Welcome to Week 4. Thank you to all those parents and family members who came along to our Open Day for Education Week last Tuesday. It is always nice to have such a great audience for our student performers. And what a great performance by our StarStruck dancers, choir and of course our duet of Chantelle and Lilly. Our Year 3 & 4 students also deserve a mention for the way they represented the school on their visit to Pelican for an author visit by Anna Fienberg.

Well done also to those students who participated in the Science Fair at Swansea High on Thursday night. It was fantastic to see so much science on display and lots of student interaction between local primary schools.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Last week I was lucky enough to be a judge for the Galgabba Public Speaking finals. It provided me with an opportunity to see what a high standard our students are achieving in comparison to other local schools. Well done to all of our speakers and a huge congratulations to Hope T, who won the Stage 1 final. Fantastic effort!

Next week our Public Speaking finalists will compete at the Zone finals. Good luck to all our competitors.

SOCcer GALA DAY
The soccer gala day kicks off this Wednesday. Students should wear their sport uniform. A canteen will operate on the day. No need to pre-order.
TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 17 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


‘THE MUSIC BUS’ IS COMING

The Music Bus is revolutionising primary school music tuition in Australia. They provide lessons in keyboard, guitar, drums, singing and rockband from a hi-tech mobile lab that visits your school every week. They provide the classroom, the teacher and the instruments in one complete package. All aboard!

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a demo day later this term. If there is enough interest in the weekly (after school) program the bus will visit each week. For those children that elect to take part, parents pay $15 per week.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

It is that time of year again. The parent information session for parents with children starting school in 2016 will be held at the end of term 3. If you know of anyone who has children starting school next year, please pass on the information. Please see below for all the orientation session times.

Parent Information Session: 17 Sept 6pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 12 Nov 9:15am
Kindergarten Orientation: 19 Nov 12:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 26 Nov 12:00pm

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Don’t forget to collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths and place them on a sticker sheet. Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box which will be located in the school foyer. Once the program closes on 8 September we will then collect all the completed sticker cards and send them in for redemption. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Aaron Quinnell - Principal

HOME READING AWARDS

25 Nights: Ella P Sienna K
Halle M Shannon K
50 Nights: Madison H Kira V
75 Nights: Joshua T Kaitlin R
Emerson L
100 Nights: Chelsy W Mitchell C

Congratulations!
Term 3 - Week 4

OFFICE NEWS

CANBERRA EXCURSION - YR 5 - 6
Payments for this excursion need to be finalised by Wednesday 26 August.

IMAX THEATRE EXCURSION - YR 3 - 4
A deposit of $16.00 is to be paid by Friday 14 August with the remaining $16.00 due by Friday 28 August.

CRANKY BEAR EXCURSION - K-2
A deposit of $10.00 is needed to secure a ticket for this performance. This was due by last Friday but an extension period will be given until this Friday 7 August. Full payment is to be finalised by Friday 28 August.

P&C NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
We would like to start by thanking all the canteen volunteers. We have had some new faces joining our already dedicated bunch of volunteers and this has allowed the canteen to be open every Monday and Tuesday for the term. Thank you!

TRIVIA NIGHT
The Trivia Night is all systems go and we are trying to source prizes at the moment. They will be for Lucky Balloon and raffle prizes, as well as a silent auction for bigger things. If you have any contacts to a business you think may like to get involved, we have a letter available which outlines all the details that can be passed on. We are also seeking sponsorship of each trivia round. If you can help please email bpstrivianight@hotmail.com and we will email you a copy of the letter.

Don’t forget to lock the date in your diary:

When: Saturday 12 September, 2015
Where: Swansea Belmont Surf Life Saving Club
Time: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost: $100 per table - maximum of 10 people

As this is our major fundraiser for the year we would love you all to get involved - invite your friends and family and together let’s make this a very successful night.

Stacy Hicks - P&C President

ASSEMBLY AWARDS - Weeks 2 & 3

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FED UP with Children’s Behaviour

“Our food has changed drastically over the past 30 years, and so have food related problems” – Sue Dengate www.fedup.com.au

FEDUP ROADSHOW 2015 - Newcastle

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL $15.50
www.stickytickets.com.au
Blackert Gymnastics Academy Has Moved!
Blackert Gymnastics Academy (BGA) is a successful and established gymnastics club that is fully affiliated with Gymnastics Australia. This year we have moved to a brand new, fully equipped, state of the art gymnastics centre and are offering a new and exciting range of programs. All programs are supervised by fully qualified gymnastics coaches and delivered in a fun, friendly and professional manner.

