From the Principal

Cabin Fever

Despite students, teachers and parents having 'cabin fever' due to the week of rain we managed to have another great week.

Over $3,000 was collected by Mrs Christian and Mrs Newman on Friday morning despite the school cross country fun run being postponed until Thursday 3 April. THANK YOU to the amazing students and their families for supporting the P and C fundraiser.

Students who returned their money were given a sweet treat as a little thank you for showing responsibility in gaining sponsorship and returning the funds on the set date! Prizes for students who raised over a certain amount will also be given to students as soon as the prizes are on site.

Students who have not yet returned their money can do so on Thursday morning or place it in the white P & C box in the foyer by the end of the week. All sponsorship forms must be returned regardless of whether money was or was not collected for this event.

Sausage Sizzle

Mrs Giobbi and Mrs Allen and their band of merry helpers also provided some sensational sausage sandwiches on Friday which were extremely delicious. Thanks to Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Rouen, Mrs Kendon, Mrs Paiola, Mrs Hennessy, Mrs Jones, Mrs Tomic, Mrs Napper and Mrs Pierce for helping out on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Giobbi for her coordination of the event and to Mrs Allen for her great “Barbequing skills”.

Again I would like to thank all of the families who supported the sausage sizzle. All funds raised go towards purchasing equipment for your children!

Staff News

I can now confirm that Mrs Samantha Neaves will replace Mrs McPhee beginning next term on class 3/4JM. Mrs Neaves is an experienced permanent classroom teacher who has been working at Mount Warrigal Public School for a number of years. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our school and we look forward to her start. Mrs Neaves’ principal has reluctantly allowed Mrs Neaves to come to our school for the rest of the year and for this…we thank him!

3/4JM, KF and KHT parent teacher interviews will also be held on Thursday 3 April. Mrs Jordan has altered the race times to allow all parents and students to attend the school cross country.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews for classes KHT, KF, 1D, 3C, 3/4JM, 4K, 5C, 5/6G and 6B will be held this week. Booking sheets were sent out last week.
School Uniform
All families are reminded that students are to wear full winter uniform starting next term - Term 2.

Late Arrivals
Parents and students are also reminded that the school bell rings at 9:00 am and it is expected that all students arrive at school prior to the 9:00 am bell. There are a number of students who are constantly late. This not only disrupts their learning, it also disrupts the learning of the whole class. All late arrivals must report to the office for a late note. Please support the school by ensuring your child arrives before the 9:00 am bell.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Communities that students arrive on time for school.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

Easter Parade & Raffle
This year, the Easter Parade and raffle will be held on Friday 11 April. It is a great day, where students showcase their fantastic hats, trays or eggs to the school and parents. It is also a Year 6 Fundraiser, with all proceeds of the Easter Raffle going towards a Year 6 present to the school. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Tickets are for sale for $1 per ticket. The Easter Hat Parade will begin at 1:45pm on Friday 11 April. Parents are welcome to attend.

The youngest child of each family is also asked to donate an Easter egg or bunny for the raffle. These will be handed into the classroom teacher on Thursday 3 April. All sold raffle tickets and money should be in a green and white envelope clearly marked Easter raffle with your child’s name and class written on the front. Money and raffle tickets are to be returned to the silver money box in the front office. Please return any unsold booklets to Mrs Rickersey.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you and your family at the Easter Parade.

Easter Mufti Day 3 April
As the cross country is now being held on 3 April, and this was a proposed mufti day (in return for families donating an egg)...we have decided to combine both events and let students show their creativity!

Students are required to wear their sports house colours on Thursday 3 April but they may also wear coloured socks as a thank you for donating an Easter egg!

Cross Country Thursday 3 April
The Cross Country will be held this Thursday (please keep your fingers crossed for a sunny day). The program events have been modified so please check the running times for your child. The changes were necessary to assist classroom teachers with parent teacher interviews. All parent interviews scheduled on Thursday will take place.

Children who are not at school on Thursday and would like to be considered in the School Cross Country team will need to run on Tuesday at 2pm with Miss Duffy. These children will be timed and then will be compared to runners on Thursday. The fastest seven runners will then be selected in the Nareena Hills school team and be awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd place as indicated on times.

I am very hopeful we will be able to hold our Cross Country this week.

Thank you

Mrs Jordan
Cross Country Program for Thursday 3 April

Please note all times are approximate and have been changed to accommodate parent teacher interviews. We will do our very best to run races at the allocated times.

Clothing for the day
Students are to wear coloured house clothing on Thursday 3 April. They must also wear appropriate sports shoes. Coloured socks are also allowed to be worn in exchange for families donating an Easter egg.

The canteen will open as usual Wednesday and Thursday. Due to large numbers of visitors expected at the school Cross Country Thursday there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS taken on Thursday. The canteen will be selling hot food. Lunches can be purchased without ordering. Canteen will be selling the following on Thursday:-

Drinks - Coke $2, Coke Zero $2, Lemonade $2, Solo $2, Fanta $2, Diet Coke $2
Hot Food - Chicken sticks $1.80, Hotdogs $2, Chicken Burgers $3, Pizza slab $2.50, Pizza subs 50c, Mighty Meat pie $2.50, Mini Meat pie $1.30, Sausage Rolls $2
Sandwiches - Ham salad Sandwiches $3.20, Chicken salad sandwiches $3.20.

