PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As we move into the final weeks of school for 2014 there are lots of items on the school calendar. Please refer to the upcoming events in the newsletter for dates and times.

On Wednesday Mr Chin will be updating the school website so that it will help to keep you informed on what is happening and important dates in 2015. The website will become a good source for accurate information.

A number of old chairs have been placed beside the Skip bin. If anyone wants some please contact the school office.

Congratulations to our new P & C Life Members – Raeleigh Kerr, Jackie & Glen Boyd. Your contribution to the school is greatly appreciated.

This will be the final newsletter for 2015. I would like to wish our school community a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Michelle Sotiros
Relieving Principal

SAFE
RESPECT
LEARN

Super Hero Winners
Week 10
Cassie, Ashleigh, Cassandra
SELECTIVE TALENTED SPORTS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Illawarra Sports High School

Year 5 & 6 Open night Monday 16 February. All parents and carers are welcome to attend the information sessions and the tour of the school. Students applying for the selective sports program attend the Year 6 Trials Day on Tuesday, 10 March 2015. Brochures will be distributed to year 5 students or contact the Director of Sport- Amy Child on 4271 1099.

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

A new serving bench in the Multi-Purpose Room has been installed. It was purchased with Volunteer Grant money. The new bench is been used by the Breakfast Club students as well as catering during the Kinder 2015 transition morning tea.

LIBRARY UPGRADE

Mrs O’Connor and Mrs McLeod have been working extremely hard to assess the collection of resources and suggest future purchases to support the curriculum. From Monday, 15 December the Library will transform further by having new carpet laid. The walls will have ‘quiet space’ placed on the walls at a future date and we are currently getting quotes to have the remainder of the library painted.

RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

Children are asked to return all Library books and borrowing will now cease for the remainder of the year.

STAFFING

Mrs Melinda Dalli is on leave for the remainder of the year and Mr Michael Chin will be the Relieving Assistant Principal during this period.

Congratulations to Mr Ben Paulson who has accepted a position at Woonona Public School in 2015. I thank Mr Paulson for his hard work and dedication in his role as Release from Face to Face (RFF) teacher and 3P classroom teacher.

Mrs Petra Boyle will be retiring from teaching at the end of this year. I thank Mrs Boyle for teaching KBP and stepping into a full time role when Mrs Rice left to have her baby. I wish Mrs Boyle a happy retirement.

Congratulations to Mrs Rice and her family. Mrs Rice gave birth to a beautiful baby girl Sophie Ann on Monday 1 December.

Thank you to Our school counsellor Mrs Narelle Wilson who will finish at the end of 2015. We will welcome a new counsellor in 2015.

I will be continuing into 2015 as the Relieving Principal.

Further announcements for staffing in 2015 will be outlined at the beginning of Term 1.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

It is always a pleasure to be able to personally thank people who have helped the school at various times throughout the year. Over 60 invitations went out and over 30 people attended. Although some may not have been able to attend, I would like to thank you for your contribution in 2014.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return all raffle tickets and money by Friday, 12 December. The Raffle will be drawn on Monday, 15 December at the School Picnic. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the hamper including the major prize of a fully catered dinner for 8 (alcohol not included),
1 month membership to Curves and a beautifully decorated gingerbread house to name a few.

**LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL**

I have been concerned about the number of children arriving late to school each morning. Every child should be at school by 9am and sitting under the COLA when the bell rings so that they can listen to the daily messages and ready for learning.

For example, on Friday there were 14 students who were late. I understand on occasion children need to attend appointments but parents please prioritise that your child is at school 9am each day.

**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**

Today we celebrated some of the student successes in 2014. I would like to thank Sturman’s Electronics on Crown Street, Wollongong who lent the school a cordless microphone to improve the quality of the sound. Also, the P&C who donated all the trophies, medals and engraving on shields.

I would especially like to thank Ms Debbie Lowe, Director of Schools NSW, Wollongong North Network, who addressed the assembly and inducted our 2015 captains (Ella, Tait, Laura and Brody) and Mr Mark King, Corrimal High School Principal.

**P&C MEETINGS**

The final P&C meeting for 2014 was held last week at the Lagoon Restaurant. The meeting included reflecting on the successes of 2014, and planning for 2015. The first meeting for 2015 is Wednesday, 4 February and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, 4 March 2015. Congratulations to Raeleigh Kerr, Jackie and Glen Boyd who were presented with Tarrawanna Public School P&C Life Membership. Over the years they have made a significant contribution to the P&C and school. Their children will be progressing to high school in 2015.
The Environmental afternoon was a great success. Whipper snippers, chain saws, secateurs, gardening bags, wheel barrows, garden trowel, speakers with music playing were scattered over the grounds in an effort to tidy up. A parent was unable to attend but donated large packs of bottled water which was chilled and handed out to the volunteers. It was noted that the school needed more rakes and thank you to the Salvation Army 6 rakes were donated the following day. Many people have asked when the next one will be held. Staff have agreed to do this on a regular basis and in 2015 a School Environmental Management Plan will be developed.

Some parents have offered to come in to do some more pruning this week which is greatly appreciated since we have another skip bin in place and ready for filling. If you can spare an hour or 2, please contact the school to make arrangements.

DANCE2BFIT

Friday, 12 December is the last lesson for Dance2bFit. Please ensure all remaining money for lessons are paid by Friday.

FAMILIES LEAVING THE SCHOOL in 2104


To our Year 6 families who are leaving our school, congratulations and best wishes for high school and the future

Sophie M, Cooper and Riley L will be transferring to Woonona Public School.

WELCOME TO A NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome a new family to our school. Luke is a Year 5 student who is in 5/6PN.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations go to Laura (4th) and Phoebe (5th) for their placements in Sydney Water’s four carnivals run in Sydney and the Illawarra

CANTEEN ROSTER

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15 DECEMBER CANTEEN CLOSED FOR REMAINDER OF 2014

STUDENT BANKING

The last day for Student Banking this year will be FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

BREAKFAST CLUB

The last day for Breakfast Club for 2014 will be FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER
## 2015 WHAT'S ON TERM 1

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*Note – School Development Days are planned for the first day of Term 1, 2 and 3 as well as the last two days of Term 4*