Thursday 18th June 2015

Principals Report

Starstruck
Our performers had an awesome experience in the Starstruck festival at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre last weekend. After months of preparations and rehearsals, the students performed along with several thousand other students from across the Hunter and Central Coast school area. They returned to school on Monday tired but so exhilarated by this experience and on all accounts did they not only perform extremely well by they were outstanding ambassadors for our school. Well done children. I know you have thoroughly enjoyed and gained a lot from this experience. A big thank you to the teachers who gave so generously of their time to prepare the children and to support them over the weekend - Ms Caban, Ms Batten and Ms Wong - thank you, thank you! - your dedication, interest and unselfish giving of your time is acknowledged and appreciated.

Central Coast Dance Festival
Then again on Monday night our senior dance group were also outstanding in their performance of 'The Pretenders'. It was an exciting, vibrant, and high energy performance which thrilled the audience. Well done girls - it was fantastic. Ms Caban backed up again after a very busy and tiring weekend at Starstruck to support these girls - thank you once again for your investment in the students in this way.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to our students who travelled to Niagara Park Public School on Wednesday to participate in the local Public Speaking Competition. Jessica Denniss, Brooklyn Lindeboom, in Stage 2 and Zac and Toby Dowdell from Stage 3 represented our school. A big congratulations goes to Jessica Denniss who won the overall competition in her age category.

P&C
On Tuesday night we saw a large number of our parents and parents from the surrounding schools attend our school's P&C meeting to raise concerns about the movement of traffic and parking during peak times in Carters Road. The local member for Swansea, Ms Yasmin Catley MP, was present to listen to and capture the issues raised by some very well informed and concerned parents and local residents. Ms Catley acknowledged that there are some real safety concerns that need to be addressed and assured the meeting that she would make representations to Wyong Council and the RMS in relation to the matter. It was decided that a local representative would work with her on behalf of each school. A petition is also being generated. Hopefully something will come of this and we will see some solutions to the very real problems you experience each day in delivering and picking up your children each day.

Also at the P&C there was a motion moved to investigate the feasibility of commencing a before and after school care program on our school site. As a result I now contact suitable providers to gauge their level of interest in delivering a service here. If there are providers who would be interested in starting an OoSH program I will then commence the tender process to select the most suitable service for our community.

School Website
Next term we will be launching a new school website. A lot of work has taken place in recent weeks by a very dedicated team to create a visually appealing and contemporary website that retains many features of the existing website but also has many enhancements and new facilities. This website will be ready to go live in Week 1 Term 3. An information sheet detailing the new features and the functionality of the site will be distributed as we launch the site. Please look out for this!
Gonsky Funding

Last week I had indicated that I would provide you with the details of a program or initiative that we conduct at our school as a result of the funding we receive under the Gonski school funding model. As I indicated last week this money is additional money that has not been received previous to 2014 and is allocated to our school on the basis of complexity as determined by a range of equity and socio economic factors.

One significant initiative has been the **intensive reading program** to support our low level readers in Stage 2 and 3. The school has always conducted intensive reading development program’s in Stage 1 but until this funding arrived we had limited resources to support those students who have not quite developed the reading skills they need in Stages 2 and 3. Classroom teachers in the stages have always worked hard to develop reading skills but this funding has ensured that we can provide targeted students in Years 3-6 that extra bit of support to assist them in attaining good reading proficiency. Each week identified students attend one on one, or small group lessons, where they undertake intensive reading support. The results being achieved are very pleasing with many students now reading at grade benchmark levels. Not only does this develop reading competency it also allows them to progress in all areas of their learning.

We value very much the funding we are receiving under the Gonski funding model and we can see the many benefits for our students in the programs we can now conduct for them. Had we not received this additional funding some of our students may not have enjoyed the successes they are now experiencing.

We are waiting to see the future of this funding as the current commitment by the federal government is up until 2017. We hope that these funds will be a permanent feature of how schools are funded.

Next week I will provide details of the Community Engagement Program, which will commence next semester. Again this is another program being delivered under this funding model and like the program detailed above will have tremendous benefits in improving learning outcomes for our students.

Mr Graham Holmes
Principal
M.Ed. Admin., B. Ed.,
Grad. Cert. Public Sector Management

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**GOTCHA ! AWARDS**
**TERM 2, WEEK 8**
**CONGRATULATIONS**

⇒ Daniel Wood
⇒ Sophie Pearce
⇒ Jada Binnie
⇒ Cody Abela
Girls PSSA Soccer

Lake Munmorah Public School girls soccer team participated in their first knockout game of the year, taking on Blue Haven Public School on Friday 5th June. The girls had a great game and worked incredibly well as a team. The score ended up at 4-1 with a win for Blue Haven but that didn't upset our team spirit, evident by the girls deciding a celebratory mud fight was an excellent idea.

