Pennant Hills

Details and online registration www.ndhockey.com.au

Enquiries: Robert Nicoll 0438-119-729 hookin2hockey@ndhockey.com.au

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