**Week 10, Term 1**

**28 March 2011**

**Ph: 4226 3867**

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### COMING EVENTS

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### PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

**WET WEATHER CAUSED A FEW PROBLEMS**

The huge dump of rain we received last week caused quite a few headaches with many road closures making it difficult for children to be picked up or bussed home from their schools. Fortunately our school was not seriously affected in this way (apart from the usual leaking roofs). However, ground closures meant that two of our sporting activities from last week have been put on hold until next term. Both the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Leadership program and the Paul Kelly Cup AFL regional carnival have been postponed. As soon as the new dates are finalised we will let you know.

**One area I do want to give you a warning about is the concrete/paver entrance to the hall from the staff car park. This area has moss growing on it and is rather slippery. With finer weather this week, we will be trying to remove the moss, but please be careful when walking around this spot.**

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### OUR P&C

Our school has always had a tremendous group of parents involved in the school through our P & C. Unfortunately, primarily due to time and family demands, our P & C is in an awkward situation with the majority of its executive positions for 2011 not being able to be filled at the moment.

The running of a P & C is primarily up to the parents of the school – what it does, when it does it etc is decided by the parents who make up the P & C (within the guidelines of the P & C Federation and the Dept of Education). If you may be able to give some time to our P & C, or have some ideas about the future of our P & C, please come to our next meeting (Wednesday 6th April).

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### CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – WHY 8TH APRIL

Our school Cross Country carnival for this year is to be held on Friday 8th April. Yes this is the last day of the term. A number of parents have asked why we are holding the carnival on this date and the simple answer is that this date is the only date that Wollongong City Council could give us that fitted our calendar and available staff. I’m anticipating some parents may want to leave early on this day to avoid holiday traffic. If you are thinking of doing this, please make sure we have a note from you and that you have told your child’s teacher (as we will need to ‘sign your child out’ before they can leave). I’m also hoping that...
we do not get much more rain as we don’t have a great deal of time for an alternate carnival date before the District Carnival.

THANK YOU - YEAR 6 PARENTS
Thank you to our Year 6 families for returning the High School Application forms. All the forms are now in and we are processing the information you have provided.

FIGTREE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS – ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASS 2011
The Figtree Community of schools is again running the Academic Enrichment Class for selected Yr 5 students this year. If you are interested in your child (must be in Yr 5 2011) being considered for this class, please contact the school and we’ll send you an ‘Expression of interest’ note. Please note that applications for this class end on 5th April.

GREEN ENVELOPES
With money being required for a variety of activities, the issue of money envelopes needs again to be raised. We have and supply at no cost ‘green’ envelopes (envelopes with green text) for this purpose. On these envelopes are sections for all the required details relating to an activity. By using these green envelopes (correctly filled out) you are assuring that the money handed in can be accurately processed. (The pre-printed envelopes are also specifically designed to hold all notes flat within these envelopes without the need to fold notes, therefore saving time). Unfortunately we are still getting money being placed in standard envelopes with very little detail – which makes it extremely difficult for my administration staff to accurately allocate the funds. These green money envelopes can be picked up any day from the office – so please use them. If you run out, just come and pick up some more.

Bob Long
Principal

STAGE 3 MINNAMURRA EXCURSION
Remember to return your permission note and money to school by Thursday 31 March. You need to get your note/money in on time so we can finalise our number.
Thank you, Mrs Jordan

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - PARENT HELPERS
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held next Friday (i.e. 8 April) at Stuart Park. If you are able to help set up the course at about 8.15 am please see Mrs Jordan. Year 6 parents are also required to help Mrs Pinfold sell treats at the Carnival. Please contact Mrs Pinfold if you can help. On the day, we will need the help of parents to assist as Course Marshalls. This helps us ensure our students are safe when running the track. If you can help us for about 40 mins on the day, we would really appreciate it. Mr McGuinness will be helping me organise marshalls on the day so please catch up with us to offer your help.
Thank you, Mrs Jordan

What Notes Went Home Last Week (21 March – 25 March)

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<td>EASTER EGG MUFTI DAY – THURSDAY 31 MARCH</td>
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<td>This Thursday come dressed in your mufti clothes and bring along your easter egg donation. Thank you for your support of this Year 6 fundraising activity.</td>
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<td>EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS</td>
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<td>Please remember to bring these back to school by Wednesday of next week. There will be lots of yummy prizes to win so get your tickets in on time.</td>
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YEAR 6 PARENT HELPERS – BASKET MAKING 31 MARCH

Please help us make up great Easter Baskets on Thursday morning. We will meet in the staffroom at 9.00 a.m.

FUTSAL INDOOR SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

On Monday 14 March our school had 69 students from Yrs 3-6 participating in the Indoor Soccer Championships. The children tried hard and did their best demonstrating good sportsmanship. Our school is lucky to have the support of so many parents who came along for the whole day providing transport, coaching, and running teams and cheering on our players. I know the children love having you there so thank you. Thank you also to those parents who helped with teams especially Mr McGuinness, Mrs Faulkner, Mr Belsito, Mrs Sawyer, Ms Wheway, Mrs Bek Thompson, Mr & Mrs Taseski, Mrs Lazicic, and Mr Riddle (hope that I did not leave anyone out).

