STUDENT SAFETY

The safety of our students is a priority to us all. Please ensure you drive safely and slowly around our school.

A reminder – the staff car park is for staff only!

MEDICAL AND LEARNING ISSUES

It is important that the information we have on your child is current and up-to-date. We are required to have medical plans for students with medical conditions and allergies. If your child has a disability or learning need we need to be aware and develop an appropriate learning plan for your child.

We will shortly be sending home information for you to update. This will allow us to support each child in the best way possible.

ABC READING EGGS

Reading Eggs is for K-2 children. It is a unique online world where children can learn to read. It supports each child’s learning by offering individual, one-to-one lessons that allow children to progress at their own rate.

If you were to purchase a one year subscription at home for your child it would cost $79.95. We offer it at $10 only for each child. This gives your child access at home and school.

ABC READING EGGSpress

ABC Reading Eggspress makes reading real books, improving spelling skills and building reading comprehension highly engaging for primary students.

If you were to purchase a one year subscription at home for your child it would cost $79.95. We offer it at $10 only for each child. This gives your child access at home and school.

MATHLETICS

Mathletics is an online program that switches kids onto maths. It’s fun, supportive and effective for students of all ages and abilities. A one year subscription purchased at home would cost you $99. We provide your child access to the program at home and school for a year for $10 for each child.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The School Magazine has been produced for nearly 100 years. You may remember it from when you went to school. It is continually updated and now there are ten 32-page magazines produced each year. They offer readers a tempting selection of texts to get everyone reading. We will purchase them for each child Y3-6 if you have paid the school $10. The children get to keep the ten magazines.
At McCallums Hill Public School we plan our teaching and learning programs using a variety of media to support and engage student learning. As a result we use only a small number of textbooks.

If you have not purchased the starter packs you will need to purchase the textbooks yourselves. I would suggest looking in local bookshops. Those needed are listed below.

Cheryl Glover  
Principal

Kindergarten

New Improved K Foundation Handwriting

Year 1

Targeting Handwriting 1
Year 2
Targeting Handwriting 2
My Personal Dictionary 3rd Edition

Year 3
Targeting Handwriting 3
Maths Plus 3 Mentals and Homework Book

Year 4
Targeting Handwriting 4
Maths Plus 4 Mentals and Homework Book
Year 5
Targeting Handwriting 5
Maths Plus 5
Mentals and Homework Book

Year 6
Targeting Handwriting 6
Maths Plus 6
Mentals and Homework Book
Language Teachers

Ms C Paphitis
Greek Language Teacher

Mr F Hijazi
Arabic Language Teacher

Ms H Magdas
Library Teacher

Library Teacher

School Counsellors

Ms J Murray
Counsellor

Ms K Dean
Counsellor

Administration Staff

Ms J Stone
School Administrative Officer

Ms B Antaky
School Administrative Manager

Ms K Cole
School Administrative Officer

Ms C Hickey
School Learning Support Officer

M C Scully
General Assistant
Our welcome morning tea is this **Friday at 9am on 15th February** in the staffroom for all parents and caregivers. Come along and meet us and some of the parents at your school.

The next P&C meeting is on **February 22nd @ 9am** in the staffroom. Come and hear what is going on at your school. This year we will be holding a fete and would love everyone’s help. The meeting will also plan this term’s activities.

One of the fundraising activities which was enjoyed by all last year was the Walkathon which raised over $3000. This year it will be held on **Monday March 18**. Sponsorship forms will be coming home soon. Enjoy a walk with your friends.

Our school has for the last 5 years been collecting **5 cent coins** to raise funds to beautify our school. Our aim is to collect 1 million coins. Last year 15636 coins were collected. The garden outside kindergarten is an area that was created from these funds. Soon a coin bag will be sent home to make collecting these coins and easier, so keep an eye out for this. The donated coins will be counted monthly and future meetings will decide how they are spent.
Dear Parents & Carers,

Due to a successful year last year, Book Club is back in 2013! Book Club magazines are being distributed to students in Years 1 to 6 this week (Tuesday or Wednesday). Orders are due back by Tuesday 19 February 2013.

Once again, students have the opportunity to purchase great books, software, DVD’s etc on a variety of themes for great prices!

Once you and your child have had a look at the magazine and have decided that you would like to purchase resources follow the following steps.

