10 September 2014

Good afternoon Parents,

The term is coming to a close and its hard to believe that we are only just over a dozen weeks to Christmas again. This term has been very very busy with lots of exciting events for the boys and girls.

Just this week alone we will have Royce Simmonds Cup final (Rugby League) for our Year 3 and 4 students, Regional Athletics for nine competitors who have progressed from Zone, finals of public speaking competitions, Panthers Backyard League for 3 – 6 students, Rewards Day and round that all off with a Stage 3 Gala Day on Friday. PHEW!!!!! What a week.

Last week the students had many days stuck inside due to flooded fields. It was a trying time for students and teachers who so wanted time out in the fresh air. This week the students looked forward to lots of time on the field but we came against a further obstacle.

In our time away from the fields some plovers were able to mark out their territory right in the centre of our playing field. Not only had they been nesting, but by Monday three baby chicks had hatched and there would be no chance of moving this protected species.

Your son or daughter may have told you of a new playing field that we are using in the interim. The area is the hill at the bottom of the school near the bottom gates. Kindergarten to Year 2 have been playing in that area.

We have also had to improvise for Backyard League, Rewards Day outdoor activities and Gala Day stalls. Lots of creative thinking has been happening.

In amongst all of this excitement the NAPLAN results were delivered to the school. All parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students should have received their NAPLAN report cards last week. As of yesterday, teachers were able to see all the results online. I look forward to working with a team to analyse our school results soon.

We have also started to undergo a number of technological changes in the school. All computers connected to smartboards have been upgraded. Most switches in the school have been upgraded to cater for many more portable devices. The final stage will be new wireless routers in every second room throughout the school. This will enable us to cater for wireless devices ie laptops, ipads and tablets in the coming years.

Three weeks ago our junior soccer team were anxiously looking forward to playing in the PSSA grand final. They were to face some very strong opponents from Shelley Public School. Unfortunately, the Grand Final Night and the back up Grand Final Night the following week were both cancelled due to wet weather. Fortunately both teams were declared Premiers. Congratulations. Certificates will be coming soon.
Due to our involvement in Rugby League competitions run by Panthers this year we have won a set of jerseys for the school. The design has been decided and I will put a copy of the design in the window of my office. Let me know what you think.

Thank you for your support over the past two weeks in Ms Larkin’s absence. Next week I look forward to using some Long Service Leave myself and having a well earned rest.

Terry Daun
Assistant Principal.

**UNIFORM REMINDER**

Thank you to all the children who wear their full school uniform every day. Excellent effort! During the next few weeks as the weather warms up please remember to take your school jumper home for the next day. Also remember to have your name on your jumper.

Also we need to remind the girls that make-up and long painted nails are not appropriate for school. These are best kept for holidays and weekends. Please remember that the best face is one with a big, happy smile.

Mrs Powell
Assistant Principal

**TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY**

In week 10 of Term 3, Plumpton Public School will be getting ready to participate in ‘International Talk Like a Pirate Day’ for the third year in a row. Students are invited to wear their pirate costumes on Thursday 18th September. We will be raising money for Childhood Cancer Support, so start collecting your coins. The class who bring in the most treasure (donated coins) on the day will receive ice blocks for the whole class.

**SPECIAL SWIM PROGRAM**

There are still places available for the Special Swimming Program that will run from the 1 December to the 12 December. These places are now being offered to Years 3 & 4. If you have a child in Year 2 and are interested, please contact the office. Thank you.

**KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION**

On Thursday 21 August, Kindergarten took the bus to Calmsley Hill Farm. Kindergarten were lucky enough to milk a cow, watch a sheep dog show and pat a baby lamb, just to name a few activities! By the end of the day we were exhausted and a few people fell asleep on the bus on the way home! It was a fun filled day despite the rain and Kindergarten represented Plumpton Public School beautifully with their fantastic behaviour.

Here is some recount writing by some Kindergarten students.

*On Thursday Kindergarten went to Calmsley Hill Farm. We went on a tractor ride and I got to milk a cow. My favourite part of the day was seeing the baby animals. It was such a fun day.*

*Jody Villanueva KJ*

*On Thursday Kindergarten went to Calmsley Hill Farm. We milked a cow and then I patted a sheep. Then we went home on the bus. I had fun at the farm.*

*Dallas Faialaga KJ*
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A RECOUNT BY Ayisha Asad – 5A
A small group of students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday Week 8. Students participated in a variety of events such as, sprints, shotput, 800m race and long jump. A few students were lucky enough to make it to the Regionals. It was a great day and all the students had a lot of fun.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Plumpton Public School Rugby League Team recently received a wild card entry into the finals of the Royce Simmons Shield Competition, held at Kings Way Park in St Marys. Our team, consisting of 11 Stage 2 students, competed in three round robin matches with great success.

The first round match saw Plumpton competing against St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and although the team played some great football, they were eventually defeated 6-0. In the second round match, the boys played with a very entertaining and enterprising style, in a game which finished in a 16-all draw against Blackwell Public School. The last match saw the team competing against Glossodia Public School, playing their best game of the day with some strong runs and slick passing. Plumpton ended up winning with a convincing 18-14 victory.

