McCallums Hill Public School
P&C Meeting 30 July 2014

Principal’s Report

• The School Development Day on Maths at Clemton Park PS was successful and proved to be a valuable professional learning experience for all the teachers.

• Two trampolines have kindly been donated to the support playground by two families at our school. We are most appreciative.

• This is Education Week and tomorrow is our Open Day. Classes will be open from 9.00am. A performance will be held in the hall at 10.30.

• On Friday the choir will sing and the dance group will perform at Rockdale Plaza. We begin at 11 o’clock.

• Every school in NSW has had a tree inspection carried out by a qualified arbourist. We received a 60 page report after the inspection. The trees that are currently fenced off were identified as possible risks. They will either be removed or lopped. To date there have been two companies that have visited the school to provide the Department with a quote for the work to be done. The Department is paying for the work.

• The Footsteps Dance Company has offered to include all students in their program tomorrow. The school will then provide the opportunity for students to pay if they wish to be included in the program for the rest of the term.

• Security fencing has now been installed along Moorefields Road and Remly Street.

• In the hall the new projector will be re-located to allow for a new, larger screen to be installed. The speakers and amplifier (currently not working) will be replaced and a new CD player purchased.

• Schools are about to begin the process of preparing the next three year school plan. A new process has been introduced for schools to use as they develop their plans. The school leadership will work with both the staff and community to develop the new plan.

• Teachers at the school are preparing parent workshops on the new English syllabus that has been implemented as of this year and for the new Maths syllabus that will be implemented next year.

• Eyecare Plus began their free vision assessments for students here today. An additional optometrist has become available so we were able to send the letter and form home to all parents.
- Book Fair begins Monday 11 August after school. It will continue until Thursday afternoon.

- Earlier in the year I applied to the Department for joint funding for the shade cover in the support playground and for a covered walkway from the hall/canteen area to KB classroom. I was planning to use the funding of $13,000 donated to the school from the Lantern Club last year to pay for the other half of the projects. Since then we have had the shade cover constructed. Last week I was contacted to say we were successful for one application and not the other. We will be receiving approximately $11,000 towards the covered walkway. It will go into the school account until we have enough to pay the other half of the cost.

- The Lantern Club are kindly, and most generously, donating a large number of books to our school. Mrs Drury has selected $15,000 worth of books for the school library. The presentation for this contribution will take place on Monday 25 August at 10.00am in the library.

- The school OOSH (Out-of-school-hours care) has gone to tender. Ms Wylie and Ms Batalis are representing the school in this process.

- Upcoming events include:
  - 31 July: Open Morning and performance
  - 1 August: 11.00am Choir and dance group performing at Rockdale Plaza, Jeans for Genes mufti day & Y6 cake stall
  - 4 August: Premier’s Debating Challenge debate at our school
  - 5 August: Zone Athletics carnival
  - 6 August: Premier’s Spelling Bee
  - 11 August: Book Fair begins
  - 11 August: Stewart House begins
  - 11 – 15 August: NAIDOC Week
  - 12 August: Zone Athletics carnival
  - 13 August: NAIDOC performance
  - 14 August: Book Parade
  - 15 August: Whole school assembly – Arabic item
  - 18 August: S2 CSIRO workshop
  - 19 August: Police talk for S2 & S3
  - 21 August: Movie Night
  - 22 August: Parliament
  - 25 August: Lantern Club presentation
  - 26 August: CSMF rehearsal, Festival performance
  - 29 August: P&C meeting
    Lunchtime disco

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Principal