PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
It’s great to be back after my recent surgery and wonderful to see that our students have been working so well. I’m sorry I had to miss the Swimming Carnival and I’m told the students really enjoyed the visit from the Central Coast Mariners.

Thank you to the executive team for covering for me while I was away. From all accounts they have been doing a sterling job in my absence. My apologies, though, as I know it has been a bit disruptive to their classes for a few weeks.

Sport Polo Shirts
The coloured polo shirts for sport look great but I’d like to remind everyone that football jerseys are not part of the sports uniform. If you do not yet have the coloured polos please send your children in normal uniform until you do get them.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 1st and 2nd April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27th March.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

P&C Meeting Our second P&C Meeting for the year will take place on Tuesday 24th March. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Sick Bay
Following a couple of recent incidents I’d like to inform you of some protocols we have put into place. Any time a child sustains a head injury we will ensure they are taken to the clinic for first aid and assessment while parents will also be notified. Parents of any children who attend sick bay, for whatever reason, will also be notified.

Peter Mandraoules
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 1
Fri 20 Mar: Harmony Day
Mon 23 Mar: Whole School Photo
Tue 24 Mar: P & C Meeting, staffroom 6:30pm
Fri 27 Mar: Boardies Day

Mon 30 Mar: 1G, 2H, 2V Easter Hat making
Tue 31 Mar: Assembly of Excellence
Tue 31 Mar: Behaviour monitoring card Reward Day
Tue 31 Mar: P&C Easter Raffle drawn
Wed 1 April: KJ & K/1S Easter Hat making
 Thur 2 April: K-2 Easter Hat Parade (after morning assembly)
Thu 2 April: Last day Term 1

Term 2
Mon 20 April: School Development Day - Staff only
Tue 21 April: First day Term 2
Fri 24 April: School ANZAC service
Sat 25 April: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Sun 31 May: P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser - Morisset

K-2 Easter Fun
All infants classes will be making Easter hats at school for our Easter Hat Parade. Parents are invited to come up for hat making workshops in each room. If you wish to send in hat making essentials, please package them in a plastic bag with your child’s name on it for safe keeping.

K-2 teachers will also provide decorating materials for all children to share.

Workshops for hat making will be held at the following times:
1G, 2H and 2V - Mon, 30 March, 11:30am-1:00pm
KJ & K/1S - Wed, 1 April, 11:30am-1:00pm

The Easter Hat Parade will be held after the morning assembly on Thursday, 2 April.

Sydney North Swimming
On Tuesday, 17 March, 5 of our students made the trek to S.O.P.A.C. at Homebush to represent Wallarah Zone at the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival.

To swim at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre where many fine Olympians have graced the water is a wonderful experience and opportunity for the children.

As most people know the competition is always very tough. Our competitors swum their hearts out and should be proud of their results.

Chris Leer: 13th 10 year boys 50m Freestyle
Mia Wilkins: 33rd 10 year girls 50m Freestyle

20th Junior Backstroke

The Junior Girls Relay of Mia Wilkins, Jordan Oldfield, Aylah McCulloch and a substitute swimmer from Northlakes managed 13th place overall.

Well done to all competitors and many thanks to parents, family and friends for providing transport and support.

Mr Rath

ICAS University Testing
We would like to extend our offer to participate in these tests to any student in Year 2-6.

The 2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is offered to Year 2-12 students. Anyone wishing their children to take part is encouraged to look at the following website: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas
The costs for these tests, which run between May and August are and follows: Digital Technologies $8.80, Science $8.80, Writing $18.70, Maths $8.80, Spelling $12.10 and English $8.80. Please see Mrs Vine if you are interested by Tuesday, 31 March.

SRC News
Friday, 27 March is BOARDIES DAY. Please wear you loudest board shorts and bring in a gold coin donation. All donations raised goes to our local Volunteer Surf Club.

