NEWSLETTER – Term 1  WEEK 2  2014

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to all for 2014. We have started a new year with a few changes to the school’s organisation. I have been very pleased with the way the children have settled in this year to a new grade. Special mention is to our nine new Kindergartens who have started at ‘Big School’ with such great enthusiasm and confidence.

Coming Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11/2</td>
<td>Small School’s Swimming Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/2</td>
<td>Scripture every Tuesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14/2</td>
<td>Cricket for sport starts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18/2</td>
<td>P&amp;C meeting and AGM all welcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19/2</td>
<td>Music Lessons start with Blake</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21/2</td>
<td>Cricket for sport</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The staff of the school will be:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Class Teacher K,1,2</td>
<td>Mrs Carlie Webb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class Teacher 3,4,5,6</td>
<td>Mr Glenn Ellis (Principal)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Library/RFF/Support Mon - Thurs</td>
<td>Ms Jane McLaren</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office</td>
<td>Mrs Carmel Laboyrie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Mrs Norris

Last Tuesday was Mrs Norris’ last day as a permanent teacher at Colo Heights P.S. The school will be having a morning tea later in the term for the children, parents and the community to say farewell.

Mrs Norris has been a great asset to our school. Her tireless support of the children of Colo Heights has been brilliant and I know a lot of families owe a lot to her for her dedication to education.

She will be greatly missed by all but she has assured me that after a while she will be visiting from time to time and I am also hoping she will be available to fill in on classes every now and then.

PARENTS & CITIZEN’S MEETING

Next Tuesday 18th February will be the new year AGM P&C meeting for 2014. 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 Tuesday at 3:30pm.

NOTES

Earlier in the week we sent out a lot of permission notes regarding a number of things such as photos, internet use, BMX track and the Community Hall. I apologise for the amount of notes but for legal reasons we need to send these out each year. I thanks all the families who have returned the signed notes and ask if you still haven’t could you please send them back before the end of next week.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

This year not only sees a change in the staff but also the organisation of the school. Below is a list of procedures that will be operating throughout the week. If you have any queries please contact Mr Ellis.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>K12 Class</th>
<th>3456 Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Library - Borrowing</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPORTS UNIFORM DAY</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PE (part of our ‘Live Life Well’ Program)</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Tuesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music Tuition with Blake Morrison</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Wednesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scripture with Mrs Hilsden</td>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Tuesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Show Craft</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Thursday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assembly</td>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Friday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CRAFT GROUPS FOR HAWKESBURY SHOW

We are asking for helpers to come up to the school every Thursday afternoon from 2:00pm to 3:15pm to help with the children’s craft work for entry into the Hawkesbury Show for 2014. The craft day will start very soon and if you are able to c spare some time please contact Mrs Webb or Mr Ellis.
SMALL SCHOOL’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Tuesday the Small School’s Swimming Carnival will be held at Hawkesbury Oasis in Windsor. Representing Colo Heights P.S will be seven students this year.

They are; Brodie, Freya, Daniel, Christine, Zayne, Amali and Jorja.

We wish the group the best of luck and we are sure they will be trying their best in their events.

AWARDS

We will continue with the school’s award system this year as was being implemented last year.

At weekly assemblies we will be presenting selected students with;

- **Merit Award** – for good class work
- **Uniform Award** – for always wearing school uniform.
- **Student of the Week** – one student from each class who has performed well at a particular part of school
- **Star of the Week** – one student from the whole school who demonstrates and upholds the school’s **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST**.

Throughout the week teachers hand out ‘Caught You Being Good’ cards for many different reasons, in class and out of class. Children who receive these cards write their name on them and put them in a draw for the possibility of winning a prize on Wednesday and Friday of every week.

As an extra incentive this year children who collect six or more ‘Caught You Being Good’ cards each week for six weeks will be invited to a special morning tea (provided by the staff of the school) at the end of each term.

SCHOOL SURVEY

Included with this newsletter is a survey to gather our family’s views regarding our school. This survey is an important information gathering device for the school to set goals for the future. If you could spare a couple of minutes to complete it and send it back to school it would be greatly appreciated.

All children of families who return the survey will receive two ‘Caught You Being Good’ cards each.

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.

SCHOOL VEGE GARDEN

This year as part of the ‘Live Life Well’ program we will be starting our very own vegetable garden. Ms McLaren will be coordinating the program as part of her Release from Face to Face teaching role (RFF). The children will be given opportunities to research, plan, cultivate and grow a variety of vegetables that they will be able to eat.
BJ MUSIC TUITION

Very soon Blake will start the music tuition program for interested students with guitar 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.

HEAD LICE

Head Lice is appearing again in these warm and humid weather conditions. Please be vigilant with checking your child(ren)’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(ren)’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 plait with a little hairspray as well. Otherwise I encourage all parents to check regularly your child(ren)’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 __________________

YEAR SIX 2014

Our 2014 Year Six start the year with great responsibilities. They are the school leaders who will continually demonstrate RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST. I hope they have a very productive and happy final year at our school.

Tamieka, Freya, Brodie and Sam

‘At Colo Heights Public School we are Responsible and Respectful learners who strive to do our Personal Best.’

Thank you
Mr G. Ellis
Principal