From the Principal...
If you have blinked, you have missed it. Term 2 has come and gone and we are only one week away from school holidays again. We have had another busy term at Cattai Public school, with new enrolments, P&C working bees and even a wedding on school grounds!

I would like to thank the entire community for all of your hard work and efforts this semester in making Cattai PS what I would consider the best school in the Hawkesbury. In particular, the P&C have worked tirelessly this term and we appreciate your efforts very much in adding to the opportunities we provide students at Cattai.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and hope to see lots of smiling, happy and healthy faces when we return next term.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS
Reports have been written and are being finalised by teachers as we speak. These will be sent home next Wednesday with students.

We will also be holding Parent Teacher interviews in the first week back of next term. Interview time is always a great opportunity for parents and teachers to catch up and discuss student progress in and out of the classroom.

Notes were sent home this week and I encourage you to take the time to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss reports and progress at school.

PARENT ASSEMBLY AND HOT LUNCH
Next Friday will be the last Parent Assembly and Hot Lunch for the Term. We always love having parents share lunch and assembly with us.

A special thanks to the P&C and parents who help provide the hot lunches. Lunches are always yummy and served with a smile, even when there are chooks trying to jump the queue! So a very big THANK YOU.

HAIRCUTS
Thanks to Mrs Armstrong for popping in to the school today to cut students’ hair at lunchtime. The students look very neat and proper! Keep your eye out for the next time she drops in to school to cut hair, it might save you a trip on Saturday.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We will be holding our annual school carnival in Week 1 of Term 3. We will travel to Pitt Town Public School once again and use their facilities. Thanks to Mr Miller and the Pitt Town P&C for allowing us to use the school’s facilities.

A note will be sent home today asking parents to order lunches this term so that Pitt Town are able to organise the extra ordering. We would also like to organise the bus and have asked parents to indicate whether they will be transporting children or catching the bus to the carnival. Please fill these notes out and return them to the office ASAP.

NOTES
On the topic of permission notes, we have had a lot of issues recently with students not returning notes to school, or returning them on the day of the event. This can be problematic for us at school as students attending or not attending events can dramatically increase or decrease the cost for other families.

If your child receives a note from school, could you please fill it out ASAP and return it to the office. If your child is not attending an event, we still need to know, as it will help us to determine travel costs, admissions etc.
Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

PELICAN POST
The Pelican Post is now being sent home every fortnight, and is being sent electronically. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school. The email is sent every second Thursday afternoon. If you have not received it on Thursday, contact the school and we will organise a new copy to be sent to you.

SNOW
A number of students and parents will be travelling to the snow next week. A huge thank you to Mrs Robertson for the organisation. Students will be taking part in either competition or learn to ski activities. This is the second year we have been involved and hope to continue this into the future.

Matt Carter
Principal

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

K/1  4/5/6
Luke  Joel
Riley  Ben
Michell  Cassidy

2/3
Alex  Sammy
Tyler  Eliza
McKenzie  Jack
Isaac  Kiera
Zak

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

2/3  4/5/6
Georgia  Laura

SPORTS NEWS

SOCCER
Students in Year 3 to 6 will be taking part in a soccer gala day tomorrow at Londonderry Public School. We will be joining forces with Vineyard Public School in mixed teams of girls and boys.

Students will be leaving school at 7am as the competition starts quite early. Boots and shin guards are optional but highly recommended.

We wish those students participating all the best for a successful and fun day. Goooo Cattai!

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
Emily in Year 6 competed in the Regional Cross Country Event last week. The event was held at the Sydney Regatta Centre and featured schools from the Blue Mountains, all the way through to Parramatta. A huge region, with lots of students to compete against. To give you an idea of the scale of this event, students who are successful at regional level continue on to the state carnival.

Emily performed brilliantly, finishing 58th in a field of 120 competitors. An amazing effort by Emily, we are very proud of her efforts, well done! The Hawkesbury team did very well on the day and I believe they finished fourth overall.

