Principal’s Report - Richard Ford

Welcome back to the last term of the year. Our Kindy’s are soon not going to be the youngest of the school and our Year 6 are into the final stage of their primary school days.

This term has started out slowly but there is still a lot on. I am impressed by the work attitude of the students in the first two weeks. All of the grades are straight into their work and I have had a number of students already coming to my office to show their work. This week I have been able to get in and see some lessons in the classrooms. I must say that I am impressed by the quality of our teachers and the engagement of our students. One example of this was watching a Stage 3 class doing research on Australian politics. It was amazing to see the learning that they were doing and the ways that they worked together to find out things. I even learnt a few things from their research.

The P&C are running a Halloween Disco on Thursday 29 October. A note will go home later with all the details. It will be after school with the Infants disco starting at 3:30 and finishing at 5:00. The primary disco will start at 5:30 and finish at 7:00pm. Infants students will be allowed to wear their costumes on the day and supervision will be available between the end of school and the start of the Infants disco.

Kindy Orientation will be happening on Thursday 5 November. If you know families in the area who have recently moved in or may not of enrolled their children yet can you please let them know about this important date.

As the days get warmer it is very important that our students wear the appropriate school uniform. On some of the hotter days we have had lots of students wearing jumpers in 34 degree heat. They then start to feel sick. If we feel that a child is not appropriately dressed for the weather, we may ask them to sit in the shade.

We have also had a number of students who have started wearing non uniform clothes to school. After talking to a few parents it seems some of these students are changing from what they were wearing at home into non-school uniform items on the way to school. Also some students are wearing T-shirts under their school uniform and when they feel hot are taking off their school shirt. We also have a number of students who are wearing their Mt Druitt representative shirts. Although they have done a fantastic job representing the school and district, it is not school uniform and needs to be left at home. I have had a chat with a number of students about their uniforms and will be contacting parents if the trend continues. Please remember that the uniform shop is open Thursday mornings from 8.30-9.30am.

Richard Ford
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report - Mrs D. Taylor

Attendance
Thank you to all our parents who are assuring their child/ren are at school on time and ready to learn. Can I please ask all parents to remember if your child is absent from school, they are required to provide a note outlining the date or dates of the absences and a satisfactory explanation for their child being absent. The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided, unless prevented from doing so by sickness or other good reason. The Act also requires you to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. Explanation can be provided in writing as soon as possible or alternatively you may wish to contact the school via phone.

Uniform
Hats, Hats, Hats. All students are required to have a hat to play in the playground as part of the school’s sun safe protocols. Students without hats are asked to play in shaded areas. Please make sure your child’s name is on their hat and all other school property.

Also it is important to remember our school uniform is a symbol of pride in our school. Students are expected to present at school in uniform everyday and to avoid wearing bright coloured shorts and shirts, sporting team apparel and coloured jumpers to school instead to save them for holidays and weekends.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

Student Leadership for 2016
As a school throughout 2015, we have built a positive leadership program for all student leaders. These opportunities will continue in 2016. The application process for our 2016 Captains, Prefects and House Captains has opened and students can collect a copy of the application form from Mr Ford during recess and lunch each day.

Other opportunities including SRC, Library Monitors and House Vice Captains will occur in 2016.

Mrs Taylor
Deputy Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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NO SMOKING
The school premises is a Non Smoking Area
Thank you for your cooperation.
**Children in cars**

If your child is under 7 years of age they must be in the correct child restraint when travelling in a vehicle.

These photos from the RMS shows how to choose the correct restraint.

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**Who has the Right of Way?**

Pedestrians have the right of way at a crossing, traffic signals with a Walk sign and when crossing at a side street.

Although the law requires drivers to avoid collisions with pedestrians, it is still a good idea for pedestrians to look for approaching vehicles and check that they will stop.

Taking a moment to check what the oncoming vehicles are doing may seem inconvenient at the time but it will help you avoid an injury.
Penrith BMX

Gates Practice: Every Wednesday Night 6:30 - 8pm ($2 per rider).
Club Racing: Friday Nights (daylight savings), Saturdays.

Come N Try BMX

Join Penrith BMX Club for just $40
4mth trial


KINDERGARTEN 2016
Transition to School
‘CRAWFORD CUBS’

Every week from Thursday 20 August, 2015
(Term 3 Week 6)
Time: 9:10am—11:00am
Place: Crawford school hall.

- Crawford Cubs is a weekly transition to school playgroup held at Crawford Public School.
- This is a great opportunity for your child to play with others while developing school readiness skills and becoming familiar with our school environment.
- It is also a great chance for you to meet other families and receive insightful information from early childhood and primary teachers as well as health professionals.

STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL
CLOTHING APPEAL 2015

Stewart House is once again holding their clothing appeal. Collection bags have been sent home. Please return any bags of clothing to the school front office by Tuesday 17 November, 2015.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

PBL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their PBL badges during our last assembly for being a safe, respectful learner.

KA Elleni, Georgia and Cooper (White)
KC Tina, Zahra and Aashir (White)
KF Maka, Adi, Zephaniah, Kingston and Elena (White)
K/1H Isabella and Giselle (White), Jessica and Maro (Green)
1/2M Melzerane, Mia, Kalanii, Ayush, Samreen, Lyrix and Melissa (Green)
1/2P Bisma, Ethan, Shamika, Te Ariki, Jakeb (Green), Jor-El, Jayde and Bethanie (Maroon)
1/2T Taha, Rawiri, Jayla, Latisha, Behnjamin and Ethan (Green), Krestia, Rhiannon and Aniket (Maroon)
3/4B Nullegai (Maroon), Simran (Bronze)
5/6C Aka (Green), Daniel (Maroon), Bella and Trent (Bronze), Peter, Joyce and Maharish (Silver)
Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.

Full Government subsidy and eligibility offered.
Our centre is open 7am to 6pm all year round.

Our Before School Care operates from 7.00am – 8.45am.
Our After School Care operates from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

For further enquiries, please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

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**Special Swimming Scheme**

If your child has been allocated a placement in the Special “Learn to Swim” classes held from 30 November - 11 December, 2015, final payment needs to be made NO LATER than Friday 13 November. If full payment has not been made by this date, your child will unfortunately lose their spot and children on the waiting list will be offered a placement.

Mr Atfield
Swimming Scheme Coordinator
Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th October 2015
9:30am - 4pm
Adults $6 • Concession $4 • Children $2

27th Annual Doll, Bear & Craft Show

Featuring:
- Unique Handmade Products
- Reborn Dolls
- Dolls and Accessories
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Doll’s Houses and Supplies
- Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
- Aromatherapy • Jewellery, Craft

For more information call 4731 3000
or visit www.dollbearcraftfair.com.au

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith.
The Museum of Fire is a Registered Charity
Halloween Themed Playgroup

Dear families, we are going to be doing a Halloween theme playgroup.

For our special Halloween day all come dressed up in any costume scary, funny and just for fun

This will be on at the cottage at Crawford public school, power street Doonside
9:30 - 11:30am on 29th October 2015

and

Ngallu Wal Aboriginal child and family Centre, 259 Kildare road Doonside 9:30 - 11:30am on 30th October 2015

For any enquires contact Stacey on 96715890