Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you have had a restful break.

**General School Contributions**
We thank all families who have supported the General School Contributions and sent in their payment last term. If yours is outstanding we ask for your payment asap.

Payment of **$45.00 per student attending primary school** (as set by the Department of Education and Communities) can be sent to the school office in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked on the front or paid by electronic transfer (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461).

**Dance2bfit**
Dance2bfit program will commence tomorrow, 24th April at 9.30am.

**ANZAC Day**
Our schools ANZAC Day ceremony will be held tomorrow at 2.30pm. Mr. Peter Collins, a representative from the RSL will be our special guest for this ceremony.
We invite all families and friends to join us at 2.30pm.

**Small Schools Cross Country**
I would like to wish all our competitors the best of luck next Friday. I know you will do us proud!!

Thank you to Mrs O’Brien for attending on the day with the students. She will again be in poll position at the finish line to cheer our students on!
NAPLAN
The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) tests for Year 3 and Year 5, will take place in week 4 as follows;

Tuesday 12 May: Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 13 May: Reading

Thursday 14 May: Numeracy

If you know that your child may be absent on one of those days or if they happen to become sick, please notify the school.

Safety in the car park
Now that we are in a new term, this is just a reminder to please be vigilant in the car park when dropping off and picking up children. Children often forget to look before crossing from one side to the other. Please keep your children close and also be aware whilst driving of what others may be doing, to ensure we keep all of our students safe.

Late arrivals and early leavers
It is a DEC requirement that if a child arrives after 9:30 am or leaves the school before 3:30pm they must be accompanied to the office by a parent/caregiver and be signed in or out. School rolls are legal documents and we are required to keep accurate records. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

WHS Legislation
Please be aware that under new WHS legislation, it is a requirement that when attending a school function (e.g. assemblies, carnivals, canteen, parent helpers and Open Days etc) that parents and visitors sign in and out at the front office and collect a visitor’s badge. This is to ensure that schools are aware of the identity of those who are on the school premises, especially in the case of an accident or an emergency.

Practicum Teacher
I’d like to welcome UWS teaching student, Ms. Emma Cook who will begin a practicum at our school on class 5/6. This teaching block will run into week 5. Please make her feel welcome.

Notes
At the end of last term notes went out for drawing classes, cross country and our road safety excursion. Please return these notes by the closing date.

Brendhan Haynes
Principal

CANTEEN CLOSED FRIDAY
REOPENING MONDAY 27/4/15
What’s Happening

Term 2

Friday April 24  ANZAC Day Ceremony – 2.30pm
Dance2bfit program commences and continues
Every Friday for Term 2.

Friday May 1  Small Schools Cross Country – Woodbury

Wednesday May 6  K-6 Bicycle and Road Safety Excursion

Friday May 8  Dance class with Miss Gezelle commences 1.40pm
for Term 2

Tuesday May 12  NAPLAN

Wednesday May 13  NAPLAN

Thursday May 14  NAPLAN

Friday May 15  School Assembly 2.30pm

Friday May 22  District Cross Country

Friday May 22  School Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday June 16  School Athletics Carnival K-6 – McMahon Park
Kurrajong

Friday June 26  Last day Term 2

CANTEEN CLOSED FRIDAY
REOPENING MONDAY 27/4/15
CWA PROJECTS 2015

“ITALY”

Book Size: A4, maximum 20 pages – a display folder or an exercise book. All books to be clearly labelled with name of student, year and school.

Allocation of Marks:

5 - **Table of Contents and Bibliography**
10 - **Cover** – should include title, arouse interest and be attractive
5 - **Spelling** – check if uncertain as to any spelling
15 - **Presentation** – includes neatness, setting out of information in whole book, setting out each page, balance between information and illustrations, use of margins, general effect, variety in presentation.

NB Each book is to be judged on its merits, therefore handwritten and computerised are equal

20 - **History** – main events, important people, government
20 - **Geography** – general information, capital and large cities, important rivers, mountains, agriculture, industries, flora, fauna.
25 - **Culture** – education, dress, food, customs, festivals, language, arts, music, literature, religion, role of women and girls.

Students are free to include any other aspects they have discovered; originality will receive extra marks in any section.

Some advice to students

1. Allocate your space carefully to cover each section
2. Be selective with information – do not try to pack in too much
3. Use your own words. Do not copy slabs of information from the internet, encyclopaedias, etc.
4. Do not over use illustrations. Label all photographs, drawings or illustration.

