**From the Principal’s desk:**

In this edition of the newsletter I want to express my gratitude to our school community, our teaching, office and support staff for making this a wonderful place to work.

On a daily basis people are willing to go above and beyond what is required and they do it graciously; not expecting commendation. It is this giving and selflessness that is admirable and has seen our students benefit immensely.

The support of students experiencing difficulties in various academic areas has been a focus for us with much of our expenditure supporting this area. In the K-2 area for example it is the first time since I came to the school that almost every student has met the required reading benchmarks. The thorough organisation by class teachers and the additional support of parents, Miss Maria and Miss Hannaford has seen targeted support of strategic need improving outcomes across the board.

The P&C have supported the continuation of the MultiLit program in Term 4 and have offered to subsidise the program in 2016. Debbie Nash has worked very hard at building student confidence in the area of reading. Well done everyone together we are making a difference!

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**What’s Coming up in October/November?**

* 26th 27th 28th Stage 3 camp Vision Valley
* 27th K-2 Assembly
* 29th Primary Assembly
* 29th NRMA Road Safety Day K-6
* 30th Touch Football Gala Day
* 30th Last day of food drive for the Micallef family please donate food items if you can
* 2nd November Kinder Orientation Parent Meeting 10am
* 2nd Chess Tournament
* 3rd K-2 Assembly
* 4th Executive Planning Day for 2016
* 9th Support programs end
* 10th K-2 Assembly
* 12th Kinder Orientation 2.30
* 12th Primary Assembly

**Reminders:**

* All camp money paid in full please or arrangements made to do so by the close of 2015
* Donations of food items, new Christmas decorations, toys, books and chocolate etc for our Xmas Hampers
* Donations of food to the office for the Micallef family
* Year 6 raffle tickets returned—more tickets available from the office
**Christmas Hampers**
Our fundraiser for the school this term will be our raffle for our Christmas Hampers. We are asking for donation of food items, toys and decorations. A booklet of 20 tickets will be sent home to each family in Week 4 of this term at a cost of 50 cents per ticket. Extra tickets will be available from the office.

**Skoolbag APP**
To make communication easier we have purchased a program called ‘skoolbag app’. The app is downloaded onto your phone and pushes out instant messages and updates as well as newsletters, permission notes, etc. Attached to this newsletter is information on how you can download the app to your phone.

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**TREASURE CHEST**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE TREASURE CHEST. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN TRYING VERY HARD TO DO YOUR BEST IN CLASS.

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**Ultimo Teaching Awards**
Mrs Berger and Miss Hannaford received acknowledgement at the Ultimo Teaching Awards Night held at Events Cinemas in Campbelltown on the 26th October. Their awards were for working on projects in our school. Miss Hannaford’s was for the transformation of the library and her work in Reading Recovery in the K-2 Literacy Block and Mrs Berger’s was for her efforts in the ongoing implementing of the new English curriculum.

**Mrs Mineeff Long Service Leave**
Mrs Mineeff will take leave from 23/10-16/12. As many of you are already aware Mrs Mineeff is pregnant and due early next year. We wish her all the best with her new arrival and hope she has a relaxing time on leave. Mr Dickson will be on class every Thursday until the end of the year and Mrs Karliotis will replace Mrs Mineeff each Friday.

**New Teacher in 2016**
Natalie Baker will become a permanent member of staff next year; she will fill the class teacher vacancy created when Mrs Berger gained the permanent Assistant Principal position at our school. I have met her and she will be a real asset to our school.
Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Term 4 Week 2

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Jessica Barrass
Cooper Taylor
Lachlan Burley
Ben Prout x 4
Tilly Smith
Mitchell Welsh
Emma Barrass | Tori Davis
Tori Ryan
Jesse Beard x 2
Charlene McKinlay
Lydia Foster x 2
Thomas Bonomini |

Star Student: Breeanna Austin
Star Student: Stephanie Fordham
Star Student: Jessica Barrass
Star Student: Ebonnie Brincat

Infants Big Blueys

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Ava Tabone | Aedan Hannigan X2
Alyvia Bond
Matthew Prout | Samantha Grech
Zahl Hoare
Esther Brown
Georgie Halliday
Chris Xegas
Joel Harvey |

Student of the Week:
Dallas Micallef

Student of the Week:
Alex Tait-Palummo

Student of the Week:
Reagan Austin

Writer’s Award:
Hayley Austin

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Results
Congratulations to the following students on their wonderful results in the Mathematics test!! Ms Fuller.