SRC
The SRC are having a Mufti Day next Tuesday 24th June. The cost will be a minimum donation of $2 to participate and the money raised will go towards Pitt Town Public School to help them raise funds to build a new shade cloth. The shade cloth will be erected in the playground to provide shade as they have had trees removed after the tragic event, which occurred there last term.

The SRC will also be making slices, which will be sold at recess time. There is no theme for our mufti day event, but please bring in your $2 so that we can support Pitt Town Public School.
**Walking with Dinosaurs** – This app is an interactive dinosaur encyclopaedia for the iPad. The app, narrated by actor, writer and presenter Stephen Fry, contains more than 60 fully animated, interactive and photorealistic dinosaurs. Designed to engage and delight dinosaur fans of all ages.

Both apps are free to download from the app store.

**TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

**MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: [www.bit.ly/JkiUsY](http://www.bit.ly/JkiUsY)

**DOES SPEAKING ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME CONFUSE CHILDREN?**
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English.
Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

2/3 CLASS WORK
Class 2/3 have been working hard in Art this semester. They have learnt lots of new techniques, such as different levels of shading from the lightest light to the darkest dark. As part of this learning, they have been discovering that they need to draw what they see rather than what they think they see. This led to them doing a still life of Mrs Evans’ childhood teddy bear. They concentrated on using crayon to help get the right texture for the teddy’s fur, then chose either coloured pencil or texta to finish their teddy, adding a touch of imagination to form its outfit!

Security – please call 1300 88 00 21

CATTAI CALENDAR – TERM 2 2014

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Pump
Aeroblitz
Core

come along and join in at
Maraylya Hall Boundary Rd
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
mornings 9.30am-10.30am
Phone: Vanessa 0414306955

HAIRCUTS
Hi everyone it is haircut time again. Thanks to those who had hair done last time I enjoyed the little conversations that we had very funny. Please let me know if u need app will be doing haircuts Thursday 19th June cost $15 and $2 will be donated to school. Thanks Shontelle 0414659236 - 45754052

THANK YOU STEVE TAYLOR
A very big thank you to Steve Taylor for the wonderful work carried out in our Old Admin. We are very grateful for your time and generosity so our school community can have this great facility.

Thank you again.
School Holiday Sports Camp

Les Shore Reserve, Glenorie

Monday 30th June – 2nd July
9.00am – 3.00pm
$90 full Camp, $40 Day Rate
Contact: Glenn 0404600460
Email: hillsmultisports@gmail.com

“Sports for the stars of tomorrow”
MACQUARIE TOWNS ARTS SOCIETY

Macquarie Towns Arts Society will once again be running their popular School Holiday Art & Craft workshops for children 5-15yrs in the Midyear break. See Program below. MTAS is a not-for-profit community organisation promoting Art activity in the Hawkesbury area.

The MTAS School Holiday Art & Craft Workshops will be held in the class room at Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 10 Magnolia Mall, 285 Windsor St, Richmond.

We hope to encourage budding artists and give kids something fun and creative to do in the holidays, in a safe and friendly environment.

Macquarie Towns Arts Society also runs After School Art Classes for children 7-14 years. The new term for these begins 2nd week of school term, 21st July, 2014, 4-5.30pm. Cost $96 for 8 week term. Ph Deidre 0412979731 for info & enrolments.

For MTAS, Inc.

