Faithful God, you call us your children and save us through your own suffering. Defend us against evil. Make us brave and faithful, and strengthen us in times of trouble. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Girls and Boys

Dismissal Procedures
I would like to draw your attention to some procedures we have in place around afternoon dismissal time. With almost 400 students heading off home at 3.15pm each day it is important that everyone knows the routines and adheres to them. Some of these procedures may seem annoying or frustrating at times, especially when people are in a hurry to get to appointments and the like. However, the procedures are there to ensure the safety of all members of the community at this busy time of day.

Students being picked up from the COLA remain with the teachers on duty until the bell sounds at which time waiting parents walk up and collect their children. It is extremely important that students do not walk through the carpark unaccompanied to waiting vehicles. The drive-through option is available as an alternative and students can be collected using this method until 3.35pm. Please display your family surname clearly on the windscreen for quick identification.

It is very nice to see parents gathering socially after school near the play equipment and the boys and girls having so much fun together. I do ask however that the students are well supervised while on the equipment and oval. On several occasions there have been younger students at the rear of the Hall and even in the Hall unaccompanied.

Hats
Thank you for your support with the wearing of school hats. There has been a big improvement this week and I am confident that we will have 100% compliance at the start of next term. Please note once again that only brimmed hats should be worn during Terms 4 and 1.

Pirate Day
If you were anywhere near the school today you may have been alarmed to see a scurvy crew of (not very tall) pirates roaming the school. Year 2 had a very successful Pirate Day where they dressed up and shared the fantastic learning they have done this term. The projects they had on display were absolutely amazing, undoubtedly involving significant time at home with family members researching and presenting their learning in wide variety of ways. I remember undertaking similar challenges with my own children and while, at the time it often involved some animated discussion, I am left with many fond memories of silver, speckled spaceships and cardboard with tufts of wool stuck all over it.

Wakakirri
The Wakakirri journey is nearly over. On Thursday night our students will perform Possum Magic at the State Sports Centre in Homebush. Whatever the outcome, we are all immensely proud of what the students have been able to achieve. With the help, guidance and support of Mrs Amor, Mrs Rodgers, Mr Perkins, Ms Dickson and a dedicated and totally committed team of parents. The students have excelled in every way possible and thoroughly deserve the accolades they have received.
Term 3 has proven to be a very busy and tiring term. The children are all ready for a much needed break. The upcoming two week period will allow them to rest up and rejuvenate and prepare for an equally busy last term of the year. I hope that you are able to enjoy some or all of the holidays with your children and experience some quality family time together.

Please note that school resumes on Tuesday 7th October due to the Labour Day long weekend.

God Bless

Chris Burns
Acting Principal

YEAR 3 EXCURSION RECOUNT
As part of our HSIE unit this term called The British Colonisation of Australia, Year 3 went on an excursion to The Rocks in Sydney last Thursday, 11th September. We left school at about 9:15am and travelled by bus to meet our tour guide. After we arrived we dressed up as either a convict, a soldier or the Governor. We were given a character from early Sydney to be for the day. We walked around The Rocks and learnt more about the place and the people who lived there in the 1800’s. We got back to school at about 4:30pm. We had a great day and we’d like to thank Mrs French and Mr Edwards for taking us and also to thank Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Ellis and Miss Hourn for coming with us as helpers.

By Year 3

WANTED
Kindergarten teachers would appreciate any egg cartons, scrap paper, and cardboard or off cuts for their creative arts. Also any pre loved cars, trucks and accessories would be very much appreciated.

Thanking you,
Michelle and Sue

MERIT AWARDS
MRS BURKE
Holly J, Mikayla C, Ruby B and Darcy K

MRS COTTERELL
Chelsea G and Lachlan G

MR FRAZER
Blake F, Kieran D and Gabrielle B

MRS VAIL
Jack M, Blake H and Thomas H

CANTEEN ROSTER AND MENU
The Canteen Roster and Menu was sent home last week with the newsletter, if you did not receive a copy you can pick one up from the school office or download it from the school website.
2014 END OF YEAR RAFFLE
All families at the school have received a booklet of tickets to sell for our end of year raffle. As you can see by the prizes we have focused on 'Electronics', as funds that are raised will help pay for some updated technology for the classrooms. The children were shown all the fabulous prizes at Monday's assembly, and there were a lot of wide eyes and sighs, so get the kids to do some chores to earn a ticket!

I would also like to mention JB HI-FI Tuggerah for their very generous support; all prizes were purchased from this store at a very discounted price.

Prizes to be won:
1st XBOX One Bundle
2nd Apple IPAD
3rd HP Notebook
4th Apple IPOD Touch
5th Sony Soundbar
6th $100 JB HI-FI Gift Voucher

All tickets are to be returned by Friday 17th October as it will be drawn at our Fair. Good luck and thankyou for your support.

Rebecca Blake
SJF P&F President

FAMILY PORTRAITS
We need at least 5 more families to book in a session for Family Photos on Thursday 16th October 3:30-8pm. These will make a great Christmas present. To secure your photographic session, please return $20 in an envelope marked 'Family Portraits' to the office with the slip below indicating your preferred times.

FAMILY PORTRAITS AT SJF
THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Name: ________________________________
Mobile: ______________________________
Email: ______________________________
Youngest child's name and class: ______________________________

☐ I have included $20 to secure my booking

Please indicate your preferred times ranked in order (1-5)

___ 3:30 - 4:00
___ 4:00 - 5:00
___ 5:00 - 6:00
___ 6:00 - 7:00
___ 7:00 - 8:00

*Sessions are allocated 10-15mins each.

20th – 21st September. Learn How To Make Your Own Pizza Oven
25th September. Community Sausage Sizzle & Garage Sale
8th October. 6 week Seniors Computer Course

For further information please contact Wyong Neighbourhood Centre on 4353 1750.
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