NEWSLETTER – WEEK 4 TERM 1 2015

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL

Due to increased student numbers we have been able to form a new class in the school. This will lower the numbers of our existing classes and provide a better teacher/student ratio across the school.

We welcome Mrs Katharine Bailey to Colo Heights as she begins on Monday. I am very confident she will be a great addition to our school and the community.

The make up the school now will be:

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<td>K,1</td>
<td>Mrs Carlie Webb</td>
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<td>2,3</td>
<td>Mrs Katharine Bailey</td>
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<td>4,5,6</td>
<td>Mr Glenn Ellis (Principal)</td>
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<td>Library/RFF/Support</td>
<td>Ms Jane McLaren</td>
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<td>Office</td>
<td>Mrs Carmel Laboyrie</td>
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COMING EVENTS

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<td>23/02/15</td>
<td>Responsible Pets Talk. Kinder, year 1,2 &amp; 3 will be involved.</td>
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<td>25/02/15</td>
<td>Music Lessons with Blake.</td>
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<td>26/02/15</td>
<td>Hawkesbury Show Craft helpers from 2pm all welcome.</td>
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SMALL SCHOOL’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swimming team, Christine, Zayne, Amali, Annalise, Laura and Kaylah.

They competed with tremendous effort and Ms McLaren has reported wonderful school spirit and behaviour.
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2015

Last week our new SRC were presented with their badges for being selected in the 2015 SRC.

The SRC are:

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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>Stephanie Jaylash</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Amali Christine Annaliese Max Micah</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Kaylah Zayne Jon Aaron Daniel Tayvan</td>
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CRUNCH and SIP

Colo Heights P.S is part of the ‘Live Life Well’ program and offers ‘Crunch and Sip’ for all students each day of the week. If you can donate fruit and vegetables for the students to snack on in the middle of the morning session it would be greatly appreciated. The teachers will cut it up each day for the students to eat a healthy snack in the morning.

2015 KINDERGARTEN

It has been wonderful to see our new Kindergarten begin, ‘big school’, with such success.

Mrs Webb has been very pleased with the way in which they have started the year. It is the start of a great educational journey and we hope they continue to enjoy school. 19th February and it will be the new year AGM P&C meeting for 2015.

The school’s P&C are a wonderful group of people who work hard with fundraising for the benefit of our students.

Any new parents who would like to join the P&C please feel free to come to the meeting next Thursday at 3:30pm.

2015 YEAR SIX

This year’s Year Six have begun their final year of Primary School with great enthusiasm and pride as well.

They have been wonderful in supporting the younger students as well as the teachers. We wish them every success throughout the year.
NOTES
In the last newsletter we sent home a note to be signed for students’ access to the oval, BMX, Internet and Photo permission. If you have not returned this note please do so as soon as you can. If you need a new note please contact the school.

HEALTH LICE
It is that time of the year that seems to encourage head lice. Please be vigilant with checking your child’s hair as they move very quickly and cause great frustration for anyone who has to treat them.

The P & C suggests that spraying the hair with diluted tea tree oil with water has an effect on them. The school can have this available if you wish for us to spray your child’s hair with the mixture. There is a slip below in which you can give us permission request the spray.

For girls it is also a good idea to keep long hair tightly tied back in a ponytail or plat with a little hairspray as well. Otherwise I encourage all parents to check regularly your child’s hair.

Permission for Treatment of Head Lice
I give permission for ___________________ to receive a spray with diluted tea tree oil for the treatment of head lice.

Signed
____________________________________
Date __________________

CHICKENS
As part of Ms McLaren’s Liver Life Well Program we have some new enrolments… four silky hens to be exact.

The children will be studying the hens, learning how to look after them as well as their eggs.

A special mention needs to be made to Tayvan and Max who have been helping Ms McLaren since last year with researching chicken coops and hens that would best suit the school. Thank you boys for your great input!

Lots of interesting learning to be undertaken this year.

BJ MUSIC TUITION
Blake has begun his music tuition for the year. The tuition program is for interested students who want to learn guitar, drums, ukulele or keyboard. A note was sent out this week for parents to think about the possibility of their child(ren) participating. We are fortunate to have Blake who is a wonderfully talented musician who teaches music extremely well.

There is a cost to the program and I ask if you are interested to contact Blake or Jane for more information.
The P&C held their Annual General Meeting for 2015. At this time we are still looking for a President to oversee the P&C’s operations throughout the year.

Newly elected roles were:
- Treasurer: Malinda Baker
- Secretary: Carley Joseph
- Vice President: Michelle Malone

The P&C committee value their support of the students and the school and would really encourage parents to join if they have the time.

Following are just a few of the events organised for the start of the year:

**Pancake Breakfast** - Thursday 12th March

**Hot Dog Lunch** – Thursday 2nd April (last day of term)

**Autumn Raffle** – Drawn Friday 2nd April

And the most important and fun…

**Colo Picnic Day** – Sunday 19th April.

If you could spare some time on the Picnic Day to help the P&C in some way could you please fill in the slip below and return it to school. The more volunteers on the day means more opportunities to participate in the fun activities on the day.

**COLO PICNIC DAY Volunteers**

Name ______________________________

I can help at the Colo Picnic Day with;

**Organisation of:**
- Meat Order ___________
- Drinks order ___________
- Ice Block order_________
- Food Preparation_________

**On the day:**
- BBQ ___________
- Serving ___________

FROM THE OFFICE

- **School Banking**
  School banking has begun it will be every Tuesday. If your child has a youth saver account with the Commonwealth Bank they can bank from school. If your child would like to start banking we have the forms in the front office for you to fill out and take to the bank to open an account.

- **School Uniform**
  We have lots of school shirts, jackets/jumpers, sports uniform and most importantly school hats for sale at the office. We do not have EFTPOS but you can deposit into the school account or you need to pay cash upon purchasing your items. School hats are $13 please make sure that your child has a hat everyday. We follow a NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY and the students have to sit under the cola in the shade.

  If you would like the school direct deposit details please ring Carmel and this can be arranged. You will find as we move into the school year that when paying for uniform, excursions or text books for your child/children that the direct deposit option will be available to you as you can pay for items from home. Banking details will appear on future notes.

Thank you

G. Ellis
Principal