From the Principal…

A huge welcome back to Term 4 to all families. I trust the holiday break was enjoyable and the batteries are recharged for the countdown to Christmas. Yes, I said it, it’s just around the corner and before we know it, the red and green decorations will be in stores, if you haven’t seen them already and the end of the school year will be upon us. Term 4 is always a rather hectic term, yet is set to be another enjoyable one here at Cattai PS.

I would like to welcome the Walmsley family to Cattai Public School. Both of the boys, James and Myles, have settled in quickly and are very welcome additions to the K/1 classroom.

Rosie and Lexie also started at the beginning of this term, in the K/1 and 2/3 classes. Both girls are happy and settled and it already feels like they have been here all year.

If you see either of the new families around, make sure you say hello and make them feel welcome, as we always do here at Cattai.

We have had a number of additional families this year and we are currently sitting at 60 students. With 12 kindergarten students due to start next year, we are looking very healthy and should remain around this 60 number for 2015.

As a school we have done a lot of PR work, attempting to highlight what a great school we are. We currently have a really positive school image within the community and this is largely due to the hard work of the P&C and families who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our wonderful school receives the accolades it deserves. I am so proud that when people talk about Cattai Public School they speak about the wonderful atmosphere and culture we have here, the focus we have on learning and our ability to cater for the individual needs of all students.

EXCURSIONS

Term 4 is always a busy term in schools particularly at the end of the term with reports, presentation assembly, Year 6 activities, movie day etc. We understand the impact on families when we ask for money for extra curricular activities and as such have tried to minimise the excursions and events that students take part in this term. You will notice this on the school calendar. Outside of the first few weeks, we have a fairly quiet term in an attempt to make the run into Christmas a little easier for all families.

SCHOOL PLAN

2014 marks the end of a three-year cycle in terms of our school planning. We have achieved a lot over the last three years as a school, which you can read about in the Annual School Report and will be published early next year.

Due to us finalising the current school plan we will be working towards creating a new one for the 2015 – 2017 school years. The process has changed for schools in developing our strategic plans, and as such we are seeking to consult with the community and students about the directions we should be taking as a school during this next plan cycle. Over the coming weeks you will receive a number of surveys asking you about what you value about education, what you value about our school and where you think we should be heading in terms of student learning over the next three years. I ask that all families take the time to complete these surveys, as they are obviously extremely important, and they give you the opportunity to have your say about what happens at school. We are hoping to form a shared vision for the school over a projected period of time. We look forward to hearing your ideas on how we can improve the teaching and learning here at Cattai Public School.
BREWONGLE EXCURSION

Next Friday we will be taking the entire school to Cattai National Park to take part in an Aboriginal excursion experience. The excursion will be run by Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. If you have not returned the permission note and money to school, could you please do so ASAP. We have asked families to transport students to and from Cattai National Park to try and keep the cost of the excursion down and we thank you for your support with this. Returning the notes will allow us to ensure all students are catered for in terms of transport to and from the venue.

Students need to be dropped off at the picnic area in Cattai National Park at 8.30am and picked up again at 2.30pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The uniform shop is run by the P&C and Jo Roughley does a fantastic job with this and her work is very much appreciated. Maryce and Leanne in the office have been helping with uniform orders also, however, the process has become unclear for a lot of families and the school.

After speaking with office staff and the P&C, uniform orders can be handed to the office staff on any day of the week, however, uniforms will be sent home with students on Thursdays only. A friendly reminder that parents are not allowed to take uniforms directly out of the uniform cupboards. Office staff or Jo Roughley will do this at the appropriate times.

HORSE RIDING COMPETITIONS

Kris Waters approached me last week to talk about an inter-schools horse riding competition running on 23rd November this year. Georgia and Sammy are going to be entered and possibly one other family. If any other families are interested in entering students, either this year or next year, Kris is happy to give you information about dates and equipment requirements etc.

Matt Carter
Principal

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award this fortnight:

K/1
Riley

2/3
Reid
Sammy

4/5/6
Emily
Riley D
Amelia
Cassidy

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal’s Awards this fortnight:

K/1
Laycee
Nina
Josh
Isaac

2/3
McKenzie
Randall
Alyssa

4/5/6
Josh
Riley D.
Laura

YEAR 2/3

Year 2,3 have been learning about mass in Maths this term. There has been plenty of hefting and estimating of various objects to decide on the lightest and heaviest, as well as those that feel as if they have about the same mass. In groups, we have been using pan balance scales and different items, such as counters or base 10 blocks, to measure the mass as a way of checking the accuracy of our hefting. Year 3 has also been investigating the kilogram (kg), and exploring what it’s used to measure and why it’s useful to have a formal unit for weighing things.

