Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members,

Welcome back to another school term. Term 2 is already shaping up to be very busy, I would encourage you all to read the weekly newsletter and like us on facebook to stay up to date with all that is happening.

During the holidays numerous students attended the ANZAC march and ceremony in Darlington Point, I would like to thank all those students for their attendance and behaviour during the proceedings. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Levi and Dharian for their presentation of the commemorative address, you both spoke worthy of your position, well done.

This week Mrs Guest will be registering our school for the Premier’s Spelling Bee, this is a great opportunity to practice all those spelling strategies students have developed over their schooling careers.

This term we bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Holland, who will be taking maternity leave as of week 3. We wish her and her family all the best; you'll be greatly missed.

In sporting news, this term we are holding our cross country this Friday the 2nd of May. This year’s venue will again be the Golf course. 8/9/10yrs will run a 2km circuit whilst 11/12yrs will run 3km. The zone cross country will be held on the 23rd May at Lake Wyangan for those athletes that qualify.

Our athletics carnival will be held next Friday 9th May. Student will participate in track and some field events on the day. Long Jump and High Jump will be conducted at school prior to the carnival. Students will be practicing long jump and high jump this week with the competition to take place next week, we will advise students next week as to what day they will be competing so they can wear suitable clothes and footwear.

Another important date to add to the calendar is the NAPLAN testing. All students from Years 3&5 will be sitting these tests from Tuesday 13th May until Thursday 15th May with Friday 16th May scheduled as a catch-up date for those students unable to attend school. We strongly recommend ALL students attend these days as the NAPLAN tests provide important information used to support teaching and learning programs.

On the 29th May, students from years 5&6 will be competing in the Mortimer Shield competition in Griffith; we have again this year entered both boys and girls into this event. A permission note will be sent home later this week.

If you missed out on the recent parent / teacher interviews your child’s teacher is available for interview upon request.

We really encourage open communication between staff and parents, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child’s education please don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher or myself.

It is important that students attend school every day unless:

1. your child is too sick to go to school
2. your child has been injured
3. your child has to go to a special religious ceremony.
4. your child has an infectious illness (such as chickenpox, mumps or measles)
5. there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement

I have to report to the Department of Education on a regular basis the number of students whose attendance falls below 85%. I also have a responsibility to follow up poor attendance by students and if necessary refer it to the Home School Liaison Officer from the Department who will seek to improve attendance.

Regards

Richard Busby
Principal
**Term 2 Sport**

Next term is going to be very busy in terms of sport. Some dates to remember are:

- 2/5/14 (Wk 1): School cross country
- 9/5/14 (Wk 2): School athletics carnival
- 23/5/14 (Wk 4): Zone cross country
- 29/5/14 (Wk 5): Mortimer Shield
- 3/6/14 (Wk 6): Zone Athletics
- 10/6/14 (Wk 7): Riverina cross-country
- 23/6/14 (Wk 9): Riverina athletics

Trent Barrett Shield final dates are not known as yet.

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**Parents please note that the school is not responsible for the bus. All enquiries can be directed to Transport for NSW on 1800 049 961.**

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**GRiffith Central and the Area News $5000 Shop for Your Local School and Win Promotion**

Griffith Central and the Area News are offering schools the opportunity to win a chance at cash in their new “Shop for Your School” promotion. This promotion will run from Monday 10th March and run through until Friday 9th May.

**How to enter.**

Customers collect a coupon from any issue of The Area News. Customers will receive a sticker when they make a purchase of $10 or more at Griffith Central. They then place the sticker on their entry form and nominate Darlington Point Public School, as the school they would like to see get the cash. They can then place the completed entry into the orange barrel at Griffith Central.

On Friday May 9th, the first two correct entries drawn will win.

**First Prize:**
$3000 cash for the school and $700 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers, for the customer who submitted the entry.

**Second Prize:**
$2000 cash for the school and $500 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers for the customer who submitted the entry.

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**NAPLAN**

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. Despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:

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**Canteen News**

**There will be no hot food for recess** but can be ordered for lunch.

**Term 2 Roster**

Friday 2nd May – Karen & Kim Webb
Monday 5th May – Stacey
Friday 9th NO CANTEEN AT SCHOOL – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AT SPORTS OVAL
Monday 12th May - ???? Volunteer needed
Friday 16th May – Amanda & Sophie
Monday 19th May – Volunteer needed

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**New volunteers are always welcome. If interested please see Amanda in the canteen on Fridays.**

Thank you, Amanda Long - Canteen Co-ordinator

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**COOLIBAH CAFÉ SCHOOL LUNCHES**

The Coolibah Café will be doing school lunches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Orders and money are to be handed to the school office by 9:15am. A menu is available at the school office. Please make sure that the correct money is included with order. Thanks.

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**Thumbs Up Raffle Winners**

**Term 1 Week 11**

- 15 minutes free play – Shania Hughes
- Grab Bag – Katie’Lee Treverton
- Zooper Doopers – Oliver Cadorin
- 15 minutes free play – Meg Church
- Target Voucher – Brad Gilbert
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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 9, 2014**

**Mrs Heath** –
Shania Hughes: Hard work during Pre-lit lessons. Keep it up!
Brodie Legge: Wonderful improvements in reading!
Katie’Lee Treverton: An awesome effort during reading lessons!

**Mrs Bowditch** –
Makayla Newman: Her ability to work independently during Literacy groups. Great work!
Michael Seiler: Working hard in guided reading. Well done!
Daneeka Fejsa-Sexton: Great work in Mathematics when constructing graphs. Well done!

**Mrs Marshall** –

**Mrs Guest** –
Taniaya Coe: Excellent bookwork in all areas, especially in spelling and literacy.
Rebecca Connell: Trying very hard to learn her times tables. Keep trying!
Laura Toscan: Showing creative flair in recount writing and illustrating.

**Mr Busby** -
Simon Toscan: Outstanding contributions to all aspects of English.
Todd Rowley: Trying hard to complete all maths tasks.
Keam Morgan-Murray: Great independent work on his micro-organism powerpoint.

**NAPLAN TESTING – MAY, 2014**

National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently Years 3, 5, 7, 9, they will sit the NAPLAN tests in May 2014.

There is no need to get stressed as the students will have lots of practice for these tests.

**CDP CEF BUSH DANCE** at Coleambally Club on Sunday 17th May 7-11pm to raise funds for education
Grants to assist local students. Please come along and enjoy a great night by ‘Swag ‘n Billy’, lots of door, prizes and a light supper. Tickets are available At TT’s, Stitch in Time or by contacting committee Members –
Penny Sheppard, 026954 9157,
Sue Inglis 0421 729 830,
Ken Martin 0269544520,
Elaine Clarke 0269544767,
Eddie Rooks 0269544767,
Terry Inglis 0427788431.

Tickets also available on the night at the door!!

Adults -$20 Under 18’s - $10; Preschoolers – free.
Students at the Darlington Point and Coleambally Anzac Day ceremony