Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Larkin for her organisation of the school swimming carnival on Friday. Thank you to all of the teachers and parent helpers who assisted with timekeeping, judging and also cheering all students to achieve their best. It was a great day!

Well done to all students who attended the day and competed with such determination and great sportsmanship. I would also like to commend all students for their outstanding behaviour. It was a most enjoyable day!

Special mention must go to Reydan who demonstrated the true spirit of “Never Give Up” and also to Flin for swimming lap after lap encouraging fellow students to keep going.

Walking Bus

It was great to see the first Nareena Hills walking bus supported by so many students and parents all walking to school today. Pat the dog was on hand to assist with the walk and the student received some great surprises.

Anaphylaxis

We have an increasing number of students who have allergies to nuts and egg products. Classes who have students with such allergies have been given individual notes. At this stage we are asking that students in those classes refrain from bringing in food containing nut or egg products. While we have not asked all students to refrain from bringing in food containing nuts and eggs I ask that you discuss with your children the need for washing hands after eating products containing nuts or eggs and also that the sharing of food is not permitted. I appreciate your support with this matter.

Head Lice

We have had at least three reported cases of head lice from three classes in the school. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could check their children’s hair tonight and treat appropriately. I have included a link from NSW Health for further information:


Please ensure that long hair is tied back so as to avoid the spread of head lice.

Mrs Giselle Coltman
Principal
Sport

School Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all students who attended the school swimming carnival and competed with such great enthusiasm. Your behaviour was outstanding.

NSW Schools Futsal Indoor Soccer Championships
School Trials for Stage 2 and 3 students
Students in Stages 2 and 3 are invited to trial for the Nareena Hills Futsal Indoor Soccer teams. Mrs Thompson will have responsibility for the students in Stage 2 and Mr Haines will have responsibility for the students in Stage 3.
School trials will be held:
- Tuesday 12 February - Junior boys (10 years and under)
- Wednesday 13 February - Senior boys
- Thursday 14 February - Senior girls
- Friday 15 February - Junior girls (10 years and under)

Trials will be held in the school hall commencing at 1:10 pm.

The Futsal Indoor Soccer competition will take place on Monday 11 March, 2013 at the Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Drive, Berkeley - only one month away. Team nominations have to be finalised by Tuesday 26 February. The cost of this activity will be $30 per player. Transport will be by private motor vehicle (a car pool will be organised).

The South Coast Competition takes place on one day, with many teams having an early start (around 8am) and finals concluding by around 5.00pm. Teams usually play a minimum of three games each on the day; however, teams may play up to six or seven games, if they make the finals.

Once teams are selected, notes and money will need to be returned very quickly. Unfortunately if notes are not returned, children will lose their place on the team as we are on a very strict time schedule.

Arrangements can be made for payment, if this is a problem.
Thank you,
Cheryl Thompson

Asthma

The Illawarra Asthma Service advises that EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February. For this reason could all parents please ensure that their child’s asthma medication is current and that the school has a copy of your child’s Asthma action plan.

Their advice is as follows:
Make your child “Ready for School “ by :
1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan
Assemblies

This week’s assembly is a communication meeting it will begin at 2.30pm.

Need to Know

Class Library Times:

Monday - KT, KMH, K/1S
Tuesday - 3P, 1T, 1C
Wednesday - 5/6G, 6B, 5H
Thursday - 2G, 2L, 4K, 3/4JM

Wollongong High of the Performing Arts School Auditions
Current Year 6 students who wish to audition for entry to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts for the start of 2014 should contact Mrs Rickersey at the front office for an application form. Applications close 8 March 2013.

Figtree High EXPO Night
Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year7 2014 are invited to the annual FHS EXPO night. School tours, Classroom displays, Games, Technology and Student guides. Figtree High School Auditorium on Wednesday February 27th at 6 p.m. For further information phone: 42 712787

Community Notices

1st West Wollongong Scout Group-Joey Scouts aged 6-8 years, Cub Scouts 8-11 years and Scouts 11-15 years. All enquiries to Group Leader Nerida on 0437500063 or visit the website: www.westwollongongscouts.com Email- 1stwestwollongongscouts@gmail.com

Caresouth Community Photoshoot! Saturday 16th February 2013, 10am onwards. To register interest contact: Caroline Jones on 1300554260 or email caroline.jones@caresouth.org.au

Angels of Hope in conjunction with Lake Illawarra PCYC Race Day. Kembla Grange Race Course-11.30 am start. Contact Rosanna Cepero 42964448 or email rcepero@pcycnsw.org.au

PCYC Fun Fridays-Fridays 6-8pm (throughout school terms). Phone 42964448 or email lakeillawarra@pcyc.org.au.

Wests Illawarra Hockey Club Rego Day. Tuesday February 26th 5pm-7pm.Illawarra Credit Union Hockey Stadium. All enquiries address to juniors@westsillawrrahockey.com.au or contact David on 0437578963. Register online at www.westsillawrrahockey.com.au

Meet the Teacher Information Sessions.

All parents are invited to attend parent/teacher information sessions to discuss individual class routines and procedures. I strongly encourage parents to attend these sessions to ensure that we work together to achieve the best for your children. Please meet your child’s teacher in your child’s classroom.

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Should parents have any issues that they need to discuss please firstly speak to your child’s class teacher. You may also discuss any issues with the executive with responsibility for the supervision of your child’s stage.

They are:

Mrs Cameron - Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
Mrs Jordan/Mr Kerin - Stage 2
Mrs Brett - Stage 3.