In Literacy we have continued our journey through time reading “My Place”, and have read about past years in our reading groups and written summaries to share.

Our most exciting adventure this week was being a part of the Hawkesbury Music Festival where we enjoyed singing in the massed choir, and watching the items performed on stage.
EAT IT TO BEAT IT – NUTRITION SNIPPET

The simplest way …to food shop on a budget

Here are our five top tips to save money while shopping for your fruit and veg.

1. Create a weekly menu plan
2. Write a shopping list based on menu plan
3. Compare prices using ‘unit pricing’ (per kilo/100grams) if available
4. Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season, or pick the canned/frozen option if cheaper (and just swap them)
5. Limit your purchases of processed pre-prepared snacks/health

Get more information visit www.eatittoBeatit.com.au or join us if Facebook.com/eatittoBeatit

Apps of the Week

Peak – Brain Training

Peak – Brain Training – Peak is a personalized self-improvement app specifically designed to help you improve your Memory, Focus, Problem Solving, Mental Agility and Language skills with fun, challenging games, reaching goals and building healthy training habits - all backed by scientific and educational research. With 19 games offering adaptive and dynamic difficulties, unique challenges, personalized workouts and daily goals, Peak aims to get your brain skills in tip-top shape. Peak helps you train smarter with in-depth performance reviews, analytics and statistics - all simply and beautifully visualized.

Puppet Pals 2

Puppet Pals 2 – Children unlock creativity with this easy to use (but hard to put down) interactive puppet show! Even young children can create high quality cartoons from their imaginations. Kids can even star in the show along side the built-in characters!

Getting organised for Term 4

Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z’s monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child’s bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities.

http://bit.ly/UbmrQz8

Public speaking made easier

Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Motivating “laid-back” children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches.


TRASH ‘N’ TREASURE – MINI FAIR

We will be holding a Trash ‘n’ Treasure stall at our Mini Fair in December. If you have items you would like to contribute these can be brought to school. Keep in mind that these items will be purchased by the students or parents as gifts for others.

Security – please call 1300 88 00 21

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Hot Lunch Order Form

Friday 31st October 2014

**Chicken Burger, fruit and Unlimited Cordial for $5.00**

(an option to add salad and cheese will be available on the day)

Large option for big eaters: 2 x chicken burgers, fruit, unlimited cordial for $7.50

Please place your order on the form below and send with payment to school **by Thur 30th October 2014**

Payment options:

- Cash
- Cheques payable to: Cattai P&C Association
- Direct debit to P & C and write your receipt number on your order form

Acct name: Cattai P&C Association  BSB -062622  A/C #-00900547

We do not always have extras, so please order for any Parents, Family and Friends too.

Also, HELP on the day is always greatly appreciated 😊!

For any queries or if your child doesn’t like chicken burgers, please call Rebecca – 0430 022 820 to discuss!

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Second Hand Uniforms
As we are beginning to phase in the new school uniform as of the beginning of next year, a new order form is available from the office if you require one please ask. The students will wear the school shirt with logo and the girls will wear the blue skort and boys will wear blue blocker shorts. All students will wear white socks and black sports shoes. Stock is coming in so please be patient, and orders are not handed over on the spot. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to; please send in to school your old uniforms to the attention of Kris Waters. She has kindly organised through her church to collect and send them onto disadvantaged children overseas. Thank you Kris.

Publicity Officer
We are looking for a new Publicity Officer for the school. This is important as it keeps the community up to date with events and achievement’s at our wonderful school. Kris Waters has been doing this for us but needs to step aside due to other commitments. You do not have to attend P&C Meetings, it is just a matter of summarizing what has been happening at the school from newsletters etc. and emailing the local papers by the due deadline. If any of you (this includes Dads) would be able to help out please contact Kris to find out more and Kris is happy to help the new person settle in to the job. We would also like to thank Kris for all her hard work.

