HELP and how to get it…

We know that children learn best when teachers and parents work in partnership. If you, as a parent, perceive a problem at any time with your child’s learning; if you are unsure of a particular school policy or; if you wish to discuss your child’s progress please contact the school so that any difficulties may be quickly resolved:

Your child’s class teacher can advise about your child’s progress/behaviour.

The Deputy Principal and Grade Coordinator can assist parents where additional support or advice is required. This includes referrals to our Learning Support Team.

The School Counsellor can help students experiencing psychological or learning problems and is available to discuss relevant issues with parents when requested while our School Chaplain (Student Welfare) can assist students experiencing personal or social difficulties.

The Principal can assist parents where problems arise and is responsible for the overall running of the school.

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

These books will be distributed this week and all classes will begin working with them shortly.

David Eggins
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Annual Yr 3-6 swimming carnival is being held on Thursday, 28 February at the Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool.

Buses will begin leaving school from 9.15 am and students will be returned to school by 3.00 pm. This is always a great day and all Yr 3 to 6 students are expected to attend. Parents are invited to attend. Also invited are students who are in Year 2, who turn 8 in 2013 and who can swim 50m competently (this is usually students who belong to a swimming club and/or participate in squad training). Parents of non-swimmers - please be reassured that all students will be in a safe, supervised environment.

Please return permission notes, question sheet and payment of $10.00 to the office by Friday, 22 February, 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 2014

Attention all YEAR 6 PARENTS

High school applications for Year 7 for 2014 placement have arrived at our school. Parents will need to attend a 30 minute information session in order to collect their form. To allow parents to be completely informed on the process of selecting a high school, I will demonstrate how to complete the form and answer any questions.

Our final information session is Wednesday, 20 February 5pm in the library (Meet the Teacher night). If you have any questions or concerns please call Mr Mazzitelli - 9826 9033.

TERM CALENDAR

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ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 5 March, 2013. Students who qualify will be given a note at the end of the day of the school swimming carnival or Friday morning. These permissions notes will need to be returned to school by Monday, 4 March. Students will need to make their own way to the Zone Carnival.

SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2013
Congratulations to the Year 6 students who have been elected as Sport House Captains for 2013:

Sarah Read – Sports Co-ordinator

MAKING PAYMENTS
Please forward all payments to the administration office, enclosed in an envelope that has your child’s name, class, amount you are paying and what you are paying for marked clearly on the front. Enclose the correct amount of money and the relevant permission note, order form or payment advice. In order to avoid lengthy queues in our office, we request that these envelopes be “posted” into the mailing box which is located in the cupboard on the direct right hand side as you enter the admin area.

We are also offering the additional option of direct deposit for payments of over $10. Our details are as follows:

Account Name: DALMENY PS
BANK: Westpac - NSW Government Dept
BSB: 032 001
Account: 148433
Reference: student/class/event

When making payment by direct deposit, please enter a name and reason for payment as a reference. If you do not insert this reference we will not be able to tell what the payment is for and who it has come from. Please send the permission note with your payment advice. We hope this initiative simplifies the payment process for many of our parents.

STUDENT WORKBOOKS
To assist with your child’s learning program a list of workbooks needed by students this year has been sent home. These workbooks are a valuable resource for your child’s class program and will assist students and parents in understanding the class work being covered. Thank you to parents who have already forwarded payment. If you have not yet paid, please do so immediately.

It is important that all students have a copy of the appropriate workbooks. Mr Eggins will be pleased to discuss any concerns you may have, or options for support for payment.

RECREATIONAL SPORT - AFL AUSKICK CLINIC and TENNIS
The tennis program placements are now full. Permission notes will be sent home to those students who will be participating in the program. There are STILL PLACES AVAILABLE IN THE AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM. If your child would like to participate in the AFL Auskick program, please ensure they hand the “expression of interest” note to Miss Moffat by this Wednesday at 3.00pm.

PSSA – CHANGE OF DATE
PSSA will now commence next Friday, 1 March (Week 5). Please ensure all permission notes are signed and returned to the coaches this week. All students who attend PSSA sport are expected to wear full sports uniform, school hat, appropriate footwear and a drink bottle. The weekly cost for bus fares will be $7.00 which is payable to your coach on the Friday morning of each sport day.

Students who are participating in Softball and T-ball will require school socks which are available at the front office at a cost of $7.00.

Miss Moffat
PSSA Co-ordinator

ZONE UPDATE
The zone trial dates published previously in the newsletter that included Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country were for reference only. Students do not need to trial for these carnivals. Students progress to zone for these sports via the school carnivals.
Congratulations to Talan Alexander and Piper Anderson who have been selected to represent Liverpool Zone in Girls Basketball.

The Boys Soccer trial notes will be sent home with students on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Please note that not all students who have expressed an interest will be able to attend as we are limited on the number of students we can send to trials.

Miss Moffat
PSSA Co-Ordinator

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**YEAR 1 AND 2 HOME READING PROGRAM**

The success of our School Home Reading Program is attributed to the dedication of the many parents who volunteer their time to exchange the home readers.

Thank you to all those busy parents who volunteered in 2012. Your participation in the program provides students with reading experiences to further extend learning.

With the commencement of 2013, a team of parents are needed to exchange Year 1 and Year 2 home readers. Home readers are exchanged daily in the multipurpose room between 9am and 10am. Home Reading will commence on Monday 25 February.

If you can spare some time to assist, meetings will be held in the multipurpose room on Thursday, 21 February and Monday 25, February at 2.30pm to outline procedures. See you there!

**HELPING YOUR KINDY KID SUCCEED AT SCHOOL**

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more:


**CASULA HIGH SCHOOL**

For future Year 7 students
(currently in Years 4,5,6)

**Information Evening**

Tuesday 19th February 2013
6.30pm to 7.30pm

**ANNOUNCING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014**

Please contact the school should you require additional information

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Myall Rd
Casula NSW 2170
p:(02) 9602 4320
f:(02) 9601 4175

e: casula-h.school@det.nsw.education

**SPEECH PROBLEMS**

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems

**ASSIGNMENT STARTERS FOR THE ARTS**

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts

South West Sydney Triple P Support and Development Project invites
Mothers, Fathers and Grandparents to a Triple P Seminar
(Positive Parenting Program)

Presented by
Elizabeth Carrington
Accredited Triple P Trainer
Early Childhood Teacher
Fairfield City Council

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. All parents with children aged up to 12 years can attend, however this program is most effective with children aged 3-8 years.

Seminar topics: creating a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, using assertive discipline, having realistic expectations, taking care of yourself as a parent.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Date: Friday, 15 March, 2013
Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Place: Whitlam Library (Gough Meeting Room)
Railway Parade
CABRAMATTA

Child Minding is not available, please make alternative arrangements. There is no cost involved.

Call Shane 0412 734 340

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& Handyman Service

- Property maintenance
- Gardening/ Lawn mowing
- Landscaping
- Paving
- Retaining walls
- Concreting
- Rubbish removal
- Gutter cleaning
- Decking
- Brick work
- All handyman needs

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