Dear Parents,

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) ELECTIONS**

It was an absolute delight to listen to the students who spoke before our election process last Thursday for the SRC. I continue to be amazed by the quality and depth of the speeches of our year 5 students. It was clear by their words that they all appreciate the responsibilities and importance of being a role model to our younger students. It was very encouraging that many of the students mentioned the five foundations of our YCDI! Social skills program as a way to set a positive example. I mentioned to a number of staff members on the day that we would be happy for any of the speakers to fulfill the role of SRC executive. The executive will be announced at the stage 3 presentation day on 8 December. Well done to everyone!

**Steve Dean - Deputy Principal**

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

This week’s Monday morning assembly saw a number of our students recognised for their outstanding achievements in the area of creative and performing arts. Winners of the 2011 Lions Club Peace Poster received their prizes.

1st place - Summer C
2nd place - Jiah M
3rd place - Keani C

**SCHOOL SPECTACULAR**

Last Friday and Saturday School Spectacular was held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. This event celebrates the artistic achievements of students from public schools across New South Wales. Audiences had the chance to see the wealth of talent and versatility in public schools, and the dedication, commitment and creativity of the teachers who nurture that talent. School Spectacular has been captivating audiences since 1984 and featured a 1000 voice choir; an 80 piece orchestra; 1800 dancers aged from 5 to 18; rock, jazz, brass and marching bands with featured soloists aged from 10 to 18. Two of our very own students, Jazmin S and Hana M performed in this gala event as members of the Wommin Dance Group. An amazing achievement, well done girls.

**OPERATION ART 2011**

This year our school has again enjoyed success with students Tallulah T in KM and Charlie P in KR. They have both had their artwork chosen to be included in the 2011 Teacher’s Resource CD. The CD contains selected artwork from this year’s entry and will be used to inspire students and teachers in Visual Arts. Congratulations Charlie and Tallulah. Brittany M in 5/6H artwork along with Tallulah and Charlie’s have been beautifully framed and are now ready for display in our school hall, they can be appreciated and enjoyed at our end of year presentations. Congratulations to our talented young artists.

**Judy Donnelly - Coordinator Operation Art 2011**

**KINDERGARTEN - FIVES(FF) AND THEIR PARENTS**

**ORIENTATION FOR OUR 2012 FUTURE**

**STAGE 1 - 1A, 1R, 1S, 1T, 1/2M, 2B, 2D, 2N**

- **Monday 12 December 9.15am**

**STAGE 2 - 3A, 3R, 3S, 4B, 4C, 4H**

- **Thursday 8 December 9.30am**

**STAGE 3 - 5/6H, 5/6K, 5/6L, 5/6P, 5/6W**

- **Thursday 8 December 11.30am**

**CLASROOM NEEDS FOR 2012**

Included in LAST week’s newsletter was a flyer outlining the equipment ie. pencils etc. that your child will require for 2012. It would be greatly appreciated if students have these purchases at the start of the 2012 school year.

**Debra McKinnon - Principal**
STAGE 1 NEWS

REWARD DAYS

Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 will be involved in a “Water Mad Sports” session on Wednesday 14 December. Each year will have one hour of fun water games. Further information will be sent home next week.

ASSEMBLY

Next week Wednesday 7 December at 2.00pm will be our last weekly assembly for 2011. Please join us for our concert on Monday at 12.00pm. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

SWIMMING

Last week saw over 200 eager K-2 students commence their swimming lessons. It was a fantastic response to this program. It was wonderful to see students keen to demonstrate their skills and willing to listen carefully and learn to develop their abilities. Thank you to all teachers involved with the swimming program. It is quite an undertaking and involves supervising students at swimming in normal recess and lunch times.

Merilyn Blakeman – Assistant Principal

STAGE 2 NEWS

ASSEMBLY

The stage 2 assembly will be run by class 3S this week. It will take place at 2.00pm, Thursday 1 December. We look forward to seeing you there. This will be our last stage 2 assembly for this year. Next week on Thursday 8 December stage 2 will have their 2 assembly for this year. Next week on Thursday 8 December stage 2 will have their 2 assembly for this year.

CLASS 4H

4H need the following clean items. Please could you send them to the class room. It would be greatly appreciated.

- Magazines (all kinds), reader’s digests, plastic bottles (1.25L and 2L) and ice cream containers (2L, 4L etc.)
- Thank you for your help.

Amanda Hawes - Assistant Principal

BOOK COVERING - WORKING BEE

Coffee, conversation, covering. Come along.

When: Tuesday 6 December 8.45am to 10.00am

Where: Parents Resource Room.

