School News

Principal’s Report

Due to requests from a number of parents I am seeking a community response to establish a Before and After School Care Centre at Colyton Public School.

Funding applications are currently open for schools to establish before and after school care. Schools without before and after school care are invited to apply for one-off grants to establish new Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) services. Grants for up to $20,000 are available to use for site modification and fit-out costs, project management (including tendering or regulatory costs), or to pay for necessary equipment to support new services.

OSOH/OSHC services offer a stimulating and challenging environment for primary school children, designed to enhance their development and provide play and leisure opportunities.

I ask parents to complete the survey on the back page of this newsletter and return to the front office at your earliest convenience.

Greg O’Neill
Principal

School Swimming Scheme

Over the past two weeks students in Years 2-6 have been involved in swimming lessons at Mount Druitt Pools. We were lucky to have fantastic weather for the entire duration of the program. Students who have been involved in the program have learnt about staying safe around water and improved their swimming ability.

Presentation Days

As the end of the school year approaches, staff are busily preparing for presentation days. These events are very enjoyable as they are a celebration of success. It is a time when teachers acknowledge the outstanding performance and efforts of our students.

K-2 Presentation Day

Date:  Friday 11th December
Time:  9:30am
Venue: School Hall

3-6 Presentation Day

Date:  Thursday 10th December
Time:  9:15am
Venue: School Hall
We invite parents, carers and friends to attend the Presentation Days to help us celebrate the success of students at Colyton Public School.

Please be aware that parking is limited in the immediate area around the school. Parents are advised to park a little further from the school and avoid parking across the driveways and nature strips of local residents. Your support and understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Soccer playing robots visit 5R & 6V

5R and 6V had some Year 9 students (including some old OC students) from Rooty Hill High School visit us this week. They brought with them their robots that they have been competing with in the State Robocup Soccer for the last few years. We learnt about Lego EV3 and NXT robot kits and EV3 and Mindstorm software. It was really great to see another application for coding as our classes have been programming enthusiastically creating games. They brought with them the robot soccer field and we loudly cheered and barracked for Team Lego Titans and Team Banana. It was a close game with Team Banana winning 5-4.

Year 6 – End of Year activities

Year 6 students are invited to participate in end of year activities. Included are trips to the Imax Theatre on Friday 11th December and Luna Park on Tuesday 15th December. These have been part of our traditional Year 6 end of year activities. For students not attending, alternative programs will be arranged at school.

Dates for payments for Year 6 end of year activities:

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Spare permission notes are available from the front office.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation is well underway and running successfully, thank you to Mrs Candy and all those involved in the organisation and success of all the Kindergarten Orientation sessions. It has been extremely pleasing to see so many parents/carers and family members taking the opportunity to come along and take part in the sessions and provide their children with a wonderful start to school life.

Tips for helping your child to have a happy start to school:

- Be positive - and your child will be too!
- Be curious and your child will too!
- Become familiar with the school and its activities.
- Join in events offered at the school – orientation & transition.
- Involve children in preparations – buying uniforms, lunchboxes....
- Label **EVERYTHING** – uniforms, socks, school bags, hats....
- Encourage your child to be independent – look after belongings.....
- Ensure you know starting dates and times for your child’s school
- Have the camera ready for the first day!!!

P&C News

Thank you everyone for a good year. Just a reminder that your colouring pages need to be handed in to your class teacher or the office by **Friday 4th December**. Colouring sheets will still be available for purchase on Monday and Tuesday mornings in the Primary stage area. K-2 students can purchase colouring sheets from their class teacher.

Thank you to those who have already handed in donations as well as tickets for the Christmas Raffle, we are still accepting donations in the front office, also if you require more raffle tickets please see office staff.
Uniforms

Have your children grown? Are they changing schools next year? The P&C would greatly appreciate any unwanted school uniforms for the clothing pool, donations can be handed in to the front office.

Banking

Hi all my wonderful bankers!

Here we are at the end of another year and what a busy year it has been. A reminder that the last day of banking is **December 3rd**, that's week 9.

Last term we earned **$310.54** in commission which means in three terms we have earned **$1345.67**, which the P&C will put towards future projects. If you wish to join school banking, please go to your nearest COMMONWEALTH BANK and open an account, then every Thursday see one of the 'Dollar Hat Ladies' located under each of the C.O.L.A.s in the morning till 9.15am, it's that simple!

Tokens can be carried over to the next year & if your off to high school but still have a brother or sister that still attends the school, you can keep on banking through them! To all my bankers that are going to high school, I wish you the very best & thank you for banking. You have grown up so well with lovely manners & shared so many wonderful stories that I know you will do well in whatever you put your minds to!

Have a Merry Christmas & see you all in the New Year!

Linda Bradley
Dollar Hat Lady

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Please see the notice at the end of this newsletter detailing the changes.

