Principal’s Message

Another busy few weeks has passed and there are no signs of us slowing down until the holidays arrive.

The students have enjoyed engaging in the Rural Fire Service ‘Kids’ FireWise’ program where they attended workshops addressing fire safety whilst living in a bush corridor, as we do and they got to have a hands-on look at one of the local fire trucks that services our school community.

Last Wednesday a group of students along with Miss Mellinz had a wonderful time at a Netball Clinic held over at Coronation Park, Minto where the students met and were coached by members of the National Netball Squad. A fun, tiring and exciting day was had by all.

As mentioned, the next few weeks show no signs of slowing down. We have the Campbelltown Police Liaison Officer visiting to talk to students about a range of relevant youth issues. Swim Scheme begins this week and will continue for two weeks. Zone Athletics is on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th and we wish all our competitors the best of luck. Friday 5th September is our last Gala Day for the term. The list goes on; Stage 3 Leadership Day, Stage 1 Cake Stall, the Talent Show, Book week and a visiting author, Kindy Zoo excursion, Oracy competitions and finally, we have registered our school to be part of a government backed initiative called ‘Grow Up Smiling’ which includes having a special visitor to the school on Friday Week 8.

So keep an eye out for all the relevant dates and notes for all these wonderful, exciting things happening within our school community.

Mr Knobel

Rel Principal.
Medicare ‘Grow Up Smiling’ Program 2014

At our assemblies this week we will be having a special visitor. The mascot for the Medicare ‘Grow Up Smiling’ Program will be speaking to our students about the up-coming dental care program that will be in our school beginning Tuesday of Week 7 of Term 4.

Information sheets and parent consent forms will also be made available on this day. These assessments are not compulsory. Only students returning the consent forms will be assessed and treated. We strongly recommend that parents take the time to read about this program and take advantage of its valuable service.

The program itself is a new government dental scheme that aims to provide dental assessment and basic dental services to school children aged 2-17 years.

There is a total benefit entitlement capped at $1000 per child available over a two calendar year period. ‘Grow Up Smiling’ will be means tested under the Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) and certain other government payments and payments will be administered through Medicare.

The program will include a free assessment of the each child’s dental needs and consist of services for essential dental treatment such as check-ups, x-rays, dental cleanings, fluoride treatments, fillings and extractions. Please note that high end and orthodontic items are excluded.

The DEC approved company responsible for carrying out the assessments and dental work are ‘Australian Mobile Dental Care’. They can be contacted on (02) 8850 3005 or you can visit their website at www.amdc.net.au to gain further information about this program.

Mr Knobel
Rel Principal

Book Week 2014

This year SHPPS will celebrate Children’s Book Week in the last week of this term, September 15 to 19.

We have arranged a visit by an Australian author, Patricia Bernard, who will deliver a performance entitled, ‘Writing made easy’ – ‘Pictures in your head’, for junior classes and ‘Who needs an ending?’, for primary classes.

The performance will be on Tuesday 16th September at a cost of $4.00 per student.

Patricia’s presentation includes how books are written and then published. A writing workshop is included in the session. An energetic, humorous and extremely motivating performance. Permission notes will follow.

A Book Fair will be held in the Library on Thursday 18th September and Friday 19th September.

Students will view the fair in the days prior to the sale and complete a wish list of books of their choice. Books may be purchased following the Book Week parade (from lunchtime) on that Thursday and from 8.30am to 3.30pm on the Friday. All books (excluding some activity books) may be reordered if selections sell out quickly. All ordered books will be distributed after the term three holidays. Books and stationary on sale range in price from $2.00 to $20.00. A Book Fair brochure will follow.

Our annual Character Parade will be held on Thursday 18th September.

Students are invited to attend school dressed as a character from books, film, newspapers or magazines. They are asked to bring a book or article that features their character to share with their class through the day. We will parade our costumes at 10.00am and parents are asked to join us for the parade and then stay for lunch with the students. A gold coin donation is requested for participation in the character day.

The parade will feature the announcement of our annual Book Week colouring competition winners. Entries will be available from the library soon. A gold coin donation is requested for entry in the colouring competition, and prizes will be awarded for each stage.

Mrs Dengate
Steward House School Clothing Appeal

Steward House Bags and envelopes will go out today. Please return to front office by no later than Friday 12th September.

Medication update
It has come to the attention of staff that the medication left at the front office is
a) not always there (especially asthma puffers)
b) is out of date
If your child has medication at the front office can you please make sure that it has not expired, if so please make sure it is replaced to ensure we have the best medicine to treat your child.

Thank you
Mr Harris
Rel Principal

DIARY DATES

| Term 3 | |
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| Week 7 | |
| 25/8 | Swimming Scheme Commences
P&C MEETING 5PM
Stewart House Bags- sent out today |
| 26/8 | |
| 27/8 | ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Campbelltown Athletics Centre
Field Events 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| 28/8 | ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Campbelltown Athletics Centre
Track Events 9.30am – 2.30pm |
| 29/8 | Assembly
K-2 & 12pm
3-6 @ 1pm
2T Amethyst Mrs Turner
5/6R Ruby Miss Melinz |
| Week 8 | |
| 1/9 | Swimming Scheme |
| 2/9 | |
| 3/9 | |
| 4/9 | P&C FATHER’S DAY STALL
Whole School |
| 5/9 | PSSA GALA DAY
K-2 Assembly @ 12pm
Dental Visit
3-6 WINTER SPORT
KG Gems Mrs Gulic |
| Week 9 | |
| 8/9 | |
| 9/9 | |
| 10/9 | Sydney South West Athletics Carnival |
| 11/9 | STAGE 1 CAKE DAY
Years 1 & 2 Please Supply Cupcakes/Cakes |
| 12/9 | Kindergarten Excursion
Assembly
K-2@12pm
&
3-6 @ 1pm
2B Coral Mr Brewer
3/4N Diamonds Ms Nair
Last day to Return Stewart House Bags
Payment Due – Author Visit |
| Week 10 | |
| 15/9 | PBIS ASSEMBLY 10.15AM |
| 16/9 | Author Visit – Patricia Benard
Cost- $4.00 |
| 17/9 | Talent Show |
| 18/9 | BOOK WEEK PARADE |
| 19/9 | Assembly
K-2 @ 12pm
1D Garnets Mrs Dlugon |
As at 1 July 2014

SPEEDING OFFENCES
School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

MOBILE PHONE USE
Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

U-TURNS
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

Maximum Penalty
$3,702
+ 7 Demerit Points

Penalty
$415
+ 4 Demerit Points

Penalty
$519
+ 4 Demerit Points

Penalty
$415
+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

DOUBLE PARKING
You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

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Each Tuesday the School Newsletter will be uploaded onto our website for viewing:

www.sthelenspk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

(Click on the Newsletter link)

If you wish to have the Newsletter emailed to you directly, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. If you already receive the Newsletter via email, please complete the form again to ensure all our details are up to date and correct.

If, however, you do not have access to the internet and are unable to view our Newsletter online, please complete the slip below so we can ensure that your child takes home a paper copy,

Thank you.

**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER**

Student Name/s: _____________________________________________________________

Student Class/es: ___________________________________________________________

Parent Name: ______________________________________________________________

I would like the School Newsletter emailed to the following address:

__________________________________________________________________________

(Please print clearly)

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

**NEWSLETTER PAPER COPY**

Student Name/s: _____________________________________________________________

Student Class/es: ___________________________________________________________

I do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________