We have purchased 570 books from the money raised with our walk-a-thon, and the kind donation from the P&C. These books are some of the best you can buy to teach a young person the strategies needed to succeed as a reader. If you can come along and help even for a short time and cover 1 or 100 books, your help would be gratefully appreciated.

Judy Donnelly - Coordinator

3S CLASS NEWS

3S have been writing explanations about machines. Last week each student in the class got to present their project on “machines”. The task was to explain how a machine works, draw a detailed, labelled diagram and design a flow chart. The results were incredible. We had presentations on the smart board, cardboard and even some creative models. The machines included; a guinea pig motorised ramp, mood shoes, high heel device, bowling machine, kids catty lamp, uncle tom’s jam machine, bikes, bread slicer, milking machine, the waternator, cricket bat making machine, surf booties, hot air balloon, fruit slushie machine, lego factory, milkshake maker, the pour-a-atic, see saw, pancake maker, toy processor, robotic egg machine, cd player, radio/cd player and a money maker. There were some great products, some we may even see in the future. well done 3S, a fantastic effort!

Karen Smith - Class Teacher

STAGE 3 NEWS

KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

Students attending Kingscliff High School in 2012 will attend an orientation day at the school Monday 5 December. The students will travel to and from the high school by bus. Please return permission notes for the orientation day to your child’s classroom teacher.

Rewards Day

The stage 3 rewards day will be held on Thursday 15 December. Permission notes for the rewards day will be sent home today and must be returned by Friday 9 December.

Ann Williams - Assistant Principal
UPDATE OF PERSONAL DETAILS
The office is currently carrying out an update of all student details. Over the coming weeks you will receive a report which shows address/telephone numbers/emergency contacts etc. We ask that you amend/delete as necessary and return the report to school. This week we are sending out year 4 student reports to be updated. We apologise if you have already provided this information for younger siblings, however your assistance is appreciated.

DIVE IN WITH DINAH
The Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre presents a choice of three school holiday workshops in January.
Titled “Dive In with Dinah”, the workshops will be lead by a local dynamic facilitator Dinah Morgan and are aimed at children aged between 5-12yrs. The children will have the opportunity to enjoy some fun and games with an ocean theme.
Bookings essential - Phone: 6676 4555
Michelle Walker -PBNC Community Capacity Worker

LEAVING STUDENTS
If your child in years K to 5 will not be returning to Pottsville Beach Primary School for 2012 could you please inform the school as soon as possible, thankyou.
Sue Matheson - Administrative Manager

SCHOOL TERM DATES
2011
End of term 4 - students 16 Dec
2012
School commences 2012 30 Jan
Years 1-6 30 Jan
Kindergarten Best Start interviews 30 Jan to 1 Feb
Kindergarten commences 02 Jan
End of term 1 05April

P & C News

UNIFORM INCREASE - Effective 1 January 2012, there will be an increase on some uniform items in keeping with an increase in manufacturers costs. Purple polo shirts, sports polo shirts, black culottes, and sloppy joes will increase by $1.00. Black unisex shorts will increase by $2.00. Jackets and hats will remain the same. A new price list is available on the school website. Any existing orders need to be collected prior to 1 January 2012 to avoid the increase. We have no size 8 or 10 purple polo shirts in stock at the moment, these will not be available until the start of term 1 next year.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
The last day that the Uniform Shop will be open in 2011 is Tuesday 6 December.
The Uniform Shop will re-open on the Pupil Free Day, 28 January 2012 from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Please remember cash or cheque only.
Kylie Kelly - Uniform Coordinator

Community News

Canteen News

This week’s special - Tues 29 - Fri 2
Fried Rice - $3.50
End of Year sale - available until sold out.
Nacho wedges $3.00
Spaghetti & meatballs $3.00
4 Chicken nuggets and sauce $2.50
Sushi available at recess and for lunch Tuesdays only, Chicken and lettuce, Tuna and Mayo or Vegetarian $2.50 each.
Thank you to all who have volunteered in the canteen this year. Your help has been very much appreciated.
Thank you also to the four year 1 parents who have volunteered for December in the canteen.
Lyn Marcus - Canteen Supervisor

Canteen Roster

Monday 5 December CLOSED

Tuesday 6
Help Please

Wednesday 7
Donna Rishton-Potter

Thursday 8
Olga O’Keefe + helper please

Friday 9
Julene Boyd, Erica Rologas, Stephen Wills

Monday 12 CLOSED

Tuesday 13
Help Please

Wednesday 14
Rachel Spence

Thursday 15
Donna Walter + Helper please

Friday 16
Michelle Brown, Katrina Worth + helper please
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