Busways Group

**Do students need to wear helmets?**

**Yes.** Cyclists of all ages are required by law to wear an Australian and New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS 2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head.

Advice on how to correctly fit a helmet can be found on the Centre for Road Safety’s Publication Information, click on the link below.

[Helmets and safety gear - Cyclists - Staying safe - NSW Centre for Road Safety](#)

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Dear Parents / Students,

The new public timetable for Busways Region 1 will come into effect on the **29th November 2015**. There will be changes to your current School or Public Route services.

To view the changes please visit our website at www.busways.com.au or contact our Customer Service team on **9497 1870** or **9497 1887**.

Busways Group

**Re: Compulsory wearing of helmets by bicycle riders**

Since July 1, 1991 cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear an Australian Standard approved helmet whenever they ride in a public places including roads, cycle paths and parks.

It is the school’s expectation that students travelling to and from school by bicycle will follow the law and correctly wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.

It has been observed that a number of students have been identified as not wearing/not correctly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to and from school. For safety reasons and to comply with the legislation, if your child or children ride a bicycle to and from school,
it is requested that you discuss this matter with your child and take steps to ensure that a helmet is worn. If your child is unable to wear a helmet when riding to and from school alternative means of transport need to be used.

Storage and labelling of a bicycle helmet is the responsibility of each child.

Amanda Cooper
WHS Chairperson

Head Lice!

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous.

There have recently been some reported cases of Head Lice at our school and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of Lice infestation. As the Head Lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Community News

School Holiday Activities @ Penrith Library

There are lots of fun and exciting things to do these school holidays at Penrith City Library. For session times and details view our Children’s Newsletter online at:

Kids and students - Penrith City Council

Plumpton High Information

-Parent Information Evening 30 November 2015

Plumpton High School will be holding its annual Parent Information Night on Monday 30th November commencing from 4:00pm.

This year parents and students will be attending in small groups throughout the night with the idea of communicating with parents the shared responsibility for the nurturing and learning of their child.

This will also give parents a greater opportunity to ask questions within the group.

Orientation Day 3 December 2015

A reminder that Orientation Day at Plumpton High School for all Year 6 into Year 7 students will be Thursday 3 December 2015, commencing at 8.50am in the Greater Western Sydney Performing Arts Centre in Hyatts Road.

Picked up is at 2.15pm at the Greater Western Sydney Performing Arts Centre.

For further information please call Plumpton High School on 9625-7020.

Term 4

Week 8 - Kinder Orientation Afternoons Monday 23rd Nov – Friday 27th Nov

Monday 23rd November

OC Orientation Night
-Panthers on the Prowl –Stage 3

Tuesday 24th November

OC Orientation Day

Thursday 26th November

K-2 Disco 4pm-5:30pm
3-6 Disco 5:45pm-7:30pm
Week 9 - Kinder Orientation Afternoons Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} Nov – Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} Dec

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| Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} December | Principals Lunch  
- Panthers on the Prowl Graduation |
| Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} December | Parent Helper Morning Tea-10:30 in the hall |
| Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} December | 3-6 Presentation Day |
| Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} December | K-2 Presentation Day  
- Year 6 to IMAX |

Week 11

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| Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} December | Year 6 Graduation Assembly  
- Year 6 Farewell |
| Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} December | Year 6 to Luna Park |
| Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December | Last day of Term 4 for students |
| Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} December | Staff Development Day – no students |
| Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} December | School closed |
**Women's Multicultural END OF YEAR Celebration**

Women of Blacktown and Mt Druitt are warmly invited to attend our FREE End of Year Luncheon. Come dressed in your traditional costumes or your favourite party clothes and join us in saying goodbye to 2015.

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<td>2nd December</td>
<td>Mt Druitt Community Hub (upstairs from the library)</td>
<td>9677 1969 or visit the WASH House 6 Kelly Close Mt Druitt</td>
<td>Limited child care is available. Please let us know when you book if you require child care.</td>
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**DANCE Nikki Webster**

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19th November 2015

ROUTE 739 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students

Commencing Monday 30th November 2015, morning Route 739 will be replaced by new Route 729 as outlined below:

Route 729 will depart Fleurs St and Eskdale Pl at 8:16am via Fleurs St (L), Minchin Dr (L), McFarlane Dr (L), Robinson St (R), Archbold Rd, George St (L), Miller St (R), Coates St (L), Fuller St (R), Carlisle Av (R), Beames St (R), Coates St to Mt Druitt Station South (8:36am).

STUDENTS FOR BETHEL CHRISTIAN, SACRED HEART SCHOOL & COLYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL REMAIN ON BOARD FOR TRAVEL TO SCHOOL ON BUS 6007

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(9341) RTE 739 118B
Before and After School Care Survey

Name:_____________________________________________________

Child's Class:_______________________________________________

I support □

I do not support □

the establishment of a before and after school care centre at Colyton Public School.

Please complete and return to the front office.