Mathematics:
Credit certificate: William Milne 4F, Liam D’Arcy 5I, Peter Lynch 5I.
1B Term 4 2015

Mrs Berger and 1B have continued working hard building, towards moving into Year 2 in 2016.

In Literacy we have been investigating characters and how the author uses them to make their different messages clear. We have also looked at the wonderful world of onomatopoeia—words that represent sounds and how authors use this device in their stories.

Texts covered using a boy as a central character were

We have begun to act like real authors. We follow the process of writing our story, rereading it for sense, relooking at it, finding mistakes and then adding extras to improve it before asking our editor (Mrs Berger) to have a look. We are then publishing our story with the corrections into a new special book. If we do a really good job, Mrs Berger asks us to publish and illustrate and print our story using the computer so that she can display it on our wall.

In Term 3 we had great time learning from Mr Dickson who was finishing his teacher training on our class. During that time he joined us in the Pirate Day and also helped Mrs Berger teach us our Mary Poppins Performance. We looked great on both days.
This Term we were lucky enough to be given a pair of sunglasses to use in the playground to help stop our eyes being damaged by the sun. We also think we look rather COOL!!!!!!
In the first week back we visited the Life Education van and had a great time with Healthy Harold where we learnt about our body and how to keep it healthy and also how to stay safe. Doctor Charlie showed us where the brain, the lungs, the heart and our stomach are in the body and what their job is to keep us alive. What a great job he did. Harold was very interested.

We are now looking forward to practising our Christmas dance which we will perform on the Presentation Day and also finishing our learning so that we will be ready to meet the challenge of Year 2. Mrs Berger is also very happy that she is now a grandma for the first time to Madison born on 25th October. A tired but happy Nanna

What a great year we have had with Mrs Berger and IB (B for Best).

Games Day

A Games Day has been organised to be held on Friday 27th November from 12:30. Money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and present to the school. All students in 6KM have been writing letters to companies requesting donations that can be used for prizes. The prizes that will be given out on the day consist of posters, pens, stickers, pencils, wristbands, etc. The students in 6KM will be in charge of creating fun activities and games that the whole school will be able to participate in. Students will be given the opportunity to purchase "Oakies" prior to the day to be used for money rather than having the responsibility of handling real money on the day. Parents are welcome to attend the day and join in on the fun. The types of activities which will be available are face painting, hair spray, make-up, haunted house, soccer shots, basketball shots, computer games, sponge throwing, etc.
Year 6 Raffle Prizes 2015

6KM have worked hard to organise donations to make this year a fund-raising extravaganza! Have a look at the prizes on offer below and start buying your tickets to help 6KM have an awesome farewell and purchase a gift for our school.

Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1.00

Raffle will be drawn Week 9 of Term 4 2015

- Kingpin Bowling Family Pass (laser skirmish or bowling)
- Featherdale Farm 2 Adult Passes valued at $60
- Questacon Family Pass valued at $70
- Australian Maritime Museum Family Pass valued at $70
- Powerhouse Museum 2 Family Passes valued at $30 ea
- Kmart $20 Gift Card
- Target $50 Gift Card
- Dumaresq St Cinema 4 tickets
- KTM pack (backpack, model truck & 2 motorbikes)
- NRL Tigers signed jersey
- 2 x Signed NRL Roosters caps
- 2 x NRL Cronulla Sharks packs (scarf, hand clapper, stationary set)
- 1 x NRL Dragons set (stationary set, magnet, luggage tag, cup, mouse pad)
- 30 x Subaru and craft packs
- 5 x Brother and craft packs
- 4 x Stussy bags (Stussy hat and sunglasses included)
- 3 x Polo shirt and hat packs (donated by Mrs Nink)
- 2 x Polo shirt, bag and hat packs (donated by Mrs Nink)
- 4 x Microsoft packs (Games, Windows or Office and user guides included)
- 2 x Games Live packs (Game and 2 user guides included)
- 2 x Honda picnic rugs
- 1 x Yamaha Valentino Rossi hardcover book
- 15 x Artline STIX packs (markers, connectors, toys, notebooks included)
- 1 x Horse toy and book set
- 2 x Billabong packs (Madagascar clip board, pencil case, hat and phone holder included)
- 1 x Farts! Snots! Burps! book pack
- 1 x How to make Paper Planes and Steve Urwin book pack
- 1 x Origami Kit and Fun Tape book pack
- 1 x Book and Ball pack (2 picture books, Star Wars key ring, Aldi drink bottle, Solo ball included)
- 3 x Mixed packs (Stussy hats, Yamaha magic t-shirts, Dreamworld pens, Aldi chocolates, iPhone holders, Star Wars key rings)
- 2 x Miscellaneous packs (NRMA bags, NRL merchandise, Yamaha merchandise, Aldi chocolates)
NRMA Road Safety Day visit