Our usual snacks and ice blocks will be available also. A new item we have added to our menu FRUIT CUPS 50c each, available at lunch and recess, your choice of Rockmelon, Watermelon, Grapes or a combination.

If you are able to help out for an hour to volunteer please contact Sarah via email at sarah75allen@gmail.com

We look forward to a great day, thank you for supporting our school P and C.

Cross Country Parent Helpers needed

If you are available to help set up the Cross Country Course on Thursday, Miss Duffy and I would love to meet you at 8.00am on the school oval. Come along and get fit setting up the course.

School ANZAC Day Service

The school Anzac Day service will be held on Wednesday 9 April commencing at 2:10 pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Positive Behaviour for Success

This week we will be focusing on the value of RESPONSIBILITY.

The focus statement is
Do what you know is right.
This week PBS lessons will be about responsibility around toilets and bubblers. Use appropriately. Wash hands. Leave promptly.

Intermediate Term 1 Awards

These class awards will be presented at the assembly this Friday at 2.00 pm.
The final Playground Rocket draw for the term will take place as well.

PBS Launch

After a very successful trial during Term 1, our PBS will be launched at an assembly on Friday 2 May commencing at 2.15 pm. The SRC will be surveying students during the last week of term to hear their
Walking Bus - Volunteers still needed.....

Our Nareena Hills Walking Bus has been chugging along since the last week in February. **Thanks to our volunteers who make it all happen!**

**We are currently in need of a volunteer for our TUESDAY afternoon bus in Term 2.**

If you can help with this need or you would still like your child to join the walking bus, please contact Anne Simpson (school parent), who is coordinating the Jacaranda South Route via email at simmoostreehouse@gmail.com or on 0411 801 553.

The Walking Bus Route starts on the corner of O’Brien’s Road and Jacaranda Avenue at 8.30am each morning and picks up children at designated stops as it travels along Jacaranda Avenue to the school, arriving around 8.50am. Volunteer parents and grandparents "drive" the bus, walking with the students. It does the reverse trip in the afternoon, leaving the school grounds at 3.10pm. It provides a safe,
supervised way for students to get to and from school, incorporating healthy activity into their daily routines. The service is free and all children are welcome to join the bus even if their parent/s cannot volunteer.

**Ethics Classes at Nareena Hills Public School**

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW Public Primary School students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

We currently have one Volunteer Teacher, Lisa Condon, who is teaching Ethics classes to Stage 2 and 3. We are asking for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer teacher for Stage 1, or simply to find out more about ethics classes, to go to [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au), or contact our Ethics Coordinator Alison Darlow email: travali7@hotmail.com.

Please note that ethics classes are only available to students exempted from special religious education classes.

**Newsletters**

As of Term 2, week 1, those families of our Kindergarten students and new families to our school who have given us their email details will start to receive the weekly newsletter by email.

**Notes that went home last week**

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**Canteen News**

**Wednesday 2 April:** Natalie Nicastri, Christine Gregory, Amanda Schipp, Chris Finley

**Thursday 3 April:** Kelly Lazicic, Cindy Churchin, Maree Muller, Alannah Tagliapietra

**Pre-Loved Uniform Stall reminder**

On **Friday 4 April** the stall will be outside the hall from 2.30 to 3.30pm. We will have all kinds of bargains so come and give us a look, especially with winter just around the corner! You won’t find anywhere cheaper for winter tunics, pants, long sleeved cotton shirts and jackets as well as tracksuits.

**Community Notices**

Towradgi Public School will be celebrating 60 years since its official opening with a community day of celebration on Saturday 5 April from 11.0am – 3.00pm. All past, present and future school community members are invited to come along and celebrate.
Art Space - after school and holiday programs for kids ages 5 - 18, for further enquiries email bigfatsmile.com.au/artspace

Coniston Crochet Club - if anyone has any 8 ply wool they would like to donate please call Alison on 4225 9980. Rugs are being made for this years Salvation Army Winter Appeal.

Kid’s fishing workshop - kids 8 - 14 are invited to attend a one day workshop. For further details please contact Stephen Thurston on 4220 8484 or email Stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au bookings essential.

Illawarra and Shoalhaven Young Carers Network—next meeting Tuesday 13 May, 1pm. Contact Johanne Sneddon on 4254 1500 or email Johanne.Sneddon@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Figtree Heights Out of School Hours Care - Colour me Happy! Autumn holidays vacation care program - 14.4.14 - 28.4.14, 8am - 6pm daily. If you are interested, please complete the online booking form available on www.fhoosh.net and return to centre@fhoosh.net or fax 4226 5061.

Coerver South Coast School holiday Soccer CAMP - April 14, 15, 16 - 9am - 12pm. Positions limited, enrol online www.coerver.com.au/wp/nswcah, phone 0459 532 223 or collect an enrolment form from Mrs Rickersey.