1. **Place your order form identifying what you would like to order, along with correct money in a clearly labelled envelope with your child’s name & class on the front office.**

2. **Place the envelope in the box clearly labelled “Book Club Orders”.**

3. **A parent helper will collect your money and order form and then process your request.**

4. **A few weeks later you will receive your order to your classroom.**

When you order from Book Club you are also helping our school ‘McCallums Hill Public School’ in receiving extra resources.

Remember please make cheques payable to: **Scholastics Australia.** Please note that no late orders will be accepted.

Thanking you all for your support.
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THURSDAY 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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MICHAEL BEYROUTHY
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH FEB 2013
10am – 12 noon unless specified

Tafe Course, Work Skills, Life skills, Parenting Skills Group, Social Group and Recreational Activities ......

All Welcome for Parents with Children 0-12 yrs

Opportunities
Develop skills and confidence, socialise with others

Information Session
WEDNESDAY 13TH FEB AT 10AM TO DISCUSS THE TAFE COURSE FOR THE 1ST TERM OF 2013
Morning tea supplied

TO APPLY:  Come to the Information Session 10am, 13th February 2013 @Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Rd, Riverwood

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: For Parents with children 0-12 yrs .This Course is delivered in Partnership with TAFE and Held at Riverwood Community Centre FEES: This course is FREE. There is child minding available. Bookings are essential after the information session on the 13th Feb. This course is held at Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Road North, Riverwood NSW 2210 Contact Mariam or Kerrie P. 95330100 familysupport@riverwoodcommunity.org.au
SUBSIDISED SPORTS PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AND BOYS 5YRS TO 12YRS.

Riverwood Community Centre .....Family Support.....contact... Mariam Kerrie & Nadia

- **START:** Tues 12th Feb 2013  4-5pm  5yrs to 12 yrs. (limited spaces, so book early)
- **OPPORTUNITIES:**
  - For your child to have fun, keep active and participate in an 8 week Sports program which is subsidised by AFL, Riverwood Community Centre and local clubs
  - Learn New skills and gain confidence
  - Enjoy sporting activities and a Healthy afternoon tea
- **PRIZES FOR EACH CHILD**
  - Kids who complete the 8 week program each Tuesday at 4-5pm will receive at the end of the 8 weeks a AFL Football Last day BBQ and celebration AFL Show bag and a Prizes

TO APPLY: Please phone Mariam or Kerrie 9533 0100 or email familysupport@riverwoodcommunity.org.au or register at the reception at Riverwood Community Centre, 151 Belmore Rd, Riverwood NSW 2210

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for this course you must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. **FEES:** This sports program has been heavily subsidised so will cost only $10 per child for the complete 8 weeks each Tuesday for 1 hour, including afternoon tea, and presents. If you wish for your child to participate and cannot afford the fees please speak to us. Bookings are essential familysupport@riverwoodcommunity.org.au
Children’s Vision

Good vision is important for your child’s educational, physical and social development and to help them reach their full learning potential. Many children continue to experience undetected and unnecessary vision problems and often they assume that how they see is normal.

*It is up to us, their teachers and parents, to be able to recognise the signs of a vision problem, and to help children look after their eyes.*

As part of the 2013 Optometrists Association Australia Children’s Vision campaign, we hope to help parents to detect potential vision problems in children early, and to teach children about their eyes and the importance of good vision.

**Recognising eye problems in children**

Symptoms of eye problems include:

- complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes
- delayed progress in reading ability
- a turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- poor hand-eye coordination in sports
- losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading

Contact us or your local optometrist for a copy of the Children’s Vision Parent Guide or visit the website: [www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision](http://www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision)

Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children’s eyes be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately on observing any problems with their eyes or vision.

Local optometrist Dr Nadine Kamareddine
United Medical Centre
116 Haldon Street
Lakemba NSW 2195
Ph: (02) 9759 0947
e: bexleyeye@optusnet.com.au
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old?
Do you think they may be above a healthy weight?

The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun Program?

The program runs once a week for 2 hours for 10 weeks over the school term. Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids; easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

Sydney Local Health District has 15 FREE places available at your local programs: Roselands Aquatic Centre, Central Avenue, running on Wednesdays 4.30-6.30pm in Term 1 2013, starting Wednesday 6th February. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.mendcentral.org and click on ‘Australia & NZ’.
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.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
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