WELCOME TO TERM 2

I trust everyone had an enjoyable holiday with their children. The staff have worked hard to ensure Term 2 programs are fully planned and ready to implement from Day One. We have an exciting series of educational experiences planned for all the children.

WELCOME MS RILEY

I warmly welcome Ms Riley to our school. Ms Riley is the teacher of class 3/4R (formerly 3/4A). During Term 1 we held a selection panel for a vacant teacher position at our school and Ms Riley was the successful applicant. I wish her well as a member of the McCallums Hill school community.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

As ANZAC Day was during the school holidays we will be holding our school service on Thursday 2 May. Members of Kingsgrove RSL will be participating in the assembly.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

Last year students were given the opportunity to trial a specialised sports program delivered by SISA (Sport in School Australia). All students were enthusiastic about the program and parents were surveyed if they would support this program at McCallums Hill. The response from parents was overwhelmingly in support of us providing this program in 2013.

The program is delivered in a range of complex stations that provide a wide and varied range of resources that are designed to inspire, motivate and excite all students to optimal engagement throughout each weekly session. Sport in Schools offers the largest range of equipment and have guaranteed that no student will use the same piece of equipment twice within the whole 10 week program. The range of resources which is available to them schools cannot provide. All staff are specialist PD/H/PE trained teachers. Their program aims are linked to the syllabus.

The program commences next week and will be held every Tuesday for ten weeks. Permission notes can be found on the website.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) is an Australian wide assessment program in which all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate. It will be held in Week 3 from 14-16 May.
Dancesport

Each year our Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the Dancesport Challenge. In this program the children have the opportunity to learn four styles of ballroom dancing and to join the Dancesport Challenge at the state Sports Centre late Term 3. The lessons are due to begin Wednesday afternoon next week. Notes were sent home last term regarding this program. They can be found on the school website. Make sure you don’t miss out!

PSSA

The Winter PSSA competition begins this Friday. New uniform requirements have been determined, some desirable and some mandatory. Notes were sent home last term with all students who were successful in gaining a position in a PSSA team. The note can be found on the website.

School Development Days

This week the staff participated in two School Development Days. Administrative and support staff attended conferences to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills. Teaching staff learnt about the new curriculum, had an introduction to the new English syllabus, set up blogs for each class and school program, developed our understanding of how to better support students with learning needs and had an introduction to the new Science and Technology syllabus. The days were highly valuable and should lead to improved outcomes for all our students.

Cheryl Glover
Principal
From Term 2 2013 payments and permission notes will be collected in a payment box in the front office. Teachers will no longer collect payments via the classroom.

Cash and cheques are to be placed in the payment box by 9.30am each day. No payments will be accepted after this time.

Payments must be secured in an envelope with the permission note enclosed. The front of the envelope will need to state the child’s name, class, event/s being paid for and total amount enclosed. The correct money should be enclosed as the office staff rarely has denominations to supply change.

McCallums Hill staff understands the convenience of being able to pay by savings or credit cards. For your convenience we have arranged to have these facilities available.

EFTPOS and Card transactions will be processed between 8.30am and 9.30am daily. We cannot accept EFTPOS after this time due to banking procedures.

A minimum transaction cap of $10 will apply.

All payments for excursions and events will now have a final payment due date. This final due date will be indicated on all excursion and permission notes. All payments should be made in full by 9:30 of the final due date stated on the permission note. Late payments will not be accepted and your child may miss the excursion or event.

We hope you will find the new procedures convenient for your school payments.
NEW PAYMENT PROCEDURES

From Term 2 2013 payments and permission notes are being collected in this payment box in the front office. Please make yourself familiar with its location.
Winter uniform

As you are aware changes were made to our school uniform last year. The new uniform is not mandatory yet as we are still going through a transition phase. However if you need to purchase any new uniforms please ensure they are the correct items which are available at LOWES Roselands.

GIRLS

WINTER

Navy microfibre track pants and jacket
(school emblem)

and

gold short/long sleeve polo shirt
(stripped collar and school emblem)

School tunic with navy tights
and navy v neck sloppy joe or microfibre jacket
(with school emblem)

Black Shoes

with white socks if wearing track pants

School Hat Broadband or Cap
(School Emblem)

Optional - Navy Scarf with school emblem
BOYS

WINTER

Navy microfibre track pants and jacket
(school emblem)
and
gold short/long sleeve polo shirt
(striped collar and school emblem)
and/or
navy v neck sloppy joe
(with school emblem)

| White ankle socks |
| Black Shoes |
| School Hat Broadband or Cap |
| (School Emblem) |

School Hat Broadband or Cap
(School Emblem)
Safe driving around schools

Parking and Traffic Rules – Choosing Safety over Convenience

No Stopping

What does it mean?
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

Penalty - $165.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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Bus Zone

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IS YOUR CHILD SAFE? UNDERSTANDING BULLYING

Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented.

Without appropriate support and intervention, bullying can have lifelong negative consequences for the child and their family.

Date: Wednesday 29 May, 2013
Time: 6.00pm-9.00pm
Venue: Learning Links Penshurst
10 Railway Parade, Penshurst NSW 2222
Cost: FREE*
Suitable for: Parents and Carers ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

* This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.
Are you interested in Fostering a Child?

Key Assets Fostering is a not-for-profit foster care agency and children services and have been operating in Australia since 2007.

Key Assets Fostering is currently recruiting foster carers to support children and young people in the Sydney region.

If you require additional information about Key Assets Fostering please go to the website: www.keyassets.com.au.

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.
CAPS @ CAMPSIE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays During School Term Time
10.30am – 12.30pm
Rotary Community Centre,
34 North Parade, Campsie
Playgroup is FREE

Come and join us for some great family fun and learn tips for parenting at the same time!

This supported Playgroup provides children under 6 years old with heaps of fun activities, from art and craft, to singing, dancing, music and much more.

The Playgroup will also give parents and carers time to take part in 30 minute parenting information sessions covering a wide range of useful and interesting topics.

CAPS’ fully-trained family support staff attend each session and are available for you to discuss any issues or parenting questions you may have.

Please bring a bottle of water and some pre-prepared fruit in a snack box for your child. The Playgroup is allergy-sensitive and a nut-free zone! Tea and Coffee is provided for parents and carers.

To register for Playgroup email isha.c@carerandparentsupport.com.au or phone 9716 7032
Australia's First
Coloured Commemorative Coin!
LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation
the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

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.

All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans' and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

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
Uniform Donations Please

Do you have any boys shorts that you could donate to the clothing pool in sick bay? If so, please pop them into the office.

Thank you

Community Advertising

If you would like to advertise in our school newsletter please phone the office for advertising costs.
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

Find us on Facebook: Southern Sydney MBA Babies & Kids Markets (SSMBA)
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