It was wonderful to see our students show such outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and beautiful manners. Most importantly they had so much fun and I was so proud of how far they have come. Well done girls!

Boys PSSA Soccer

Friday 12th June saw the LMPS boys soccer team having a chance at a Gala Day to complete the first three rounds of our knockout season. The boys breezed through their first game against Budgewoi PS with a 6-0 win. With a bit of confidence under their belts, they went through to round two against Gwandalan. The game was so enjoyable to watch and every single player on the team did something so beautiful I thought I was watching the English Premier League for a moment. The team won their game against Gwandalan, 6-0.

We made it to the finals of the day against Gorokan, and although they were getting a little tired, the team managed to just scrape through with a 6-0 victory again!

These boys represented our school with such pride and dignity and it was an absolute pleasure to take them out for the day. I look forward to our next match, go Lake Munmorah!

Girls and boys PSSA soccer parents
A big thank you to the parents who get these teams to the game and are such a great support. We couldn't have done this without you!
G.S.P.F.C. PRESENTS

“COBRAS”

GOT TALENT

25th July, 2015

Doors Open at 5.30
Show Begins at 6.00pm
Entry Fee—Juniors $5.00
Seniors $10.00

Gwandalan Bowling Club

: Prizes : Raffles : Games : Fun :
: Open Mic :

Spectator entry by Gold Coin Donation!

www.gwandalancobras.com.au for entry form and details

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Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x Pad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beads by Dr. Dre Solo’s
- 200 x $50 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win!
To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commmbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

Win books for your library

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 76 sets of children’s books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commmbank.com.au/prizeportal
### FUN Kids HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

#### July 2015

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<td><strong>ARCHERY</strong></td>
<td>8-15 years $20</td>
<td>6 July, Gosford</td>
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<td>Hit the target! Coach Peter Fairhall will conduct this program for children interested in trying this great Olympic sport. Peter’s program focuses on learning archery skills in a fun and safe environment. 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm.</td>
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<td><strong>CIRCUS SKILLS</strong></td>
<td>6-12 years $43</td>
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<td>Clown around! This action-packed workshop and, try riding a mini clown bike, spin a plate on a stick, use a flower stick, have a juggling lesson, walk the tight wire, and more! Learn to make your own balloon animal or flower to take home. – 10am-1pm (3 hours).</td>
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<td><strong>CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP</strong></td>
<td>8-16 years $34</td>
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<td>Aerial skills are great fun and in this workshop you will get to have a go on the aerial hoop, the static trapeze and the silks. All participants will need to arrive on time to join in a warm-up and basic tumbling skills before participating in the aerial skills. – 10am-11:30am (1.5 hours).</td>
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<td><strong>GYMNASTICS INTRODUCTION</strong> – 2 day program</td>
<td>5-12 years $30</td>
<td>1 &amp; 2 July, Berkeley Vale</td>
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<td>This introductory program includes basic fundamental movement and gymnastic skills will be taught which would include specific apparatus safety in a fun and friendly environment with accredited coaches. - 12pm-2pm (4 hours in total)</td>
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<td><strong>GOSFORD TENNIS</strong> – 3 day program</td>
<td>5-16 years $130</td>
<td>1, 2 &amp; 3 July or 8, 9 &amp; 10 July, Gosford</td>
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<td>This great tennis program caters for all levels. It doesn’t matter whether you have never played or if you want to improve your skills. This clinic covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, the different shots (forehand, backhand, volleying etc) and learning the rules, matchplay and scoring. 3-day course &amp; includes lunch. 9am-3pm (10 hrs in total)</td>
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<td><strong>TENNIS WYONG</strong> – 2 day program</td>
<td>5-16 years $67 (third sibling free)</td>
<td>29, 30 June &amp; 1 July, Wyong</td>
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<td>It covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, technique and rules of the game. Play games, mini-tournament and a small party on the last day. 9am-11.30am (7.5 hours in total) &amp; includes a small party on the last day.</td>
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All program fees include GST. For other information on each program, please phone 02 4362 3184 or 13 13 02 or see [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)
School Diary

Please stick me on your ‘fridge’

TERM 2

June

19  Kinder Pirate Day
    12:45pm Infants Assembly - 1KN Parent Assembly
22  Reports Sent Home
    6:30pm & 8:15pm Junior Dance Group Performance CCDF
26  11:45am Primary Awards of Excellence
    12:45pm Infants Awards of Excellence
    Last Day of Term