SRC

Literary Bites
As part of their unit on ‘identifying us’, Stage 1 sent questions to Holly Elementary School (Ms. Lot’s school) to ask what kids in Canada do in their leisure time. There were some great questions such as: “What does their playground look like?, What do they do in extreme weather?, Favourite games? And of course………Have you ever got your tongue stuck on cold metal?”
We look forward to their responses - stay tuned!
Robin Balcomb
Librarian

Canteen News
The end of Week 8 with 2 weeks to go until Easter and the end of Term 1.
We are still interested in donations of large rectangle plastic containers, measuring jugs and metal trays.
The canteen has new stock of Aqua Ice, unfortunately we were unable to get the lime flavour. Good news is that it will stay at $2 a bottle until further notice.
Keep in mind we are still needing volunteers for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
Thank you to Lisa, Kylie, Rhani & Jen for their assistance this week.

Fundraising News
Easter Raffle:
Thank you for the donations of Easter eggs and other prizes that we have been given so far.
Please leave all Easter egg donations at the front office.
Mother’s Day Stall
We will be having a Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser. If you would like to donate any gifts please leave them at the front office.

5/6H Learn more about Thailand
A big thank you to Skye Cliff for helping 5/6H to learn about Thailand. Skye came into our class and cooked some fantastic fried rice and also made some really good omelettes. Skye finished off her delicious menu with some beautiful spring rolls. We had a tasty lunch and got lots of cooking ideas. Thank you very much Skye!
By Dylan and Susan
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The simplest way
...to manage fussy eating

Kids can get anxious when trying a new fruit or veg, so try providing a smaller serving for the first few times.

This approach is less overwhelming and you might find that they will ask you for more.

Did you know it may take more than 10 times before your child accepts a new food?

Give your kids two options that you’re happy with. Rather than saying “Would you like any vegetables?” offer a limited choice, for example “Would you like peas or beans?”

Stay calm + persistent in your approach! Perseverance pays off.

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The simplest way
...to create a vegie garden at home

This spring all you need to start growing your own vegetable garden is a foam box!

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Step One: Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam box.

Step Two: Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting mix.

Step Three: Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to over plant (aim to plant around 4-6 seedlings per box).

Step Four: Water and care for your seedlings daily.

Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring… and watch your kids enjoy eating the results!

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Cancer Council NSW

GREAT FUN
- Make your own ice cream!
- Craft activities
- Outdoor play
- Drama games
- Novelty knits
- Bubble play

Our Autumn 2013 Holiday Club is themed “Holiday Heroes”. The children’s days will be filled with fun games, craft, themed activities, incursions and excursions, and what’s more, they will meet and make new friends.

If you are in need of care and/or are interested in finding out more about Camp Australia’s Holiday Clubs, go to our website, www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs to register.

Remember: you can save 50% or more with the Child Care Benefits and Rebates.

If you have any questions regarding the fun Holiday Clubs Camp Australia offer or if you are looking at or in need of care for your children before and/or after school, don’t hesitate to drop into the service in the Community Room G Block any time before or after school Monday to Friday or contact me on 0413 876 221. Alternatively, you can register your child for care by visiting our website at www.campaustralia.com.au and follow the prompts. It’s that easy!

Jennifer Brown
Coordinator

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Mannering Park
Community Hall

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Wednesday - 5pm Teens Class
Thursday - 9.30 am Ladies class
PH Suzi on: 43591563 or 0412698746

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Dear parents, families and carers,
The P&C are organising our Easter Raffle fundraiser for 2015.

Donating Items for the Easter Raffle
Please help us by donating a small item to be used as part of our Easter Raffle prizes.
Suggestions include:
• Easter Eggs, Easter cups, treats or anything you think might be appropriate as an Easter prize.
• Any small or medium baskets, plain or Easter Gift bags for wrapping the prizes

Easter Raffle Prize Items:
• Please leave your Easter Raffle Prize items at the office by Friday 27 March 2015

Raffle Tickets: $1 each
• Raffle tickets will be handed out for selling.
• Please return sold tickets & money to the office by Monday, 30 March
• Please also return unsold tickets.

Easter Raffle Drawn: Tuesday 31 March 2015

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