20 February 2013
Term 1 Week 4

“The season is Gudjeuk - The Monsoon Season. The winds are blowing from the North-East, bringing the monsoon rains with them. Storms blow across the countryside and rain rejuvenates the land after months of being dry.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Last Friday, fourteen boys and eleven girls from Year Six made their election speeches in front of all of our upper primary students. They were all very impressive and so well prepared.

I congratulate the following four students who were elected as our School Captains for 2013.

Eric Kitazato-Mu   Sevasti Diamandopoulos
Chris Montgomery  Jamie Murphy

I look forward to a great year working with these wonderful people.

This week we will confirm all of the Student Representative Council members. They will be elected by their class from Year Three to Year Six. Next week the House Captain elections will be held.

SCHOOL ANTI BULLYING POLICY
Over the past few weeks, your child will have been learning about bullying and how to react to it. While we feel that this school does not have a big bullying problem, we are realistic and understand that there are instances of this throughout the year and this can be very stressful for children who are bullied. Next Monday we will send home our school anti bullying pamphlet.

The pamphlet explains ‘What is Bullying?’ ‘What can students do about bullying?’ ‘What can parents do about bullying?’ and ‘What action will the school take on bullying?’ It is a good document to keep handy and I am happy to discuss it at any time.

I hope you received our Tribes Agreements brochure last Friday. If not, give the school a call or send an email and we will get one to you.

BARBARA BRANN
Last week was an action packed week for us all here as we worked with Barbara Brann on our teaching approach to Spelling and Writing. It was great to have so many of our beliefs and approaches re-affirmed and in some cases questioned by such an expert in the field. Teachers know that, no matter how long we have been teaching, there is always more to learn about how to do our job effectively.

For those who were able to make it along to our parent information session, I hope you enjoyed it.
MEET THE TEACHER
It was great to see so many parents come along and meet their child’s teachers on Wednesday evening last week. While many of you already know the school very well, it was a terrific opportunity for the children to introduce you to their teacher and show you what they do while they are here with us.

If you couldn’t make it but wish to meet your child’s teacher, please give the office a call and they will help you to arrange a time.

VERBERG STREET PARKING AND DROP OFF
If you have a child in Years 3 to 6 then Verberg Street is certainly the best place to park and drop off. You can drive down to the end and there is a turning area. Please do not use the Staff Car Park beside the basketball court as your drop off or turning area as this has caused some recent near misses – of cars and children.
Out the front of the office is also a good option after 2:40pm when buses will have cleared the driveway. Please don’t park here.

OFFICE OPEN HOURS
The school office will be open from 7:45am to 4:00pm each day of the week for payments, purchases and any other business. It will also stay open until 5:30pm on every second Thursday.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Nominations are being called for the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships from 8th-14th September, 2013 in Adelaide. Students must be from 10-19 years of age at 31st December, 2013 and must be prepared to participate in selection events in March.

If you would like more information please contact this school.

SCHOOL BANKING
Banking day is Friday. If you would like information on participating in this, please contact the school office.

LATE OR ABSENT
We ask that you keep us informed of any late arrivals or absences by calling the school as soon in the morning as you can. We have a policy of following up all unexplained absences so your phone call saves us time and is much appreciated.

Children arriving after the start of the school day must go to the office first as they will need to be marked late. Their teacher will have marked them absent and this can be changed at the office.
NEWSLETTER WITHOUT PAPER
We are working towards going digital and we have been collecting email addresses to send newsletters rather than a paper copy. Please ensure we have your current email address in the office. Thank you to for the several hundred email addresses we have recently received. Keep them coming. We hope to send out our fully (or nearly) digital newsletter in the next few weeks. You can still opt for paper if you wish.

CALENDAR

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DEFENCE NEWS
Morning tea will be held this Friday 22nd February (9am – 10:30am) straight after the school assembly. It will be held in The Dragonfly room, the large room used for After School Care. Non school-aged children welcome and catered for.

The DCO Expo is on this Sunday 24\textsuperscript{th} at the Palmerston Rec Centre 10am -1pm

Phillipa Cosgrove  DSTA

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?
The My Green Lunch Box website www.MyGreenLunchBox.com.au was created by Melbourne nutritionist and naturopath, Lindy Cook. It is aimed at helping parents and schools to tackle the healthy eating battle many parents go through with their kids each day, as well as providing eco-friendly packaging options.

A mother of two, Lindy knows the dilemma most parents face when trying to provide tasty but healthy lunch box options, whilst also embracing the 'nude food' policies being introduced into many Australian schools.

MINI BOOKS FOR KIDS
Starting February 24\textsuperscript{th}, the NT News is offering mini books for kids for $2.50 with the Sunday Territorian and Monday NT News (total $3.80 for newspaper and book on Sunday and $3.70 on Monday). There will be twelve books and they are all great children’s books – two are “Hairy Maclary” which may just be my favourite!
The following advertisement not necessarily endorsed by this school

OTTWAYS TAE KWON DO AND SELF DEFENCE.
Classes are held at Stuart Park Primary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6.30 to 8 pm. Come and enjoy martial arts with a qualified instructor for self-defence, fitness and fun. Contact Peter on 0427991394. Come and Try.

HELLENIC ATHLETIC CLUB
Juniors Training commences on Monday 4th March.
Training will be on Monday and Wednesday between 5.30 and 6.30 pm at Casuarina Senior College. Juniors related issues please all Theo on 0421005459 or Nild on 0404914626

CASUARINA FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN ON DAY
Juniors and seniors Saturday 23 February between, 9am-2pm
At the Portuguese and Timorese Club, Batten Road, Marrara

DARWIN CRICKET CLUB
Junior and Senior Sign On Day – Boys and Girls of any ability all welcome
Saturday March 2 @ Kahlín Oval from 10am to midday. Come and register for U11, U13, U15 and U17 teams as well as for our Milo in2cricket program for 5-9 year olds
Training for U11, U13 and U15 starts at Kahlín Wednesday March 13 and the season starts April 14 (May 3 for in2cricket)
Contact Simon Dring on 0437 230123 (simon.dring@coateshire.com.au)

EMAIL INFORMATION

Please check my family’s email details for newsletters etc:

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I still want to receive a printed newsletter each week □