We had three teams who were runners up on the day qualifying them for the State Championships. These teams are: Senior Boys Green, Junior Boys Green and Junior Girls.

Thank You, Mrs Thompson

UNIVERSITY COMPETITION FORMS

Please remember that this Thursday is the last money day for the competition entry forms. It is really important as no late entries can be accepted.

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
Jules Fitness Outdoor Training & Zumba Classes in Figtree
Robo-Camp for the April Holidays
Thank you for supporting the Figtree Op Shop who raised money for the flood victims.

P & C NEWS 28.3.11

Wednesday 6th April 2.45 – 3.15 pm.
Uniform stall - outside the hall.
Further stalls - 4th May, 1st June, 3 August, 7 September, 2 November, 7th December.

Wednesday 30th March, Thursday 31 March
Canteen Roster
THUR 31-Mar. Kelly, Cindy and Maree Muller.

Important Canteen information.

Next term we hope to open an additional day. Volunteer forms were emailed last year and the day that appears to be the best choice is Friday. Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to keep our Canteen going. We only require a few more volunteers to open Friday. If you can help out on a Friday, please email: VanessaS@sturmans.com.au

School Song

A school song will be developed which considers school values and a sense of pride and belonging. We will utilise the skills of Gordon Dugan. Gordon is a musician, educator, composer and father at our school. Parents, staff and students are invited to pop their suggestions in the P&C box or email suggestions and lyrics to: nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com

Vacancies
Nareena Hills P and C Association
Can you help?
During the past year, the P&C has provided a healthy canteen, well stocked uniform shop and subsidized Sport reps. Both the Gala night and shopping trip were enjoyable and well supported by parents and citizens and the profits financed Interactive Whiteboards, books and more. P&C recently received a grant to purchase a mobile Interactive Whiteboard and we continue to lobby for Interactive Whiteboards to be supplied to the new classrooms. These activities were coordinated by an Executive Committee and Fundraising Coordinator with assistance from Canteen Sub-Committees, Uniform representatives, and general P&C members. Thank you to these people. The Executive Committee and associated sub-committees vacated their positions at the recent AGM in order for interested parents / citizens to join the committee in 2011. Kaylene Herald and Catherine Hanes have been endorsed as Uniform Shop representatives. Natalie Nicastrli will be nominated for Treasurer and the Canteen Sub-committee will be endorsed at the next meeting. Thanks to these women. Positions vacant are for President, Vice President (2), Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator. The P&C operates with an Executive so vacancies must be filled. It would be appreciated if you spread the word and consider joining the Committee. If you are willing to do any tasks outlined below, the job can be shared.

President
The President compiles the agenda, chairs monthly P&C meetings, shares information, writes in the newsletter and acts as spokesperson between parents and the Principal.

Vice Presidents (2)
Vice Presidents support the President and the role is worked out between them. For the past 12 months, these people have chaired some meetings, written documents, scored a $5000 grant for an Interactive Whiteboard and initiated a Working Bee.

Secretary
This person delivers mail, assists with the Agenda, records and distributes the Minutes of Meetings, presents correspondence, writes letters and keeps good files.

Fundraising Coordinator
This person oversees and promotes fundraisers and gives a report at meetings.

Wednesday 6th April – 7 pm.

P&C meeting.
If you would like to be on the Committee or assist in any way, please come to the meeting to be nominated or make enquiries with anybody on P&C or by email: nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com

Calendar of P&C meetings

With thanks,
P&C

Illawarra & South East Region Public Schools Dance Festival

Excursion Years K-6

This year our Kindergarten/Year 1 dance group will be performing at the IPAC. For many years, students from Nareena Hills have watched their peers, and/or brothers and sisters perform on stage at this event. It has always been a very entertaining experience for all who have attended. This is an optional excursion.

Details are as follows:
Date: Thursday 16 June
Venue: Illawarra Performing Arts Centre
Time: 12.00 – 2.30 pm (departing school at approx 11.30 am)
Transport: Bus
Cost: Children $15.00 including ticket & bus fare
      Adults $24.00 ticket only (seats may be available on the bus after student numbers are confirmed)

**Payments must be received by Thursday 28 April**

Please return all bookings and payments to the money collection box in the foyer before school (Tues & Thurs being money days).

Glenda Cameron

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**Excursion to Illawarra & South East Region Public Schools Dance Festival**

Child’s/Children’s Names: ________________________ __________ Class ________

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No. of seats required: Child ………. @ $15.00
                      Adult ………. @ $24.00

Total enclosed $ ………………

……… I am unable to pay at present but please reserve me the above seats.
(Please tick if applicable)

A permission note will be issued closer to the date.