SPORTS UNIFORM
Thank you to all the parents who supported their children and the school by ensuring our PSSA students were in correct sports uniform last week. The students, all in our school colours, looked great as they set off to represent their school.

WEBSITE UPDATE
We are organising to have our newsletter and notes accessible to parents via email and a free Android mobile and tablet apps. A note will be sent home when it is finalised so that parents can go online and subscribe to the information they wish to receive.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
The school office sold out of school caps last Friday and LOWES has sold out of the school cap and sports socks. We have both ordered more school caps and I’ll let you know when they arrive. LOWES has also ordered more sports socks.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
This wonderful program started today and the experiences offered to the students were amazing. The children will use different equipment every week. We have extended the payment date for this program to Friday 10 May. No payments will be accepted after 9.30am on Friday.

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 next week from 14-16 May. If a Year 3 or Year 5 student is absent on any of the designated assessment days it can be made up on Friday.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
During the holidays we were notified that our school had been selected to participate in the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. Participation in this program brings with it significant funding, this year and in 2014, to go towards improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of our students. The focus at our school will be on literacy.

Ms Demetriou will be working as our school’s Partnership Coordinator to organise and oversee the implementation of the program.

Cheryl Glover
Principal
2013 The Australian Schools Competition
ICAS COMPUTER COMPETITION

A reminder that the computer competition will be held in Week 4 on Tuesday, the 21st May 2013.

Students who are participating in this competition must be present at school by 9:00a.m. in the morning to sit for this competition.

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Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 9th May from 8.30am-2.00pm
Friday 10th May from 8.30am – until sold out

Lots of special gifts for your special mums
- Key ring $3
- Fridge magnet $2
- Lip gloss $1.50
- Stemmed Rose Soap $4
- Travel mug $8
- Bath fizzer $1.50
- Incense Pack $6
- Hand Cream $4
- Candles $2
- Grandma Magnet Frame $3
- Jelly beans $1.50

FREE BAG & CARD WITH EVERY SALE WHILE STOCKS LAST SO GET IN QUICK
Sport Reports

Girls Soccer
The Girls Soccer team played Lakemba last week:
- Juniors - Lost 2-0
- Seniors - Lost 1-0

Mr Hijazi

Junior Netball Team
The girls were very excited and eager to start the Winter PSSA rounds. Lakemba Public School was the first school we were up against, who only have a junior team. The girls ended the first half on a high, with Natasha K. scoring 2 goals, Lakemba scoring 1 goal. The game ended in a draw, 3-3. The girls had a great day and enjoyed playing netball.

Mrs Hammoud

Boys Soccer
Unfortunately senior and junior soccer boys were off to a disappointing first round however with practice, encouragement and teamwork I am sure they will be more successful in their future matches.

Ms Papailiadis
Rugby League

Round 1 V Clemton Park

Juniors Lost 38-10

Last Friday McCallums Hill played against Clemton Park. Unfortunately we lost 38-10 but we had many stars on our team. We also had many students playing their first ever game of Rugby League. Ali H had a great game producing many barnstorming runs, two of which resulted in tries. Zain and John were strong on defence. Hadi and Adam gave great direction in attack while Houssan was the most enthusiastic player on the park.

Seniors Lost 38-6

It was a disappointing start of the season for our senior boys, but I am confident with some training and better attitudes the boys will show great improvement next game. Ali I had a great game at dummy half and made some crucial tackles. Richard and Mahmoud were also strong in defence. Moussa and Leon made some great runs with the ball. Thank you Zain, Ali H and Shane (from the juniors) for filling in.

Mr Walsh
In Term 1 a group of Stage 3 students from McCallums Hill Public School participated in a chess group, which met during lunchtime on a weekly basis. There was laughter, huge effort, lots of deep concentration, friendships forged in the competitive arena of chess, and rules learnt the hard way. It was a great example of children having a great time while learning with enjoyment, and there was always heaps of praise for their opponents.

For the first time, in Week 11, they had the privilege of entering the Sydney Academy of Chess Tournament held at Canterbury Public School. Stage 3 students competed against a number of inner west public schools. The day was a spectacular success on many different levels and while the competitive nature of all children ran high, there was lots of fun and meeting of other like-minded students who were bent on winning. I thank the parents for being chauffeurs to and from the event.

At the beginning of Term 2 McCallums Hill Public School was notified that they had been invited to the semi finals, which will be held at the end of Term 3. This honour was unexpected, yet greatly appreciated by all the students, as this was the first time that our school has been involved in a chess tournament.

We are very grateful for the opportunity of having this experience. Many thanks for the enormous amount of support and encouragement both students and parents have given to this chess group, as we establish this new activity in our school.

Mrs Hardie
Chess Club coordinator
New Payment Procedures for Parents and Students

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.
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.
P&C NEWS

Welcome back to an exciting Term 2.
This term the P&C have planned a couple of events.

Mother’s Day is Sunday 12th May 2013. We will be holding a Mothers Day stall for you to buy a gift for mum. The stall will be open on Thursday 9th May from 8:30am and Friday 10th May from 8:30 until sold out.

Cadbury Chocolate Drive - Notes have been sent home to ask your preference to participate in this fundraiser. This note needs to be returned by Friday 10th May 2013 if you would like to participate. If the note is not received we will assume you do not want to sell chocolates this time. A reminder note will be sent this week in case a note was not already received. Great prizes will be drawn this year for people who sell chocolates.

Proceeds from this will go towards purchasing the last few air conditioners for our classrooms.

Another air conditioning unit was installed in class 5/6 P which means all year 5/6s have air conditioned classrooms to learn in a comfortable climate.

Walk-a-Txon

The walkathon last term raised over $2000 and was enjoyed by all walkers. The prizes have arrived and will be distributed this week.

Movie night was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone. A big thanks to all the teachers that gave up their Thursday evening with their families to supervise this event. Nearly $950 was raised.

The 5 cent coin bags will be distributed again this term to make collecting and sending to school easier. Please return these throughout the term so we can continue to green our school.
School banking is EVERY MONDAY. Please make sure that you get your bank book returned after banking so you can bank every week. If you would like to open an account please see the front office for details. Our school benefits from every account opened and every deposit. A flyer will come home this week to explain the easy steps for school banking.

The P&C meetings for this Term will be:
Friday 31st May @ 9 am in the staffroom
Wednesday 26th June @ 7pm in the staffroom.
Come along and meet other parents, listen to the Principals report, bring up any issues and find out what is happening at our school. If you are unable to attend but would like to raise an issue please email traceydillon@optusnet.com.au or drop a note into the P&C box at the front office.

PSSA SPORT VENUES
TERM 2

Touch Football    Clemton Park (walking)
Netball          Clemton Park (walking)
Boys Soccer      Bennett Park (bus)
Girls Soccer     Beaman Park (bus)
Rugby League     Tasker Park (bus)
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
(striped 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)

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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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Opportunity Class 2014

Tomorrow students will receive an Application Form ‘Intention to Apply’ for Year 5 in 2014 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2014. Please return the Expression of Interest by this Friday 10th May.

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 24 May 2013!

For more information visit www.walk.com.au
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.

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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.
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.