ART & CRAFT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

JUNE/JULY HOLIDAYS 2014

1. Mon. 30th June 10am – 12 noon - Draw Dragons
2. Mon. 30th June 1pm – 3pm - Make Clay Animals
3. Tues. 1st July 10am – 12 noon - Watercolours
4. Tues. 1st July 1pm – 3 pm - Pottery
5. Wed. 2nd July 10am – 12 noon - Make Masks
6. Wed. 2nd July 1pm – 3 pm - Treasure Boxes
7. Thu. 3rd July 10am – 12noon - Make Tin Can Robots
8. Thu. 3rd July 1pm – 3 pm - Draw Fairies & Mermaids
9. Fri. 4th July 10am – 12noon - Paint Pet Rocks
10. Mon. 7th July 10am – 12noon - Jewellery
11. Mon. 7th July 1pm – 3 pm - Draw Dinosaurs
12. Tues. 8th July 10am – 12noon - Pottery
13. Tues. 8th July 1pm – 3 pm - Papier Mache Sculpture
14. Wed. 9th July 10am – 12noon - Cartooning
15. Wed. 9th July 1pm – 3pm - Pottery
16. Thu. 10th July 10am – 12noon - Paint a Landscape
17. Thu. 10th July 1pm – 3pm - Make Mini Monsters
18. Fri. 11th July 10am – 12noon - Drawing with Pastels

COST: $14 per 2hr workshop; all equipment supplied.

VENUE: RICHMOND ART SUPPLIES,
SHOP 10 MAGNOLIA MALL,
285 WINDSOR ST, RICHMOND
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: phone Deidre 0412 979731

MTAS AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES FOR TERM 3, 2014, also NOW ENROLLING.
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Monday 14th July games day/ board games and sports day fun
What To Bring To Vacation Care Every Day

- MorninTea
- A drinkbottle
- A hat
- DVD's, Nintendo DS & iPods etc. allowed but no responsibility taken for their safety & usage time will be limited.

Food & drinks: Children will have their drink bottles in the fridge that they can access at all times throughout the day. Morning tea is to be brought from home & for lunch we will provide a large range of sandwiches for the children to choose from as well as the occasional hot meal. Afternoon tea will be a mixture of fruit & whatever yummy thing we have made to eat during the day (Children’ choice).

Nut Products/Allergies: This Centre is "nut aware" Some children have severe allergies to certain foods, particularly nut products. In order to support these children & families, please do not send your child/ren with any nut/peanut products (for example peanut or Nutella sandwiches). Thank you.

Fees: $55.00 per day as of plus any additional costs incurred for outings. Vacation care is eligible for fee assistance. Ring 136 150 if your child is not registered to receive child care benefits.

Limit of children per day: We book children each day on a first come first serve basis, if you know that you are going to need specific days then it's a good idea to book in advance.

We will take up to 30 children on days where we stay at the centre & 20 on outing days, as car spaces are limited. In-house activities:

- Free play, inside & out
- Craft
- Movies/playstation
- Cooking experiences
- Dramatic Play
- Experimentation
- & Whatever else the children dream up for us to do.

Cancellation policy: Notice needs to be given before the close of business the Friday before for any booked days in order to cancel & not be charged for a booked vacation care day. Cancellations made within the booked week will still incur a fee unless we can fill the spot.

Bookings can be made & cancelled verbally, by phone or send us an e-mail

Call 45 723 013  ~  Fax 45 723 616  ~  e-mail ptps@y7mail.com

All families that do not regularly attend our after school care program must provide credit card details before commencing vacation care as a payment security measure.

If fees are not paid by the end of the vacation care program, we will debit your credit card with fees due.

Vacation Care costs are $55.00 per day (before CCB & CCR deductions) Plus the cost of any relevant outings on the day as per the schedule.

Fee payment policy:

1. Payment in advance for each day booked
2. Centre to hold credit card authority for payment as required.
3. Fees can be paid via EZIPAY, EFTPOS, BPAY.
Learning in the Hills OPEN Day
Come and find out about the latest leisure learning groups and classes

Course Info & Enrolments
Speak to students & tutors
Open Classrooms
Dressmaking
Cake Decorating
Painting
Arts & Crafts
White Elephant Stall
Book Sale

Fire Brigade
Jumping castle
Police
Headspace
providing mental health info
Talk to B.A.C.A.
(Bikers Against Child Abuse)

Lucky Door Prizes
from Boeing Central & Featherdale Wildlife Park

Wednesday 9th July
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

Children’s Cupcake Decorating Workshop
10am - 11am
Children can learn to work with fondant and ganache to decorate cupcakes.

