



# CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Pelican Post



Newsletter 15.3.2012 Term 1, Week 8



### *From the Principal's Desk...*

The flooding of Cattai Creek caused us another major disruption last Friday. With the impending closure of both Windsor and North Richmond Bridges on that day it kept Mrs Weatherstone and I on the "other side" just in case. I entered on duty at Kurrajong East Public School and as it turned out the roads stayed open but caused nothing but traffic chaos and different staff arriving for the day in a number of schools across the Hawkesbury. We couldn't have our Parent Assembly, postponed again! ....Just not meant to be.... We will leave it to Week 11 when we have another scheduled Parent Assembly for Easter.

Mrs Lehrer kindly organised hot dogs for the kids that were at school and Miss Mellefont and Mr Shirvington held the fort very well. Cattai was in good hands.

#### **P&C**

Last Thursday afternoon the Annual General Meeting for P&C was held. Outgoing officers were Mrs Aileen Bridgman who held the position of Secretary. She will continue her very long association with our school as Vice President. Also we thank Mrs Kate Boland for her work with school uniforms. A very important job in our school.

Congratulations to the returning and newly appointed officers to our P&C for 2012 with a particular welcome to Mrs Kim Smith as Secretary and Correspondence Officer and Mrs Jo Roughly as Uniform Coordinator. I'm looking forward to the great things you have planned.

**President:** Nicole May  
**Vice President:** Mark Mitchell  
**Vice President:** Aileen Bridgman  
**Secretary:** Kim Smith

**Treasurer:** Kim Clark  
**Uniforms:** Jo Roughley  
**Book Club:** Justine Thompson  
**Correspondence Secretary:** Kim Smith  
**Publicity Officer:** Tarin McIntyre  
**Hot Lunch Coordinator:** Rebecca Lehrer

#### **DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

William, Lachlan and Misty did a great job representing Small Schools on Monday at the District Carnival. Whilst Lachlan and Misty did not place in their events we are very proud of their achievements and thank them for their efforts. William however, placed second in the 50m breaststroke which gives him an opportunity to swim at the Regional Carnival at Homebush next week. He will swim for Hawkesbury District and this again is a wonderful achievement. Good luck William!

#### **AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH PERMISSION**

This week you will receive a permission note for us to be able to publish your child's name, image and or work. We would appreciate prompt return of these notes so that we can prepare for publications in the gazette, our school website and the newsletter.

*Finally.....keep those Hot Cross Bun order forms coming. For every pack of 6 the school will get \$2 from Bakers Delight. This fundraising is for the SRC who at the moment are working hard on the veggie garden and received their badges this week. They are wearing them with pride. Keep up the great work!*

**Mrs G Palamara**  
**Relieving Principal**

## ICE BLOCKS ON FRIDAY

Year 6 will sell Ice blocks on Fridays at lunch time.

50c each



### HIGH SCHOOL 2013

The Year 6 Expressions of Interest for High School in 2013 are due this week.

### **PHOTOS FOR LOCAL NEWS ARTICLES**

If any parents take photos at school events could they please pass them onto Tarin McIntyre, so the photos can be used for Cattai Public School news articles in the local newspapers.

Please email them to Tarin at [tarin7@bigpond.com](mailto:tarin7@bigpond.com) by 13<sup>th</sup> of every month.

Also a reminder that sport days will be Wednesday – Rugby; Thursday – Tennis for the remainder of term.

**SCHOOL EASTER CELEBRATIONS** will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The program is as follows:

<b>12.00-12.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12.30-1.00</b>	<b>Parent Assembly</b>
<b>1.00-1.30</b>	<b>Easter Parade</b>

(Children will be invited to parade with either a decorated Easter bonnet or hat, a decorated 3D egg, basket, poster, diorama, or bunny. (No real animals please!))

It should be a fun afternoon for all. See you there!

### **THANKS FROM THE SALVATION ARMY**

The Hawkesbury City Salvation Army issued Cattai Public School with a Certificate of Appreciation for the contribution made to their Christmas Appeal. So a big thank you to all the families who contributed to the appeal.

## **CATTAI CALENDAR**

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>15/3 AASC Tennis</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>19/3 &amp; 20/3 Primary Debating Competition – to be confirmed 20/3 AASC Rugby League 22/3 AASC Tennis 23/3 Gazette to Photo Kindergarten and Leaders</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>27/3 Keep Australia Beautiful 27/3 AASC Rugby league</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>2/4 School Photos P &amp; C Meeting 3/4 AASC Rugby league 4/4 Leadership Camp 5/4 Leadership Camp &amp; Last day of Term 1 5/4 Easter Celebrations &amp; Hot Lunch 6/4 Good Friday</b>
<b>Term 2 Week 1</b>	<b>23/4 Staff Development Day 24/4 Students Return &amp; Anzac Day Assembly 25/4 Anzac Day Holiday 26/4 Fun Run / School Cross Country</b>

School Security – please call 1300 88 00 21

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2012**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again! Last year was very successful with most of our students completing the challenge and receiving a certificate. The children need to read a set number of books from a given list. In our school library these books are colour coded. The books are also available in public libraries but are coded differently for recognition. The number of books needed to complete the challenge is:

K-2...30; Class 3 /4 ...20; Class 5 /6...20.

