From the Principal...

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3. It has been a busy start to the term already, with Athletics carnivals, chook enclosures being built and we even managed some teaching and learning in there somewhere!

CHOOK ENCLOSURE

A huge thank you to Sandra Marsh and her son Ash who have organised for the construction of a chook enclosure at school. We now have a huge Chook pen (some are calling it a Chook Resort) near the basketball courts. This has meant that we are able to keep the chooks enclosed and still have them able to walk around and eat and scratch in the grass, without overtaking the school! We are so happy with its function and how it looks and the chickens are having a great time in it.

Ash has ended up in hospital over the last week after falling ill. The students all wrote a card and sent that to him through his sister Kewen last Friday (thanks Kim). We would like to send our best to Ash and his family and wish him a speedy and full recovery.

REFUND FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Unfortunately we picked the only rainy day this term to hold our athletics carnival at Pitt Town last week. Many families paid for the bus to and from the carnival and we are now faced with a situation in regards to refunding that money to families. Ideally we would like to simply refund this money, however this process is quite difficult and time consuming. What we would like to do is hold the money and credit those families for an excursion later this term. If you would not like this to happen, please speak to Maryce in the office and let her know, otherwise we will credit any money paid for the athletics carnival to a future excursion.

EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is Education Week for Public Schools in NSW. We will be holding a number of activities throughout the week, including a pre-school information session and our annual Education Week Open Day.

For this year’s Open Day, we have asked that students bring in a Lego creation to display. There will also be open classrooms, class challenges, parent assembly and a hot lunch.

The school will provide morning tea. Parents, family and friends wanting to order hot lunches are more than welcome to do so. The easiest way to order hot lunches would be to fill out the student order form provided by the P&C.

A timetable has been included for the day. All families, friends and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We would love to see you there!

Education Week Open Day Timetable

10.30am – Recess
11.00am – Lego display under COLA
11.45am – Open Classrooms
12.15pm – Challenge Events
12.45pm – Hot Lunch
1.30pm – Parent Assembly

CAR PARK SAFETY

We have had a number of complaints recently about the speed in which some cars are entering and exiting the school car park. Could I ask that all drivers use extreme caution when dropping off and picking up students. There are lots of children around before and after school and it only takes a second for tragedy to strike.
SNOW
A massive thanks to the Robertson-Hahn family, in particular Jo, for organising the trip to the snow during the last week of Term 2. We had quite a number of students and their families make the trek down this year and they had an awesome time boarding and skiing. Jo Robertson was the driving force behind the trip and her organisation and efforts to create this opportunity are appreciated by all of the community. Thanks, Jo!

Matt Carter
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AND SMALL SCHOOLS’ ATHLETICS

Last Friday we held our school athletics carnival. Due to the rain on Wednesday we had to hold the event at school on a makeshift track. Thanks to Peter May for helping with this. Despite the track not being perfect, we had a really enjoyable and successful day with lots of students progressing through to the Small Schools’ Carnival, which is held this week.

Yesterday we had the field events at McMahon’s Park at Kurrajong. We had another successful day with all students competing well and having a great time. Josh, Emily and Marcel all progressed through to the district carnival, and Riley D finished first and Laura finished 2nd in their 800m heats, with the finals to be held on Friday. Congratulations to these students and good luck to everyone competing on Friday in the track events.

SNOW COMPETITIONS

Emily and Josh went to the snow during the school holidays to compete in the Northern Regional Interschools competition. They competed in two divisions; Snowboard Giant Slalom and Snowboard Boarder Cross.

Their results are listed below.

Snowboard Giant slalom:
Joshua (Div 5 boys) – 1st place
Emily (Div 4 girls) – 4th place

Snowboard Boarder Cross
Joshua (Div 5 boys) – 2nd place
Emily (Div 4 girls) – 5th place

They have both been invited to the NSW State Interschools which is held in August. A good performance there will see them invited to the National Interschools in September.

At the other schools based comps which are the “friendly” comps:

Scots College Race:
Joshua (Div 5 boys) – 2nd place
Emily (Div 4 girls) – 7th place

Knox/PLC:
Joshua (Div 5 boys) – 2nd place
Emily (Div 4 girls) – 5th place

These are wonderful results for two very sporty and talented individuals. We are very proud of their efforts and hope they do well at the NSW State events! Go Cattai Kids!