I would like to thank the parents of the students who came to support our team and helped transport the boys to the game. I would also like to congratulate the members of this team, who represented Plumpton with pride.
Mr Tasker
GALA DAY
Tickets for Gala Day can be purchased now at 50 cents each or 5 for $2. Gala Day will be held on the 12th September from 10am-12.30pm to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell.
The Activities on the day will include:
Scones, Jam and Cream (4 tokens)
BBQ (5 tokens)
Can Stall (4 tokens)
Fairy Floss (5 tokens)
Jumping Castle (6 tokens)
Novelty Store (range from 4 tokens to 10 tokens)
Plaster Painting (2, 4 and 6 tokens)
Guessing Comp (2 tokens)
Face Painting (2, 3 and 4 tokens)
Lots more Games and activities

FREE DENTAL CHECK
Dental staff from Blacktown/Mt Druitt Dental Hospital Clinics will be visiting the school on Thursday 11 September to provide a short talk regarding oral health information, diet advice plus a free dental check to students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Forms have been given out to these classes. Each student (with Medicare Number and the consent form ticked yes and signed by a parent) will be eligible to have a dental checkup. Please complete form and return to the school.

Parents with children in Pre-school, Kindy, Years 1 & 2 or children suffering dental pain or trauma, may call the Western Sydney Local Health District call centre on 9845 6766.

PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and put into the chute in the office counter. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Please use separate envelopes for each activity. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name. Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.

P&C NEWS
It was great seeing all the kids so excited to buy their dad something special at our Father’s Day Stall last week. We made a huge $1240 profit which is great. Thank you to all the helpers on the day and to the parents/grandparents who donated items for the stall and the raffle.
The raffle winners were:
Salim - 3P
Dylan - 3/4G
Lisa - 1/2L
Ethan - 2B
Evangelo - 6K
John - 2B
Mark - 6K

If you are able to help the P&C on the BBQ this Friday at the Gala Day please jump in and lend a hand.

Be on the look out next week for permission notes coming home about our disco on 16th October. Again please consider helping out, lots of parents stay with their child so why not help out while you’re there? Many hands make light work.

UNIFORM SHOP.
MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8.30-9AM AND 2.30-2.55PM.
CASH ONLY
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2015

It’s that time of the year where we start taking enrolment applications for children commencing Kindergarten in 2015.

We need to have our anticipated student numbers reported to the Department of Education soon. Staffing is calculated on these anticipated numbers so it’s important that they are as accurate as possible.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015, could you please request an enrolment form and have it returned to the office as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if this information could be brought to the attention of any neighbours who have a child commencing Kindergarten next year. We appreciate your assistance.

The Hills Sports High School
Talented Sports Program
GOLF
Tuesday 14 October 2014
1:00pm
Fox Hills Golf Club

The Hills Sports High School offers a world class Talented Sports Program (TSP) designed to provide students who excel in particular sports with elite coaching and an academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.

NRL GIRLS HOLIDAY CLINIC

Don't miss out on this FUN filled day!

Learn skills
Make friends
Fun Games
Lunch provided

When: Thursday 25th September 2014
Where: Wattle Reserve, (Tamarind Drive) Acacia Gardens
Time: 10am-1pm
Age: Girls aged 5 to 12 years
Cost: $20.00
What's Included: Clinic, Morning Tea, Lunch, Football, Water Bottle and Backpack
Register on: www.sydneywestdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au
For further Information Please Contact David Bayssari NRL:
dbayssari@nrl.com.au or 0419 100 109
Get in quick and Register, limited places available.
Sacrament of Reconciliation / and 1st Holy Communion @ Good Shepherd Church.

An invitation to all children who will be 8 years of age on 1 March 2015.

An information / enrolment session for parents will be held on 2 November 2014 in the Parish Hall, 130 Hyatts Road, Plumpton at 10.30am.

Please bring a PHOTOCOPY of your child’s Baptism Certificate to this session.

Lessons will commence Sunday 9 November at 10.30am and will continue every Sunday concluding 30 November.
Contact number – Parish 9832 4461.

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SYDNEY GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

It is with great pleasure to announce that SYDNEY GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY will be holding a GIRLS ONLY football camp within the Western Suburbs.

We are running a 3 day 3 hour Football Program for girls aged 7-14 years.

It is with great pleasure to have with us a UEFA A European License Coach, he brings with him over 11 years of Coaching Experience and Excellence.

DATE: 29th September – 1st October 2014
VENUE: BLACKTOWN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS PARK
ATHLETICS CENTRE
EASTERN ROAD, ROOTY HILL NSW 2766
TIME: 9am – 12pm
REGISTRATION COST: $220 including Kit (Jersey, Shorts & Socks)

To confirm your position and receive a registration form contact:

Massimiliano (Max) Andretti: 0419 147 353
George Accotta: 0431 250 760

or go to our Website: www.sydneygirlsfootballacademy.com

HOTLINE 1300 880 021
# PLUMPTON VACATION CARE PROGRAM

**September/October 2014 MAIN EVENTS**

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PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Please contact the centre on 9675 5299 if you have any questions.
We look forward to sharing in some holiday fun with your children.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please bring a hat for outdoor play.
- Children will need to bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and snacks. Food is not provided during Vacation Care.
- Lunch is occasionally eaten while we are out on excursions. Please do not pack hot lunches on these days.
- Children are permitted to bring DS, IPods and other electronic devices.
- Children are encouraged to wear enclosed shoes and shirts with sleeves.
- Please advise staff if your child will be absent for a day you have booked in for.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PYRAMID WHEN PACKING YOUR CHILDS LUNCH!