Kindergarten children can listen to a book, participate in a shared reading or read all or part of the book independently.

Children will be entering their books during their library lesson and they can also enter their books online themselves.

The Challenge finishes on 1 September 2012. It is hoped that everyone in the school will be able to complete the Challenge. Happy reading everyone!



# **CATTAI PRIMARY SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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We held our annual general meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March. Committee Positions were filled as listed above. We would like to thank Aileen Bridgeman and Kate Boland for their hardwork on the committee last year. The committee has decided to change the monthly meetings to the first Thursday of each month, if anyone has an objection to this please advise a committee member or send a note to school.

### **Mid-Term Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs.**

Due to the closing of Cattai Creek Bridge last Friday and the cancellation of Parent Assembly our hot lunch will be put off until the end of term. For all of you that had placed an order we will provide the hot lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to add an order or need to cancel your order for a refund, please send in a note to the office. If you would like to donate a pack of poppas that would be greatly appreciated (we have plenty of bottles of water at the moment).

### **Dinner Dance Fundraiser 30/6/2012.**

*Please put this date in your diaries it should be a great night. Start organising the baby sitter!!!*

We will be planning for raffles, silent auctions, donations of items etc and will need someone to coordinate ticket sales and seating arrangements – maybe a couple of you could share a job!!

We are putting together a committee to organise this, we are meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. If you have any ideas or would like to help out please come along or contact the P&C or email any suggestions.

Kim Smith – ksm13@bigpond.net.au

### **Secretary's Report**

Please find copy of minutes from this months meeting. You will notice that we had discussed having pizza for end of term but that was before last Fridays postponement, so just to clarify end of term will be Hot Dogs.

### **Minutes for meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The meeting was declared open at: 3.03pm

**Present:** Nicole May, Mark Mitchell, Grace Palamara, Justine Thompson, Kim Smith, Jo Roughley, Rebecca Leher.

**Apologies:** Kim Clark

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting signed as a true record.

**Business Arising/** RSL to be invited to Anzac Day Assembly as thanks for kind donation.

**Carried Forward:**

**Treasurers Report:**      **Cashbook records to be tabled at next meeting.**

**Correspondence:**      **As tabled by N. May.**  
Mothers day fundraising – not needed, students to make something.  
Fundraiser catalogue.

**Principals Report:**      **As tabled. G. Palamara**  
Suggested that a book drive could be used to boost library stocks. Mrs Pennycuik to advise.  
Books for Y6 students to be purchased with Book club credits. J. Thompson to advise.  
Draft school Annual Report to be proof read by committee member. K. Smith

**General Business:**      End of term1 hot lunch is Pizza. K. Smith to pick up as R. Lehrer is away.  
Request for donation of poppas in newsletter.  
Further to draining play field. M.Mitchell to try spreading sandy loam to improve drainage.  
Dinner Dance to be major fundraiser for the year- 30/6/12. Request for committee members to organise; Venue pricing for next meeting; volunteers for number board, raffles, silent auction etc.  
Note in newsletter that P&C meetings changed to Thursdays.  
1<sup>st</sup> week if term 2 – Fun Run; P&C to provide Ice blocks. K.Smith

**Further business:**      -

**Next Meeting:**      Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, to follow Dinner Dance committee meeting at 2.30pm

**Meeting Closed:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.05pm

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**IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS**

**Next P&C Meeting:**      Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (brought forward because of holidays)  
2.30pm under the COLA.

**Next Cake Day:**      2nd May  
**Families Rostered:**      Delaney, Dimech, Drummond, Eggington, Foley

**End of Term Lunch Order Due:**      Tuesday 3rd March

**End of Term Hot Lunch:**      Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**All items in regard to P&C to go into our Newsletter can be sent to the school marked “Attn: P&C Newsletter” or emailed to: [ksm13@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ksm13@bigpond.net.au) before Monday 5.00pm.**

We would like to include in our Newsletter a Classifieds section to enable further fundraising. The cost will be \$5.00per ad to run for 4 weeks for any items For Sale, Wanted to Buy or notices such as “Garage Sale”. If you are interested please forward attention Kim Smith.

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