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

K/1
Marcel

4/5/6
Jacob

2/3
Georgia
Reid

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

4/5/6
Jacob
EAT IT TO BEAT IT – NUTRITION SNIPPET

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Try these great fruity recipes that will keep your child satisfied until dinner time.

Raisin Toast Rippers
2 slices raisin toast topped with banana and a drizzle of honey.

Krazy Kababs
Fruit skewers with watermelon, grapes, rockmelon, & strawberries, served with reduced-fat yoghurt for dipping.

Fruity Smoothie
250ml reduced-fat milk
1 handful of berries
1 banana chopped
Place into blender and mix.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

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Apps of the Week

Tynker

Brainbean

Tynker – this is an app where students learn the basics of computer coding through play. It is designed to motivate and inspire kids to bring their creative ideas to life. Kids create their own games, animated stories, and projects, and publish their apps for the web.

Brainbean – brainbean has been made to entertain and challenge all levels of creativity, young and old.

Whether you’re 9 years old, 109, or anywhere in between, each game intelligently adapts difficulty to match your creative capabilities to offer a rewarding challenge for your brain.

Both apps are free to download from the app store.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

4/5/6 CLASS WORK

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Yesterday we went to the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Everyone competed really well and did their best. Here are some of the results:
Emily came 3rd in the girls 11yrs 800m.
Laura came 2nd in the girls senior 800m.
Josh came 1st in his heat in the junior boys 800m.
Marcel came 2nd in the senior boys high jump and 3rd in the senior boys long jump.
Finally, Riley Davies came 1st in the 11yr boys 800m.

Congratulations to all these people! The track events will be on tomorrow. Good luck to everyone competing!

Chook Pen

On Tuesday the pen for our chooks was finished. Now the chooks won’t be disrupting the school or pooping everywhere! Before we had the chook pen we would let them out and they would run everywhere stealing lunches, pooping and getting in the way. Despite all this they are great fun!

By Jacob and Joel E

HAIRCUTS

Hi everyone just a reminder haircuts at school Thursday. Let me know if you need an appointment.
Thanks Shontelle 0414659236 - 45754052

ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

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LAST MINUTE VENUE CHANGE

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB
34 BOURKE STREET, RICHMOND

JUNIOR (5-11 YR OLD) $5 5-6.30PM

SENIOR (12-17 YR OLD) $11 7-10PM

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PARENTS: Bar Snacks if you wish to stay & a meat raffle starting at 6pm.
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Xmas In July
Our yearly fundraising night is this Saturday night and a lot of work has gone into
organising the event which is sure to be a great time. We would like to thank all our
wonderful sponsors who have generously donated prizes for raffles and silent auctions.
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The Beauty Shack, Maraylya
Lisa Merton
The Miller Family
Bunnings, McGraths Hill
Luna Park, Sydney
Natural Focus Phototgraphy
Riley A and Tiana’s Aunty Lisa for artwork on the flyers.

Our sponsors are supporting us so please support them.
Second Hand Uniforms
If anyone needs extra uniforms for winter there are second hand uniform items available for $2 each. They are located in the old admin building.

The Chook Pen and Long Jump Pit
Peter Goldstein was working on the chook pen this week for Ash. We can’t thank Ash, Peter and others enough for organising and all the hard work they’ve put into installing it. Not an easy job!! It looks amazing and the chickens and kids will love it. We are part way through completing the long jump pit. Unfortunately, there is a section of rock that requires some jackhammering. So if anybody has a jackhammer it would be greatly appreciated if the rock could be removed and then we can finish the sandpit.

Hot Lunch and Parent Assembly
The next hot lunch is Friday, 1 August, 2014, of sausage on a roll, fruit and unlimited cordial for $5 or the large option (2 sausages on a roll) for $7. Don’t forget to order for parents, family and friends too. Please ensure money is in by Thursday 31 July 2014. For any queries please call Rebecca 0430 022 820. All parents are invited to come to the Parent assembly after lunch.

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

P& C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting Thursday 7 August , 2014 at 2.30 pm under the COLA. Feel free to 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.