From the Principal…

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Wednesday and Friday of Week 2, students from Cattai Public School travelled to Kurrajong to compete in the Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival. All the students who competed did a fantastic job and showed great sportsmanship over the 2 days. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support the students, even in the cold weather.

EDUCATION WEEK
A huge thank you to everyone who came and celebrated Education Week with us. We had the ‘Responsible Pet Education Show’ come out to teach us about how to interact with animals safely, we also started our skipping practice for ‘Jump Rope for Heart’ and we finished the week off with our open classrooms and Super Salad Challenge. Well done to K/1 who won the challenge and a big thank you to AJ’s mum, Zak’s mum and Milla’s mum for being our wonderful judges. It was a fantastic way to celebrate public education.

MILO CRICKET
The students started the Milo Cricket Clinics today. Over the next 4 weeks they will perfect their cricket skills. They all enjoyed the clinics and it is great to see the students playing cricket at lunchtime.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
We will be having our school’s Book Character Parade on Tuesday the 25th August to celebrate book week. Students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character, and there will be prizes for the best-dressed person on the day. Please feel free to come up to the parade at 10.30am and have recess with your child afterwards.

DRIVEWAY
I have been speaking to the Department of Education and the council regarding the state of the driveway. We can speak to regarding the permanent fixing of the driveway so that it doesn’t have to be refilled every year.

BIKES
The school currently has a lot of bikes in our basement that need repairs. If you know of anyone or are able to volunteer some time to help repair the bikes please let the office know.

CONGRATULATIONS
Huge congratulations to Miss Mellefont and the dance group for being selected to participate in the Hawkesbury Dance festival. I am sure your Zumba inspired dance will be a great success and I am really looking forward to seeing it being performed.

Also big congratulations to Trent, Riley D, Josh and Amelia for making it through to the District Athletics carnival in week 6 (19th and 21st of August). I am sure they will represent the Small School’s team and Cattai Public School with pride.

UNIFORMS
Cattai Public School is a Sun Smart school and we encourage students to wear hats when playing outside. If students forget to bring their hats to school, then they will be required to play in a spot that is covered by shade.

KINDERGARTEN 2016
We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child ready for Kindergarten next year or know of people who do please contact the office.
Thank you,

Kate Ford
Relieving Principal
| Week 4 | 6/8 P & C Meeting  
       | 6/8 Milo Cricket |
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| Week 5 | 11/8 ICAS Maths  
       | 13/11 Milo Cricket 
       | 14/8 Touch Football Gala Day |
| Week 6 | 19/8 District Athletics Carnival  
       | 20/8 Milo Cricket  
       | 21/8 District Athletics Carnival |
| Week 7 | BOOK WEEK  
       | 25/8 Book Character Parade 10.30  
       | 27/8 Milo Cricket  
       | 28/8 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off |

A Day in the life of a Cattai Student
Cattai Catch Fishing Comp is on – SAVE THE DATE ; Friday 9th to Sunday 11th October 2015.

We need helpers for our main fundraiser for the year. These funds go towards the cost of our music program and for much needed equipment at the school. Please ask family and friends along for a great family weekend. More information will be out in the coming weeks. We will be asking for donations for the sausage sizzle for presentation on Sunday, but we also need donations of prizes and need volunteers to sort prizes on the Sunday and cook the BBQ. Please contact Sarah Telfer to volunteer or if you know of a local business who would like to help out.

Fishing Comp Committee Meeting at Riverside Oaks Brasserie 5pm Friday 7th August, please come along.

BMX – Mrs Ford is currently looking into some coaching on our track as part of sport but our bikes are in need of some TLC. If any dads or grandads or Mums and grandmas could spare some time to check brakes and tyres etc. it would be appreciated. Please contact the office for more details and to organise a time that suits.

Vacant Positions.

Uniform Co-ordinator - Jo Roughley will leave the school next year as Jonah is in year 6 and will need to handover to someone before then. The job involves ordering stock and filling orders as they come in, Jo has done a great job as we transitioned onto the new uniform and is happy to show you the ropes. If you would be interested please speak to her or someone on the committee.

Grants Co-ordinator – this role involves searching for grants the school is eligible for and applying for them. These grants are available through gov’t. departments and the private sector. Speak to Kim Smith if you are interested.

