



CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Pelican Post



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From the Principal...

UNIFORMS

We have the new proposed uniforms on display in the front office over the next two weeks. Make sure you pop in and have a look, we are very excited about them and have had quite a few positive comments already. We have reduced the number of options for both winter and summer and have tightened up certain aspects of both the boys and girls uniforms.

We have been talking as a community about making our uniforms more streamlined for about 12 months now, and after surveys and many P&C meeting discussions, what you see in the office is what will be introduced in 2015. In a few weeks we will be ordering the uniforms to sell at school. You may purchase the new uniform this year, however the current uniform will still be acceptable until the end of 2014.

A price list and further details will be provided in a few weeks when we have more information available. We understand that the new uniform will be more expensive, however the quality of the uniforms is excellent. We will be offering a range of subsidies for families who find the financial burden difficult, as well as those families who have multiple children. These details will also be discussed at a later date.

SOCCEROOS

All teachers and those students who have returned permission notes will be travelling to Homebush to watch the Socceroos on Monday night. The match will be played between Australia and South Africa and is an international match. Even though the match will be a friendly one, it is still a very important match for both teams, preparing for the upcoming Soccer World Cup.

We still have a few seats left if there are any students, or brothers, sisters, friends etc who would like to attend. See Maryce in the office for details.

Students from Cattai Public School will be taking part in a walk around the stadium before the game, to promote the Premier's Sporting Challenge. An amazing opportunity.

I will include some details below for Monday.

Depart School: approx. 3pm (students will be allowed to stay at school in the afternoon, or they can travel home and return to school before the bus departs.

Return to school: approx. 11.00pm. Facebook will be used to update families on our arrival time back at school, as this will depend on when the game ends, as well as traffic.

Dress: Students will be required to wear their full **sports** uniform while participating in the march. This includes **BLACK** shoes/runners. As the game will be played at night, it will get quite cold. Students can bring their school winter jumpers, or they can bring other jumpers / parkas to keep warm.

Food: Many students have taken the opportunity to pre-order McDonalds. We will be stopping at McDonalds on the way to the soccer, at around 4.00pm to have dinner. As students will not be returning to school until approx. 11.00pm, students may want something to eat at the game. Parents are encouraged to send a plastic bag with nibbles and an extra drink etc. If you would like to send money for students to purchase items from the food outlet, that is ok as well.

Please do not bring large bags. These will be cumbersome while we are at the match. If

students are bringing additional food, please bring this in a plastic bag, clearly marked with a name.

If you have any other questions, please ask us before Monday.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We have had a number of parents approach us recently to express concerns over the safety of students in the school car park. In the mornings we ask that parents drop students off at the top gate and students walk down the path to the undercover area. This happens most of the time and is quite effective at keeping students away from moving vehicles.

In the afternoon, students are required to wait at the front gate until a parent has exited their vehicle and should walk students across the car park safely.

On most occasions these procedures are followed, and we thank those families. Could I just remind all families that our main priority is to keep students safe and to adhere to these rules for the safety of all students.

STATIONERY

Could I just remind all families of the importance of students bringing the correct equipment to school. We have quite a few students not bringing in the correct equipment and it can affect the outstanding teaching and learning which takes place in classrooms. Having the correct pens, pencils, rulers etc. at school ensures that students are ready to take an active role in their learning and are able to achieve their best. Thank you for your understanding.

HEADPHONES

It has been fantastic to see students using computers, iPads, iPods etc. during lessons to engage in lesson content in the classrooms. It's a sign of the times and these devices have many benefits in terms of student learning outcomes.

We are finding though that these devices can require sound to be effective and this can become quite loud in the classroom setting.

We are requesting that students bring in their own set of headphones to use in the classroom. This will help keep the noise down and ensure that we continue to integrate technology effectively in the classroom.

Matt Carter
Principal

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal's Awards this fortnight:

K/1

Levi
Luke
Laycee
Hamish
Curtis
Bailey
Finn

4/5/6

Joel T
Jacob



2/3

Georgia
Reid
Naomi

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award this fortnight:

2/3

Randall



SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

We have a number of students attending the district cross country tomorrow. Josh, Emily, Marcel, Riley D, Laura and Sammy will all tackle the track at Cattai National Park representing the small schools' team. We wish these students, as well as the other students in the small schools' team all the best.



EAT IT TO BEAT IT – NUTRITION SNIPPET

 **Cancer Council NSW**

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the **5 food groups**:

Breads and cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.

Veggies: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.

Low Fat Dairy: Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean Protein: Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.





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Apps of the Week



Lumosity



Reading Eggs

Lumosity - train your memory and attention. Used by over 50 million people worldwide, Lumosity creates a Personalised Training Program that challenges your brain.

Lumosity is designed by neuroscientists to train memory, attention, and more. With foundations in the study of neuroplasticity, Lumosity games have improved working core cognitive abilities in several research studies.

