What a magnificent day we enjoyed last Friday for our Combined Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival. It was wonderful to see students from all three schools mixing while eating lunch and playing together in our beautiful grounds. Thank you to the amazing parents who worked so well together to organize the delicious sausage sizzle lunch and delicious fruit selection. Thank you to Jack's brother, Noah, who helped out in so many ways on the day, and to our spectating parents. We need to mention Bunning's support by way of drink bottle supply. Thanks Bunnings! Our biggest thank you must go to Mrs Urio for her time and effort in the preparation, organisation and running of the carnival. It was a very successful event! Thank you Mrs Urio.

Anzac Day: Our captains Maddy and Caleb did an excellent job as they read in front of around 2000 people on Anzac Day. Thank you to the attending students who accompanied Mrs Mac and I as we marched to the memorial in Glenorie, remembering the expected behaviours at such a solemn occasion. Well done students. You always make me feel so very proud.

NAPLAN testing: Next week our students in Yrs 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN testing, commencing with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, followed by Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. It is most important that all students attend on the day. Absent students are expected to sit the test at a later date, however, it is rather unsettling for a student to be sitting in exam conditions alone. We ask that all students are punctual on that day and come to school having had a normal breakfast.

Footsteps Dance: Once again we are running this worthwhile program for our students as part of their PDHPE and Creative Arts curriculum. Lessons will again be on a Tuesday afternoon commencing on the 27th May and running for 5 weeks until the end of term. The cost for this activity will be $18 per student for the 5 week course. Permission note coming home soon.

Senior Camp: Students in years 5 and 6 will be attending a combined small schools camp from the 11th to the 13th June. They will be accompanied by Mrs McLennan and travelling by coach with students and teachers from Hillside and Annangrove schools. Their destination is Pt Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Macquarie.
Mothers’ Day stall

when: This Thursday morning
where: In the School library

Presents selling between $2 and $15

Any donations to help boost stock would be most gratefully received. …
Box in foyer.

Kids Newsletter

Next edition 20th May

Our P&C will be meeting on
Tuesday 13th May at 7:00pm
in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all …..

PRODUCTIVE!!

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It’s time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

Out of the mouth of babes……

On seeing young Mr K/1/2’s face much too close to the next child. I quickly intervened reminding him of the “big hoop we have around ourselves so as to be respectful.”

Response: “Actually Mrs M its called Personal Space.”

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills
Relieving Principal
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