Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Our school welcomes many people from our community each week to deliver programs or help in classrooms, canteen, band and in the school's veggie garden (just to name a few). We appreciate the time and effort that these volunteers give to contribute to our students learning. This week I would like to particularly acknowledge the parents and community members who come to school every Wednesday afternoon to teach Ethics and Scripture lessons in our classes. This week will be that last lessons for 2014. A huge thank you to these wonderful people. We wish you all the best for the coming festive season and look forward to seeing all our volunteers again for these lessons in 2015.

Swimming

We are now half way through our special swim school program. The children and their teachers have been lucky to have good weather so far and all participants are working hard to improve their swimming skills.

Music, Dance, Choir, Band …… School & Community Events

The sound of singing, music and the faces of enthusiastic children can be seen during lunch, recess and in class as children are rehearsing for a number of exciting events that are coming up both at school and in the community. Ms Riley has been working with a number of children as they prepare for the presentation of the musical ‘Oliver’ on Wednesday 10 December (dress rehearsal) and Thursday 11 December (matinee at 12.30pm and evening show at 6.00pm) in our school hall. Mrs Forrester and Ms Bianca Wilson are teaching the school band in readiness for their performance at the Twilight Band concert at Anna Bay Public School on Thursday 4 December. Our Senior choir is rehearsing to perform at Nelson Bay Community Carols on Sunday, 14 December (from 5.30pm at Fly Point Park). Miss Day and Miss Haddad are teaching the choir the songs that they will perform at this special community event.

Classes for 2015

As mentioned last week, we are beginning the process for developing classes for 2015. The teachers have a comprehensive knowledge of the children and use this when creating class groups for next year. In some cases parents may have a knowledge about specific needs of their child that they would like to provide to the school. If you have a suggestion regarding the peer group of your child please write a note, email or make an appointment to discuss with me. Whilst we can’t guarantee the request can be accommodated we certainly can take it into account when developing the classes. Thank you to those parents who have already written to me with their requests/suggestions.

2015

If you are leaving the school in 2015 please let the office know so that we can accurately predict our numbers for staffing and developing our classes for 2015.

Narelle Mann
Principal
P&C Fun Run

We will be holding an adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form today, to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase new play equipment for the Early Stage 1 playground.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. In the Sponsorship form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland! Students wanting to track their progress and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfun-run.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun Run event day at the school on Term 4 Week 7, Monday 17 November 2014.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015

To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015. Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015.

You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 4981 1007.

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Book Club

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Student Profiles

Name: Sarah H  Class: 6B
Nickname: Woocha  Hobbies: Tennis
Favourite Book: So Much to Tell You by John Marsden  Favourite Movie: Avatar
Favourite thing about school: PE
Favourite Subject: English
What do you want to be when you grow up? Pre-school teacher

Name: Madison M  Class: 6B
Nickname: Madi  Hobbies: Swimming & Photography
Favourite Book: Fault in Our Stars by John Green  Favourite Movie: Divergent
Favourite thing about school: Friends
Favourite Subject: Health
What do you want to be when you grow up? Doctor

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Around the School

Outstanding writing from Ryan H

5C with their chicks & making 3D shapes

More from the Year 6 Camp at Morisset
Having lots of fun
Dear Parents and Carers,

Replacement Volunteer Ethics Teacher Needed

Philosophical ethics classes are now available in NSW public schools as an option for students who are in Non-Scripture classes. Primary Ethics is the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to deliver ethics classes under an approved curriculum from Kindy to Year 6.

Currently we have 4 ethics classes and one of our wonderful volunteer teachers is moving on. To make sure our classes can continue and to provide classes right throughout the school, we need new volunteers.

Ethics Teachers facilitate discussion using training and material provided by Primary Ethics. Teaching and its required preparation would take no more than 2 hours per week.

Applications to volunteer are welcome from members of the school and wider community. To find out more about becoming an ethics teacher and to apply online, please visit: http://www.primaryethics.com.au. You can also contact our school’s Ethics Coordinator, Ros Manley, for more information: ph 4919 1182 or email: rosjmanley@gmail.com.

If you are interested in your child attending ethics classes and have not already let the school know, please return the slip below by Friday 28 November 2014.

Signed

Narelle Mann
Principal

School to return this portion to your Ethics Coordinator or Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ____________________________ In 2014, my child is in year _________

My email address: ____________________________