Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**World Read Aloud Day**

Last Thursday as part of World Read Aloud Day we were lucky enough to have our Mayor, Lawrie McKinna, come to our school and read to Years 1 and 2 in the Library. Lawrie did a great job bringing the book alive in his Scottish accent, keeping the kids entertained and showing how much fun reading is. Reading to kids is so important in developing their skills and this day helps highlight and remind us of this. We also had many parents visit the school and read to their children. Thanks to our wonderful Librarian, Lyndall Coles, for organising World Read Aloud Day.

**Parking**

Last week one of our students was nearly hit by a car when a parent was reversing out of the staff car park in the afternoon. Because of this we are now locking the gates of a morning and afternoon. We are very aware of the limited parking available around the school and both the school and the P and C have worked with the council to maximise parking wherever possible.

**Mosquitoes**

As you are aware, because of the recent rain we have an influx of mosquitoes that are finding our students and staff a good source of food. If you would like to send in a roll-on or a non-aerosol spray we will provide the opportunity for the kids to apply it to themselves. In the 11 years I have been here there has never really been a problem with mosquitoes so I am sure this will pass in the very near future.

**Trees**

As you are aware there was a very tragic incident in a school in Sydney recently where a tree fell on some students and staff. I have had an Arborist come to the school and do preliminary checks of all of our trees, with a full report being completed on the 26th March.

**P & C**

Our P & C AGM meeting is being held this Wednesday, 12th March, at 7-00pm in the school staff room. The P & C are integral to our school and I encourage you to join us.

Graeme McLeod
Principal
**Dates for your calendar**

*REMEMBER - Canteen is always closed on Tuesdays*

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**NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**

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Hi Everyone,

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all those who helped with pancake day last Wednesday - Donna, Nyssa, Laura, Michelle, Wendy, Anne & Margaret. With all these people on deck we were packed and delivered by 10:20am - that’s a record for over 238 orders using over 400 pancakes!!

I would like to thank all those who have put their hand up to help in the Canteen this year. As many of you know we have had a very hard time filling our roster over the last few years. I feel very blessed to have a roster that is so full however there are a few days with no one covering so if you have some time please give me a call. Also if you are coming in to work in Canteen please remember to wear covered in shoes and if your hair is longer than shoulder length to pull it back.

Thanks
Jo C
PARENT VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS – All Volunteers and Parent Helpers are required to complete and sign a Working With Children Check BEFORE working in classrooms, canteen, or helping with sports events etc. If you are one of those fantastic members of the community, or parents that give up their time to help our students and school, please make sure you have completed this form. Forms are available at the school office.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The voluntary school contribution has remained unchanged this year at $40.00 per family.

While the school contribution is voluntary, these funds are used to purchase art, craft and other consumable items for individual use in classrooms. These items are not funded by the government but must come out of the school's budget.

This contribution can now be sent in via your child in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name, class and what the payment is for. Envelopes are available outside the school office near the Payment Envelope Box.

Thank you to all the families who assist the school with this contribution.

Nicole Dorratt
Admin Manager

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country will be held at our school on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April. Events will begin at 9:00am with the support unit students Para Cross Country. Kindergarten and Stage 1 will participate in a Mini Cross Country event commencing at 10:30am, and at 11:25am the Year3-6 events will begin.

Parents are welcome to attend, and can assist with marshalling. Please make sure you have completed and returned the bottom part of the note if this is the case.

Mr Travica
Teacher/Cross Country Convenor
CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD:
Billy, Flynn, Jozua, Lachlan, Samuel, Lucy

QUALITY WORK:
Tyler, Jamie, Josh, Jarrod, Lena, Madison, Bailey, Jane, Theo, Dylan, Jozua, Erin, Jayden, Liam, Tahlia, Aiden, Ashton, Lochlan.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK:
Carathool – 148
Kiara – 160
Chakola – 146
Warimoo – 152

NEWS OF INTEREST:
KE wins the Assembly

OTHER:
2014 Library Monitors are –
Liam, Johnsu, Liam, Bailey, Rory, Jamie, Stacey, Scianna, Sasha, Mia
The digits of this day (March 14) correspond with the first three digits of 'Pi'. (3.14). Albert Einstein was born on this day in 1879.

16 March Purim - (Jewish) Purim is the celebration of the Jews' deliverance from genocide in Persia, where the Prime Minister Haman had vowed to exterminate them, around 470 BC. On this day Jews read the Purim story from the Scroll of Esther, the Jewish queen and heroine who saved her people. Purim is celebrated by giving charity to the poor, sending gifts of food to friends, wearing fancy dress costumes and enjoying a festive meal.

16 – 20 March Barunaya - This is a five day religious festival. Each day is dedicated to a spirit of light. (Mandaean)

17 March Holi - (Hindu) Holi is a Hindu spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure. It celebrates the triumph of 'good' over 'bad'. People shower coloured water and smear red and green powder on each other. People hug and wish each other 'Happy Holi'.

Cheese tabouleleh wraps

- 2 pieces mountain bread
- 1 tbsp low-fat mayonnaise
- 4 slices low-fat cheddar cheese

Tabouleh

- 45 g (1½ oz/¼ cup) couscous
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 60 ml (2 fl oz/¼ cup) reduced-salt chicken stock
- 1 tbsp chopped flat-leaf (Italian) parsley
- ½ small tomato, finely chopped
- 2–3 tsp lemon juice

Method

1. Spread the bread with mayonnaise and top each with two slices of cheese.

2. Put the couscous in a bowl, add ½ teaspoon of the oil and rub the oil into the couscous grains with your fingers to coat evenly. Put the stock in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the stock to the couscous, cover and set aside for 5 minutes. Fluff up the grains with a fork and add the parsley, tomato, remaining olive oil and lemon juice to taste.

3. Spread the couscous over the top of the cheese, leaving a 2 cm (¾ in) gap at one short end. Roll up to enclose the filling. Cut in half to serve.