LIMITED NUMBERS. $5 per child.
Must pre-book with Hills Community Aid.

Morning tea including devonshire teas, cakes, coffee, tea, etc provided by the Country Women’s Association

FOR MORE INFORMATION
02 9639 8620
enq@hca.org.au
www.hca.org.au
### JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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Chemistry and chemicals are everywhere! Most people think of chemicals as nasty toxic stuff but in this program we explore the fun (and tasty!) side to chemicals and chemistry.

There is more to the universe than what we can see with our eyes. An investigation into the science of revealing the invisible throughout the universe and what the unseen can tell us.

Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE viewing of the sun.

A close up look at our closest celestial friend.

In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University’s telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On

**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
Old Admin Building
The renovation is almost complete. Steve has done the plumbing and the taps are in. Les has completed most of his part installing the tables. Thank you to Nicole May for cleaning all the pots and paints and putting them away. And a very big thank you to Jo Roughley for the fridge she donated. It will be put to good use.

Projects Needing Completion for School Activities
The most urgent on our list is the completion of the long jump pit. The children will begin preparation for the Athletics carnival soon. The pit was dug out on the working bee weekend and now we need treated pine to create edging and then sand.

If anyone can help with this please contact the school or Mark Mitchell.

Second on the list is the Chook Pen. We require 4 posts to be fixed to the outer corners of the awning, we originally planned on enclosing the existing posts but this is just too small. We have had an offer of chain wire mesh to wrap around the posts once they are in. We also need a door hung, if someone can make something that would be great, it only needs to be small. We hope someone can find the time – we know it is hard to do sometimes but we need this done before school holidays, please.

To finish off the front we require more mulch, so if anyone knows anyone in the industry can they ask to send some our way. Some at the end of the nature strip closest to the park and some along the front of our neighbor’s on the other side. We will also be getting clean fill in to level out the end of the car park that has been cleared. If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact the school or Kim Smith (0419435022).

Hot Lunch
Once again Rebecca Lehrer organised another fantastic hot lunch of delicious hamburgers. The kids and adults really enjoyed it (and the chickens did too). Thank you very much Rebecca!

Thank You
We would also like to thank Michelle Davies for her generous contribution of flowers. It is really appreciated.
Xmas In July
The planning for our big night is underway and the flyers look fantastic. Thank you Kim Smith for all your work organising this as well as the banner for the front of the school. Thank you to Rebecca for organising ticket sales. Now is a really good time to purchase your tickets so not to miss out. Please call Rebecca on 0430 022 820 to book, tickets are $50 per person.

We are busy collecting donations to be used as raffle prizes, silent auction items and cash donations to pay for the band. If you would like to make a donation, or make some phone calls or know of a local business that would like to help out or need formal letter of request please contact Kim Smith. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

We want to thank Riley A and Tiana’s Aunty Lisa for the great artwork for the Xmas in July flyers and also thank all our sponsors for their generosity;

Jenolan Caves, 33 Degrees Real Estate, Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, Hawkesbury Yoga, Creative Finishes South Maroota, Galston Dental, Talai Estate Winery South Maroota, Windsor Chinese Restaurant, Billabong Retreat Maraylya, Yoga Shed Richmond, Green Hills Organics and Eco Store Richmond, Paddock to Plate, Delaney Civil, KLS Sandstone, Bastian/Hernage Family, Smart Treatments Cattai, Nuance, B&R Brakes, Castle Hill, Targus Australia, Belkin, Caniglen Architectural South Maroota, PF Formation

Cake Roster : Change of Date due to Yr 4-6 school camp: Wednesday 13 August
Families: May, Smith, Miller, Parsons.

P& C Meeting

There is no July P&C Meeting BUT there is a special X-Mas in July Meeting on Thursday 17 JULY under the Cola.

The next P & C Meeting Thursday 7 August, 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: natsar04@bigpond.net.au before Wednesday.