From the Principal….

SURF ED
Tomorrow is our Surf Education excursion to Manly. Students need to be at school at **7.00am** as this is the time that the bus arrives. The bus is expected back at school between **3.30-4.00pm**. Arrangements will need to be made by yourself for the late pick up of your child. A reminder note was sent home today with what is needed for the day. Can you please remind your child that they will need to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. The excursion will go ahead if it is raining. If the beach is closed by the council then the excursion will be postponed. If the excursion needs to be postponed then the school will contact you in the morning.

CAMP
Last week the 4/5/6 went away to the Small School’s Camp. From all the stories I have been told it seems like they had a great time. The giant swing and power fan sounded like very exciting things to do. Mrs Pennycuick was very proud of all the students’ behaviour. Well done Cattai you represented your school with pride!

K/1 & 2/3 VERANDA
The work on the veranda has finished. It looks great and the students handled the disruptions very well. We will also be getting work done on the weather shed. There are cracks in the boards and the wood down the bottom has started to rot away. The work on the weather shed will start on Friday.

SWIM SCHOOL
Swim school starts on Monday for those students who have handed in their expressions of interest.

A big thank you to the parents who have offered to take students to and from the venue. A roster was sent home today. If there are any problems with transportation please contact the school as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.

PARENT ASSEMBLY AND INFORMATION SESSION
We had our Term 3 parent assembly yesterday. I was very impressed with the items that the students presented to the school and the community. Well done to all the students who received merit awards, principal awards, bronze awards and silver awards. We will have another student assembly in week 9.

GOLF CLINICS
Unfortunately the people who were meant to come out to our school for the golf clinics didn’t arrive on Tuesday. I have sent an email to the company and I am waiting for a reply as to why they didn’t come.

STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—SCHOOL OPAL CARD
Most students won’t need to apply for the Opal Card. The Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of 2016. However, you will need to complete an application form if:

- applying for SSTS for the first time
- enrolling in kindergarten
- progressing from year 2 to year 3
- progressing from year 6 to year 7
- changing name, school and/or address
- requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.
Application for 2016 School Opal Cards and SSTS passes started from Monday 2 November. For more information please visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Yesterday the school held our Remembrance Day Ceremony. The school showed great respect through the assembly. Well done to Riley and Jonah who did a great job running the assembly, and to Joel who helped out with the music. I would also like to thank Ken White who read “The Ode” and to Michelle and Riley Davies who made up a wreath for the ceremony.

BUSH FIRE SEASON
We are currently in the 2015-2016 bush fire season. Cattai Public School is one of the schools that is on the Department of Education list of schools that are in a high bush fire zone. If there is a catastrophic bush fire warning issued then the school may need to cease operations for the day. If this is the case then the school will let you know through notes home, Facebook and the skoolbag app. If we need to evacuate the school due to bush fires then our evacuation point is Pitt Town Sports Club. A note going into greater detail will be sent home on Monday.

CYBER SAFETY
Last week I attended a police forum at Windsor Police Station. It was a very informative session that had an emphasis on cyber safety, and how to use social media in a safe and sensible way. The two websites that the police recommended were https://esafety.gov.au/ and http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/
I encourage you to have a look at these websites and have discussions with your children about the importance of safe use of social media websites and apps. An app that was also recommended by the police was the Emergency + app. The app allows you a direct call to the 000 and SES services. It also gives you map coordinates if you need the 000 and SES services to find you in an emergency.

TRASH & TREASURE
If you have any items that are in good condition and you no longer require and wish to donate them to the Mini Fair Trash & Treasure stall, they will be gratefully received. Please bring your unwanted items to the front office.

Thank you
Kate Ford
Relieving Principal

Security – please call 1300 88 00 21

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| **Week 7**                  |
| 16/11 SWIM SCHOOL BEGINS   |

| **Week 8**                  |
| 24/11 Scripture Assembly    |
| 27/11 Swim School Ends      |

| **Week 9**                  |
| 30/11 Mini Fair             |
| 2/12 Captains speeches 10.00 – 11.00 am |
| 3/12 Principal’s Morning Tea |