Fundraiser

“Ski Racing New South Wales are once again running the Hawkesbury 120 water ski race. The race is scheduled from Saturday 29th August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

We are currently looking to fill positions of 36 course boats at strategic locations the Hawkesbury River between Windsor and Wisemans Ferry. The committee of the Hawkesbury 120 would like to offer a donation of $100, made payable to any local school or sporting group that would like to be involved with this annual event, however as always volunteers are always welcome. We require boats for Saturdays event between Sackville and Windsor. We need you in position from 8am with an expected finish time of mid-afternoon then again on Sunday between Windsor and Wisemans Ferry between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Race packs will be supplied that will include radios, flags etc. A briefing will also be available for any one that wants to be involved if required.
Please feel free to contact Brett Armstrong by email; service@hygradeplumbing.com to register your involvement or if you have any questions.”

**Attachment from the P&C Federation**
Please take the time to read this notice from the Federation in regards to the Gonski Report. We have been asked to circulate it to all parents and if needed contact Kim Smith for further information.

**IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS**
P&C Meeting – Thursday 6th August; 2.30pm under the COLA.
CAKE DAY – Wednesday 2nd September; Families Rostered - Milne, Mitchell, Morrisby, Hijazi and Wade
School Banking – Every Thursday.

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**FEDERATION OF PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF NSW**
20 July 2015
Dear P&C President
The Federation of P&C Associations of NSW would like to invite you to join us in our campaign to get a fairer funding model (Gonski) from the Federal Government for our public schools. If you are wondering what Gonski is and what it means for your school….In a nutshell it means **MORE**! More funds, more teachers, more programs, more resources…...simply **MORE**!

We parents are continually trying to provide more for our children. I cannot tell you strongly enough how joining this campaign would help to provide “MORE” in such a great way, not just to your children, but to the children within schools across the State.
The improved educational outcomes, won’t just help them while they are at school, it will increase their chances of success after high school, which will in turn lead to a stronger, smarter Australia.

**We need you as parents of public school students to stand up and be counted on this issue.**
If we can show the government that enough parents care about this funding model, then we have the chance to receive it. ... To do this we will need as many of us as possible working as a team. If you would like to join us on this venture, here are four easy ways you can start to help:
2. Get your P&C members to sign the petition.
3. Send the link to your family and friends via email and social media, asking them to sign the petition as well.
4. Send an email to parentsforgonski@pandc.org.au. We will provide a team to support you throughout the campaign, with many more ideas on how you and your school can help.
This is an opportunity for school communities to come together for a common purpose. If you are concerned that you won’t get enough interest from your community… don’t stress…. As long as you are interested, we will work with you, other parents, your principal and teachers because together we will stand stronger.

Kind regards,
Jason Vials
President
Federation of Parents & Citizens Associations of NSW
Locked Bag 40
GRANVILLE NSW 2142
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“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others. After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to [www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward](http://www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward)
3rd August 2015

Dear Parents,

This letter is an invitation for you to enroll your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation. This will take place through a Parish based and Family Centered process. Children are eligible if they are in Year 3 and above and are baptized Catholics.

In order to explain the way the preparation takes place, you are invited to attend an information session. This session will provide you with the opportunity to decide whether this is the right time for you to begin the preparation process for your child to receive the Sacraments.

There are two Enquiry Sessions to choose from:

Tuesday, August 18th at 7.30 p.m. at Chisholm Primary School Collith Ave, Bligh Park

Or

Wednesday, August 19th at 7.30 p.m. at St Matthew’s Catholic Church

An Enrolment Ceremony for those children whose parents wish them to commence the process for completion of Initiation will take place on the weekend of:

August 29th, Saturday at 6.00 pm mass at St. Matthew’s Church
August 30th, Sunday at 9.00 am mass at St Matthew’s Church
August 30th, Sunday at 9.30 am mass at Chisholm Primary Hall

Dates for the remainder of the programme will be given to those parents who choose to enroll their children in the programme. There is a cost of $25.00 administration fee, once you are ready to enroll your child.

We look forward to meeting you at one of the Enquiry Sessions. If you are unable to attend either session, it is essential you ring the Parish Office – 4577 3073 or alternatively please call me on 0415 682 183.

Kind regards,

C. Adams
Sacramental Coordinator

Fr Arthur Cook
Parish Priest