The NRMA will be visiting the school to provide Road Safety Education on Thursday 29th October. This is at no cost. All students will be issued with a workbook and drink bottle on the day. During the performance there will be experiments conducted with eggs. If your child has an egg vapour allergy could you please ensure the school is notified immediately so alternatives can be used. We request that your child brings their bike helmet to school as they will be practising how to fit them correctly as part of the show. Parents are welcome to attend the 9:35-10:35 session.

Are you safe wearing a skateboard helmet on your bike?

During our visit to over 300 schools as part of our Science & Road Safety Day tour, we have the unique opportunity to see what types of helmets students are wearing when riding their bikes. We were surprised to learn that many wore skate helmets (the dome-shaped ones) when bike riding. When looking inside the helmets we were even more surprised to find that some of these DIDN’T meet Australian Safety Standards.

There is no Australian Safety Standard for skate helmets and this is of concern as many children and parents choose these thinking they offer the same protection as bike helmets. Some skate helmets do meet the standards - there is a sticker inside confirming this - while others don’t. Sadly some of the ones that don’t are much more expensive and chosen because they are perceived to be cool and more stylish.

So the message to children, parents, teachers and the community is to be aware.

Read more about this issue in our blog.

Final two weeks of the Bike Artwork competition

Why not use our BNSW Bike artwork competition as a fun activity to discuss helmet safety standards with your students?

By designing their dream helmet they could win* 1 of 8 brand new bike & helmet sets valued at $350 each. One lucky overall winner will host NRMA Road Safety Roadbots in their school before enjoying a fun bicycle workshop with the class. A group of 16 runners up will win* a bike accessories pack valued at $50.

Enter now

The BNSW Bike Safety Competition closes 30 October 2015
OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY
The PSSA Touch Football Gala Day is being held at Thirlmere Sports Ground this Friday. The Gala Day is for junior and senior boys and girls. Permission notes and money should have already been returned to the office. Please be advised that students need to be at school by 8:40am as the bus will be departing at 9:00am. The bus will not wait for late comers. Students are required to wear full sports uniform (Year 6 may wear green school t-shirt) as well as their school hat. Normal joggers should be worn. Children should bring recess and lunch and plenty of water to drink.

CAMDEN TIGERS U/12 GIRLS SOCCER
Jesse Beard and Caitlan McSavaney were members of the Camden Tigers Girls U/12 Soccer team that recently competed in the Champion of Champions final against Hornsby Heights. This is one of the most prestigious tournaments on the footballing calendar, with champions from each association pitted against each other in a battle for supremacy. Luck was against the girls unfortunately, with a 2-0 defeat in the final. Jesse and Caitlan have performed outstandingly all year on the soccer front, including representing at PSSA zone and regional level respectively and are to be congratulated on their achievements this year.

Oaks Christmas Night

The Oaks Christmas Night has been running for over 10 years. This year we have been given the opportunity to presell ride tickets. Every booklet sold will result in the school being given $10. If you would like to purchase your ride tickets prior to the night please come to the school office.

Oakdale Public School Fundraiser
Family ride ticket booklets
1 booklet of 60 tickets for $60
(4-8 tickets per ride)

When you pre-order and pay for your booklets through Oakdale School office the school receives $10 from each booklet

Money raised will go towards the purchase of a digital noticeboard
Actors, Singers & Dancers
!!Now Booking for 2016!! For Ages 18 months to adult.

*Drama/Acting*  *Singing*  *Dance/Choreography*
AND  *The Agency*

Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available. Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193

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