21 March is Harmony Day

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

At McCallums Hill Public School all students and staff are invited to wear orange. Students will be participating in Harmony Day activities throughout the day.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Next Thursday we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. A note has been sent home about sending into school the resources students will need to make their Easter Hats.

All parents and family members are invited to our school to enjoy the Easter Hat Parade, which commences at 1.15pm.

The canteen is offering a special Easter meal deal for the day. Please see the information about this on the ‘Canteen’ tab on our website.

WALKATHON

We had wonderful weather for our walkathon yesterday. The students enjoyed the walkathon and were enthusiastic in their efforts to walk as many laps as they could.

Many thanks to the P&C for organising this fundraiser. I would like to particularly thank Julianne Spillane for all the work she did organising this event, Mrs Cole for her support of the P&C for the event and Mrs Riordan for her organisation of the staff for this special day.

Cheryl Glover
Principal
Some of our Walkathon Champions 2013!
Photo Day

Thursday 4th April is Photo Day at McCallums Hill School and by now all students should have received their envelope for ordering their class photo packs.

On the day the photographers will collect the envelope and money from each child to pay for their orders. No money should be sent to school before the 4th April. If parents would like a family photo of their children as well, they can collect the family photo envelope from the front office.

Home Reading Books

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year our school librarian purchased books for the Stage 2 Home Reading Program. These books have been stamped with the school stamp and are now ready to be covered in clear contact. We would really appreciate the parents of Year 3 and Year 4 students helping us to cover these new books so that our students can get started on reading them.

The books will be left at the office for the time being. If you could take home a bundle of books and some contact to cover them for us, it would be wonderful.
As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians. Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

- Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side. Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Have a happy & safe Easter - from McCallum's Hill Public School
Australia's First Coloured Commemorative Coin!

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For a $10 donation
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Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.

The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

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Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT

Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5 per coin.

www.rsl.org.au
What a great day we had in the sun yesterday for our yearly walkathon. Everyone had a great time as a school community. Thanks to Ms Riordan for helping Julianne with this great fundraiser and to all the parents and other teachers that helped out on the day. Thanks to Kelly and the Cool Kids Canteen for keeping the ice blocks frozen for our students to enjoy after their walk.

Now that you have completed the walkathon please collect your sponsored amounts and return all monies as soon as possible so the prizes can be given out.

**REMEMBER** All students who raise above $10 will receive a prize.

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday March **27 @ 7pm** in the staffroom. If you are unable to make any of these meetings the minutes are always on the websites under the P &C tab. If you would like anything raised please email

traceydillon@optusnet.com.au

**AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

- Walkathon update
- School Fete update
- School Banking
- Election Day Sausage
- 2013 Bunnings BBQ at Greenacre
- Bubbler posters
- Mothers Day Fundraiser
- Movie Night
- 5 cent tally
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

- To be part of the morning greeting
- To know what’s happening during the day
- To start lessons on time and to understand what to do in class

Arriving to school on time allows children to be part of the daily school routines.

The bell rings at 8.55am at our school. Please ensure your children are in the playground before the bell rings.

PSSA WEEK 8

PSSA Sport will be held at Clemton Park this week.
As you can see we received an Environment Award in recognition of our contributions to Clean Up Australia Day 2013.

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ENVIRONMENT AWARD 2013

As Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
it is my pleasure to present this certificate

To

McCallum’s Hill Public School

1 March 2013

In recognition of your contribution to
Clean Up Australia Day 2013

Tony Burke MP
Federal Member for Watson
Harmony Day is on Thursday 21st March – Students and Staff can wear orange on the day!

Happy Harmony Day!

Harmony Day in Australia is celebrated every year on March 21. It is a day in which Australians are invited to formally celebrate our cultural diversity and the contribution we each bring.
Babies & Kids Markets

Everyone is welcome!!

New and great quality preloved babies and kids goods – clothes, shoes, toys, books and loads of large items including high chairs, cots, playpens, walkers and bouncers.

Come join the fun and bargains

If you have multiples, or are expecting them, this is definitely the market for you!!

SATURDAY 4TH MAY

From 1-3pm

Kirrawee High School Hall
21 Hunter St, Kirrawee, NSW

CASH SALES ONLY - NO EFTPOS

Southern Sydney MBA Babies & Kids Markets (SSMBA)
Stewart House donations are due back no later than Wednesday 20th March 2013

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?
To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.
About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?

The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?

If you are eligible, you will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)
- $820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.
When will I receive it?
Payments are made in January and July every year. You must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 1 January to be eligible for the January payment. Similarly, you must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 30 June to receive the July payment.
If you claim Family Tax Benefit Part A as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus then.

What do I need to do to get it?
It’s easy. You don’t have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.
You just need to let Centrelink know:
• when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and
• when you or your child move from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school amount.
• when you or your child finishes secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

How will I be paid?
If you’re eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be automatically paid into your nominated bank account in January and July.

Has the Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund?
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

Is the Schoolkids Bonus less than the Education Tax Refund?
No – the Schoolkids Bonus is $410 a year for each primary student and $820 for each secondary student compared to a maximum of $397 for a primary student and $794 for a secondary student under the previous Education Tax Refund. In addition, most families were not claiming their full entitlement under the Education Tax Refund because they didn’t have the receipts when they did their tax returns or forgot to claim the payment. Schoolkids Bonus is paid automatically and no receipts are required.

Where can I go for more information?
To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
If you would like to advertise in our school newsletter please phone the office for advertising costs.

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Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Services

Sydney Dental Hospital provides free dental care to all children under 18 years of age (including preschool children) and have clinics located at Marrickville, Canterbury, Croydon and Concord.

Their service can be accessed by calling 9293 3333. Go to the Sydney Dental Hospital website to find out more
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FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2013NSWPC3    Location: Burwood

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child's participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
  - information about your local school system's processes
  - opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
  - opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Club Burwood RSL,
96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood NSW 2134

When: Two day workshop – Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 April 2013
Day 1: 9.00 a.m - 4.30 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)
Day 2: 9.00 a.m - 3.30 p.m

Registration opens 6 weeks before the workshop, and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

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