Kindergym: 18months - 5years
Recreational Gymnastics: 4 years+
Regional Levels Gymnastics: 7 years+
Tricks & Tumbles: 7 years+
Fitkids: 5 years+
Competitive Gymnastics: 5 years+
(by assessment only)

It’s Party Time!!!
Looking for a fun, easy, energetic and exciting place for your child’s birthday party? Then why not try one of our gymnastics parties! It’s the simple, stress free place for your child’s next birthday party.

School Holiday Fun!!
We also have fun holidays programs to keep the children busy and active during every school holidays.

So why not come and give one of our programs or parties a try?

Where: 21 Templar Place, Bennetts Green
Phone: 4948 0555
Email: blackertgymnastics@hotmail.com
Facebook: Like us on Facebook Blackert Gymnastics Academy
Website: www.blackert.gymnastics.org.au
“Exploring the Seasons of Grief”

Engaging the Change    Honouring my Story    Living with Hope    Empowering through Choice

The Seasons for Growth 2 day small group educational program uses the metaphor of the changing seasons to explore the impact of change & loss on one's life. Participants are given the chance to 'wake up' & to 'be heard'. The program is gently supportive, building confidence & self-esteem as participants learn new ways of accepting, processing, adapting to and integrating the losses in their lives.

“it is such a gentle way to explore losses and issues... i have used these skills over time to cope with difficult situations.”

“i will take away a greater understanding of myself & i will continue to work on my own personal growth & my response to any life change.”

“I had the opportunity to work through & recognise my own seasons of growth - even though my biggest hurdle was so long ago.”

“It’s a bit to grief in your own way. Autumn & winter will eventually become spring & summer.”

Breaking down the grieving process into manageable, small pieces & slowly working through them, really helped me gain a better understanding of the process.

Office: St Kevin’s Cottage, 230 Main Road, Coffs
Time: 9.30am - 2pm (Registration from 9.15am)
Cost: COS/Parish Participants $30 General Participants $50
RSVP: September 2 P: 4971 1305 E: seasonsforgrowth@mn.catholic.org.au

Seasons for Growth in the Hunter region is funded by: Catholic Social Justice Office & Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
For more information about the program please visit: http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/programs/seasonsforgrowth

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DOVE Drive Out Violence Eastlakes

A Program of Castlery's Women's & Children's Refuge Inc

Post: PO Box 7, Swansea, N.S.W. 2281
Ph: 0423 371 422 or 49 711 229
E-mail: driveoutviolenceeastlakes@gmail.com
ABN: 52 131 807 562

COME and JOIN US FOR DOVE TALKS

... a weekly program of information and discussion on domestic violence and related issues with interesting guest speakers and morning tea. DOVE Talks is an informal, friendly and safe space and is open to the general community.

When: Thursday mornings 10am-12pm during school terms.
Where: Ocean Room Swansea Centre
228 Pacific Highway
Swansea

Talents:
- 6 August 2015: Vanessa and Naomi (Neami National) Domestic Violence and Mental Health
- 13 August 2015: Sara Boyd McCauley (McCusker & Associates) Domestic Violence and the Law
- 20 August 2015: Coral Berry (Newcastle Sexual Assault Service) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- 27 August: Senior Constable Kerrie Rogers (Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Lake Macquarie Domestic Violence Team) Police Involvement and Procedures Regarding Domestic Violence

More speakers to be announced.

Please contact Nicki Saroca, the DOVE Project Officer, on 0423371422 or 49711229 or by email driveoutviolenceeastlakes@gmail.com, if you would like more information about DOVE Talks. We are also interested in hearing from you if you would like to give a talk yourself. Nicki is based in the Swansea Community Cottage at the Swansea Centre, Swansea.
**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015

**NO STOPPING**

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.

- **Maximum Penalty**
  - $425
  - + 2 Demerit Points

**Penalty**
- $177
- + 2 Demerit Points

**BUS ZONE**

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

- **Penalty**
  - $319
  - + 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**

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

- **Penalty**
  - $319
  - + 2 Demerit Points

- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone**: $319 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $425 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area**: $177 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit**: $531

**Please Note:** fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2016. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.