Reading Eggs - Your child can now learn on the go with our range of ABC Reading Eggs apps for iPad, iPhone and Android devices! Using all the great features of mobile and tablet devices, these educational apps make learning reading skills fun and motivational, with highly interactive touch activities that are ideal for early learners. Watch this space for many more new app releases coming soon.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them

several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

DOES SPEAKING ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME CONFUSE CHILDREN?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

4/5/6 CLASS WORK

Class 4/5/6 have made a wonderful start to this term. They are all working hard on their "Gold" project, learning about the early gold rush in Australia. The children are researching where and how gold was found and mined, what life on the goldfields was like, the Eureka Stockade and the impact and effects of the gold rush in Australia. Some have chosen to present their work on cardboard while others are doing a PowerPoint presentation. Everyone in the class will present a 3 minute talk about their project at the end of term.


Year 6 students have also been learning about decimals, fractions and percentages. Year 5 has begun to look at setting out a budget on a spreadsheet and Year 4 has been learning about time and various addition strategies.

We have been reading the story of "Rowan of Rin" which has everyone thinking hard trying to work out Sheba's rhymes and predicting what will happen next. The students have made some great observations regarding caring and

friendship. We are wondering what will be found at the top of the mountain, so stay tuned.

Security – please call 1300 88 00 21

CATTAI CALENDAR – TERM 2 2014	
Week 4	22/5 Circle of Security 10.00 – 12.00 23/5 District Cross Country
Week 5	26/5 Soccerroos Friendly March Past 29/5 Circle of Security 10.00 – 12.00
Week 6	5/6 Circle of Security 10.00 – 12.00 P & C Meeting 2.30pm 6/6 Hot Lunch – Parent
Week 7	9/6 QUEENS BIRTHDAY 13/6 World Environment Day Year 5 – 8.00 – 3.00pm



Peppercorn Hawkesbury Family Day Care
Interested in a Child Care Career?


Hawkesbury Family Day care is a professional home-based childcare service operating for over 30 years.

IF YOU HAVE...

- a child you want to stay at home with and still contribute to family income
- a warm, secure and safe home environment
- a desire to build a successful home-based childcare business
- an interest in promoting the best outcomes for children

WE HAVE...

- a fantastic self-employed career opportunity for you



(Please note: All applicants are subject to a Working with Children Check)

An Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 17th June 2014** at **6.30 pm** at **South Windsor Family Centre** Greenhills Way, SOUTH WINDSOR

Please call for more information or to register your attendance on the night.

Ph: 4504 7009 or 9045 8201
Fax: 4577 8910

Hills Community Aid has updated their leisure learning groups to include:

Teen Sewing – A beginners class for youth aged 12 – 20 who would like to learn how to sew. All patterns supplied for class. Participants will need a sewing machine (Room at Learning in the Hills for machines to be stored), fabric and other items. \$95 for eight week term on Monday's 4 – 6pm.

Cupcake Decorating – A beginners class for children & youth aged 8 – 18, learn how to make decorations for cupcakes and birthday cakes. Cost includes items required to make decorations each week. \$95 for eight week term on Wednesday's 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Hills Community Homework Group is a free homework group for children & youth in years 5 – 12. Meet on Monday's 4 – 5 or 5 – 6pm at Vinegar Hill Memorial Library, Nena Terry Room.

For further information about Teen Sewing or Cupcake Decorating please ring Learning in the Hills 9639 7918 or linhills@hca.org.au. A copy of our term 2 calendar is available at www.hca.org.au

For further information about Hills Community Homework Group please contact Hills Community Aid 9639 8620 or micib@hca.org.au

Mici Beer

Program Coordinator

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Bensons Lane, Richmond

OR VISIT **PLAYAFL.COM.AU** FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Once you have registered, call 02 8867 7400 and quote the promo

code **FOOTY** to go into the draw to **WIN** a Sony PS4, Lego
voucher or an iPad!

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THE COMPETITION

Show off your talents by entering this year's Open Mic competition. Whether it's singing, poetry, monologues, magical tricks or comedy acts, you're welcome to come along.

HOW IT WORKS

A winner and runner up from each category will be awarded on the night to progress to the final.

WHERE

Centre Court, Middle Level, Castle Towers

CATEGORIES

Junior (6-12 years) & Senior (13-18 years)

Heat 1 Thursday 29 May 2014 |

Heat 2 Thursday 12 June 2014 |

Heat 3 Thursday 19 June 2014

[Limited heat spaces available]

FINAL Thursday 17 July 2014

PRIZES

Prize money to be won at the heats and final.