Ice-Cream Truck
The Home Ice Cream truck will be in the car park tomorrow, 17 October, Friday at 2.30 pm when he delivers for parents who would like to make purchases for home. Then the next time he is back is Friday October 31.
Specials are as follows:

- Summer Box (29 Products in one box) $19.90
- Mini Hearts (10 pieces) $5.00
- 2Lt Double Choc Chip - $5.90
- Gourmet Desire Tubs - $7.90

Hot Lunch
Rebecca is busy planning the next hot lunch on Friday 31 October, which will be yummy chicken burgers. The order form will be out shortly. Don’t forget that it also parent assembly so make sure you order lunch for yourself or any visitors if you want to come and have lunch with the kids.

**Bunnings BBQ 23\textsuperscript{th} November, Sunday**
We have secured a date for a fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings McGraths Hill. We will need YOUR help for this one.
If you would like to donate an item please refer to the list below of items Bunnings has indicated we must have on the day. Please advise Kim Smith via 0419 435 022 or ksm13@bigpond.net.au of what you are able provide. These items can be left in the old admin kitchen on Friday 21st November.

45kg thick sausages, 50 loaves of bread, 20kg onions, 6 cartons of coke, 2 cartons diet or zero, 2 cartons Lift or Solo, 2 cartons lemonade, 4 cartons of bottles water.
The less we have to purchase – the more profit we make!

You will also need to complete the slip below and send in to the office (or text/email Kim Smith) indicating what time you are available for a shift at the BBQ.
We require 4 people on each time slot (2 cooking and 2 serving).
Your contact number is only used if we need to contact you on the day.

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If you have any queries please contact Kim Smith.
Thanks for your support.

**Exciting Upcoming Events**
Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on 23 November
Bingo Night, 29 November

**Cake Roster : Wednesday 5 November**
Families: Robertson-Hahn, Ponce, Hughes, Roughley
**P& C Meeting**

After the October holidays the next P & C Meeting will be **Thursday 6 November, 2014** at 2.30 pm under the COLA. Feel free and come along, we would love to see you there.

All items in regard to P& C to go into our Newsletter can be sent to the school marked “Attn: P& C Newsletter” or emailed to: natسار04@bigpond.net.au before Wednesday.

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**BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 2014**

**TO:** Kim Smith

**FROM:**

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Grandparents Day
25th October 2014
FREE PROFESSIONAL FAMILY PORTRAITS

Bright Light Photography

Professional studio shots of Grandparents with Grandchildren or capture all the generations in a family portrait
- Two free photos per family
- Additional photos $5 each

Devonshire Teas

Colouring in for the kids while you wait for your photos

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
9.30am - 4.30pm
Book direct with
Hills Community Aid

You must arrive 10 MINUTES before your allocated time.

at Living Choice Australia Limited
15 Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven NSW 2156

FOR MORE INFORMATION  02 9639 8620  enq@hca.org.au  www.hca.org.au
Clear out your garage, clear out your closet, clear out the kid’s room, clear out the kitchen, make space at home, make money at our sale!

Register and pay for your spot at Reception at Windsor High School.

For any enquiries call Trish on 0412216353.

Cost : $10 per spot

Car Boot Sale
School Car Park Mulgrave Road McGraths Hill

Bargain Hunter’s BBQ Breakfast available!
HIGH SCHOOL P&C

Presents

WINDSOR COUNTRY DELIGHTS:
PRODUCERS MARKET,

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TALAI ESTATE
South Maroota, NSW &
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Merriwa, NSW

Cake Stalls, Jam, Pickles, Honey, BBQ,
Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks
Live Music & Much More!
ADMISSION:
ADULTS $10
CHILDREN FREE
(CHILDREN MAY ATTEND WITH ADULT SUPERVISION)

TICKETS FROM:
- WINDSOR H. SCHOOL OFFICE
  Mulgrave & Windsor Road, Mulgrave
- SPEECHLEY PROPERTY
  517 George Street, South Windsor
  AT THE DOOR

WHERE:
WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL HALL
Mulgrave & Windsor Road, Mulgrave

WHEN:
6:00PM SATURDAY
18th OCTOBER 2014

FUNDRAISER FOR WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL P&C
Talai Estate Winery
Halloween

Friday the 31st of October, 6:30pm - 12:00pm
Unlimited gourmet wood fired pizzas $25 per head
Beer/ wine/spirits/soft drinks available at bar prices
Espresso coffee also available
No BYO, No Eftpos (cash only)

Please book early as numbers are strictly limited.
Call: 45 728 598 or email joroughley@bigpond.com

Due to licensing laws you must be over 18 to attend this venue.

Talai Estate, 748 Wisemans Ferry Rd, South Maroota.