**The competition is compulsory for all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

Projects must be returned to school no later than **Friday 12th June 2015**.
BICYCLE EDUCATION AND ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

An excursion has been organised for all students K – 6 to attend the Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre at Campbelltown on Wednesday 6th May 2015.

This excursion compliments our PDHPE Road Safety program. Activities covered include, group discussions regarding requirements of the cyclists, items to check before riding a bicycle, interpretation of road signs, a safety walk, and a simulated road circuit ride.

Students will be required to bring their recess and lunch in their school bag and wear their sports uniform including their school hat and enclosed shoes. Children are also able to bring their own bike helmet, however the centre provides helmets for children who do no own/bring one.

Transport will be by bus departing school at 9.00am sharp and arriving back at school at approximately 3.30pm.

The cost for this excursion will be $14.20 which includes bus fare, bike and helmet hire.

Please return payment (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461) along with the permission note to the school office no later than Thursday 30th April 2015. No late returns will be accepted.

DRAWING CLASSES

During Term 2 students from K - 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a Drawing program every Thursday commencing Week 2 Thursday 30th April until Week 10 Thursday 25th June 2015.

Each week the program runs for 45minutes. Mrs Josephine Harper is a local artist who will teach the students the basics of drawing. All materials will be supplied by the school.

The cost of this program will be $27.00 per student. ($3.00 per lesson)

If your child is interested in participating in the above classes please return payment (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461) along with the permission note to the school office no later than Wednesday 29th April 2015.

DANCE GROUP WITH MISS GEZELLE

Our Dance Group with Miss Gezelle has been very successful during Term 1 and we are now calling for all interested students to participate in Term 2.

We are asking students to commit for an 8 week program commencing on Friday 8th May, with the last lesson on Friday 26th June 2015.

The Dance Group will be held each Friday during second break at a cost of $3.00 per student - $24.00 for the 8 week program.

If your child is interested please send payment (cash only) to be paid directly to Miss Gezelle with the permission note to the school office no later than Thursday 30th April 2015.
STUDENT ABSENCE

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless an illness or other important matter prevents this.

When your child is absent from school a note of explanation should be sent on the day your child returns.

The note must indicate the specific reason for the absence. This information is required for Departmental records. Please notify the school if your child is going to be away from school for more than two days.

HAWKESBURY SHOW ENTRIES

Congratulations to the following students who have had their artwork entered into this weekend’s Hawkesbury Show.

K/1/2 – “Lend a Hand – Who Helps us”
Sarah P
Georgia Rose
Jorja
Tiffany
Kira
Hayley P

3/4 – “Mateship/Friendship”
Kaylan
Noah
Mikaela
Ella H
Lilly-May
Bianca H

5/6 – “Symbols and Colours of ANZAC”
James
Bianca
Abbey
Breanna
Georgia M
Emily E

Check out the school art section while you are at the show and see if any of our students have been successful.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Parents are reminded that they can pay all school payments by Electronic Funds transfer. You must include your child’s name with payment, and then send in the permission note with your receipt number and total amount paid. When this shows on our bank statement a receipt will be issued.

Please note the following details:
BSB: 032-001
Account: 142 461

Please note that the school cannot accept P & C payments by transfer.

All P & C payments (OOSH, Canteen, Uniforms etc.) need to be paid directly to the Kurrajong East P & C Association or directly to their account as follows:

CBA BSB: 062 622
Account: 1007 1958

All families have received an envelope for the 2015 Stewart House Donation Drive for Stewart House Day.

You could win a $4000 holiday for your family to the destination of your choice!

Just place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope and return it to school on or before Friday 8th May 2015 to be eligible for the draw.
Canteen

The canteen roster for the next fortnight is as follows:

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Cadbury Chocolate Easter Egg Fundraiser

Cadbury Chocolate Easter Egg Fundraiser boxes were sent home to families last term.

This fundraising event closed on Thursday 26th March 2015.

Many thanks to all families who supported this fundraiser and returned their money to the P & C last term.

We ask for all chocolate money to be returned to the school office no later than Thursday 26th March 2015.

Please note that we cannot accept any unsold chocolates at this late stage, only payment.

P & C Association Fundraising Committee

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW
YOUTH POLOCROSS

Sam and Billy (and Jack) represented NSW in the Youth Polocrosse Exhibition over the school holidays at Sydney Royal Easter Show. They played for three days. It was an awesome experience! Sam’s was riding Venus and Billy on Peppi. Both horses and riders played terrific polocrosse. Billy came away with the Commentators and Coaches Encouragement Award.