Heats: Winner — \$100, Runner Up — \$50

Grand Final: \$300 per category

Melinda Ta | Community Projects & Facilities Officer

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Windsor Public School on (02) 4577 3168 or at
CNR GEORGE STREET AND DIGHT STREET WINDSOR

All stalls are to be handmade or homegrown items only

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Minutes for meeting held on 8 May 2014

The meeting was declared open at: 3.05 pm (from 2.30 pm to 3.05pm Mark spoke first fishing competition. See below)

Present: Matt Carter, Kim Smith, Nicole May, Kim Clark, Rebecca Lehrer, Mark Mitchell, Linda Hughes, Kris Waters, Pam Mitchell, Gayle Miller, Caroline Azmi, Sarah Telfer

Apologies: Jo Roughley, Michelle Davies

Previous Minutes: Signed and accepted by Kim Smith as a true record

Business Arising/ Carried forward:

Old Admin Building renovation: Steve Taylor to put in plumbing and splashback to get it operational. Les to attach the desks and benches once that is completed. Anneriek and Jo have fridges that the school can have.

Playground Equipment grant: Applications not yet open.

Working Bee: Sunday 25.5.14 from 8am to 12 pm. Les has already spread some of the mulch around the far edge. The BMX track needs repair, basement needs to be tidied, soil need for levelling the yard, Mark to speak with Sean. Caroline to enquire about an excavator.

Uniforms: Matt had samples of winter pants, skorts and shorts from Lowes. These samples to be displayed. The question was raised can we order direct from Beare and Ley or/and do we have to bulk order from them? To follow this up with Jo. Socks will be grey for boys and white for girls and black shoes.

Fishing Competition: Mark decided it was better to keep the event simple and make it for 1 night (Sept 27th & 28th). A brochure to be completed and given to local schools to advertise the night. Sat night - social night, Sunday - raffle, lunch. Need to purchase items and send letters out to businesses for prizes and raffles. Question was raised if P&C could allocate some money for it? The following businesses are going to be followed up for prizes: Bunnings Rouse Hill - Kim, BCF, McGraths Hill & Harvey Norman - Gayle, SupaCheap - Mark.

Kim Clark to notify the insurance company to find out what we need to do to be covered for this event.

Kim to organise letter and send them home with kids on Monday 12 May. Pam and Gayle need letterheads too.

CATTAI PRIMARY SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Old Admin Building

The renovation is well underway. The plumbing is next to be completed and then the desks and benches can be installed.

Working Bee Week

We are holding a Working Bee, Sunday the 25th May starting at 8am. We need ride-ons, whipper snippers, bobcats and excavators. We will also need shovels and wheelbarrows.

The aim is to tidy up the car park to improve first impressions for visitors to the school and to hopefully make the school look more inviting.

The job list includes;

- repairs to the BMX track from damage whilst the trees were removed.
- clearing of the top edge of the car park of saplings and weeds, and spreading tree mulch to create garden beds (which will be planted out with ground cover in the future and possibly have a fence for displaying advertising)
- clearing the access to the park next door.
- clearing a section below on the road side, to create space for a large School Sign (in the future)
- re-organising the basement (maybe the kids can help with this one)

We intend to finish around 12pm, and we will split into groups, so the more helpers we have the better. If you can't make it on the day, but would like to help, this work can be started anytime so just call one of the contacts below.

If you would like to help out with providing morning tea, you can drop your donation off to the office on Friday 23rd (something that won't perish unrefrigerated until Sunday) or drop off on Sunday before 9.30.

If you have any queries or need any further information, or in case of inclement weather on the day please call or text Kim Smith on 0419 435 022.

Mark Mitchell will be coordinating on the day and can be contacted on 0418 288 936

Hot Lunch and Parent assembly

The next hot lunch will be on Friday 6 June, week 6. Information to come soon. Don't forget to order for parents, family and friends too. For any queries please call Rebecca 0430 022 820 to discuss.

Xmas In July

The planning for our big night is underway and the advertising flyers will be out very soon for you to send to all your friends.

In the meantime, we are busy collecting donations to be used as raffle prizes, silent auction items and cash donations to pay for the band. If you would like to make a donation, or make some phone calls or know of a local business that would like to help out or need formal letter of request please contact Kim Smith.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Cake Roster for Wednesday 4 June 2014

Families: Bow, McLaren, Mitchell, Telfer.

P& C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting Thursday 5th June, 2014 at 2.30 pm under the COLA. Feel free and come along, we would love to see you there.

All items in regard to P& C to go into our Newsletter can be sent to the school marked "Attn: P& C Newsletter" or emailed to: natsar04@bigpond.net.au before Wednesday.



Hot Lunch Order Form

Friday 6th June 2014

****Burger, Fruit and Unlimited Cordial for \$5.00****

You will have the option on the day to add tomato / lettuce / cheese.

Please place your order on the form below and send with payment to school **by Wed 4th June 2014**

Payment options:

- Cash
- Cheques payable to: Cattai P&C Association
- Direct debit to P & C and write your receipt number on your order form

Acct name: Cattai P&C Association

BSB -062622

A/C #-00900547

We do not always have extras, so please order for any Parents, Family and Friends too.

Also, HELP on the day would be greatly appreciated ☺, as burgers are cooked at school!

For any queries (or if your child doesn't like BURGERS) please call Rebecca – 0430 022 820 to discuss!



Student/ Guest Name	Class/Visitor	Burger	Vegetarian	Total \$
TOTAL				\$