Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

On Tuesday evening a number of families took the opportunity to come to school for the evening family sessions offered by Interrelate School Services. Later in the Term (weeks 9 and 10) Years 5 and 6 students will participate in a follow up program at school. Notes regarding the dates and cost of these lessons will be sent home soon.

Tomorrow night (12 August from 6.30pm) our P & C will meet. Everyone is welcome to join us in the library. This meeting was postponed due to the Interrelate Family Sessions last week.

We have noticed that there has been an increase in the number of toys that our younger children are bringing to school to play with at lunch and recess times. We encourage parents to check that their children are not bringing their favourite expensive toys to school as no responsibility is taken if these are lost or damaged and we don’t want to see upset children at school due to this occurring. Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations to all students who put in a huge effort when representing our school last week at the two zone athletics carnivals. There were some exciting results achieved and these children will go to the next level representing our zone at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival later in the term. Congratulations to Isabel, Isabella, Boston and Tygh.

Next Thursday our boys and girls touch football teams will attend the Touch Football Gala Day with Miss Cains and Miss Haddad. We wish them all the best for a great day.

Throughout this week our school Public Speaking champions have been presenting their speeches at various locations in our region in the zone finals. Our finalists were:

- Early Stage 1: Amya B (KH), Harry O (KC)
- Stage 1: Mathew S (2R), Abbie K (1W)
- Stage 2: Noah S (3W), Nathan S (4D)
- Stage 3: Jack S (5/6H), Mackenzie G (5/6H)

They have all been excellent representatives for our school. Congratulations to Noah S on being judged as highly commended in Stage 2.

This week three staff members, Mrs Forrester, Mrs Schwartz and Mr Herring, will be returning to school following periods of leave. I am sure they will come back refreshed and enthusiastic and we look forward to hearing about their adventures. We would like to thank the people who have been reliving for them while they were away. Mrs Lawless has been covering Mrs Forrester’s classes, Miss Grace has been in the library and Mr Andrew Heath has been relieving General Assistant.

Narelle Mann
Principal

DID YOU KNOW?
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). For the safety of all students and staff, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Thank you for your support in this matter.
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 Tuesday, 29 July to help cheer on our students. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day please contact the school on 4981 1007.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Cara Hudson, on behalf of the P&C.

Student Profiles

Name: Estela L  Class: 1S
Nickname: None  Hobbies: Swimming
Favourite Book: Pencil of Doom by Andy Griffiths  Favourite Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
Favourite thing about school: Going on the iPads  Favourite Subject: Spelling
What do you want to be when you grow up? Astronaut

Name: Jenson H  Class: 1S
Nickname: None  Hobbies: Going to the Park
Favourite Book: Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak  Favourite Movie: Iron Man
Favourite thing about school: Playing on the iPads  Favourite Subject: Maths
What do you want to be when you grow up? Scientist

From the Library

Hi everyone

Book Week and Book Fair is next week!! Have you got your book character outfit sorted for the parade on Friday 22 August. Make sure that your costume Connects to Reading … which is the theme for book week this year.

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. 49811007.

Music Festival

The Music Festival tickets are available as of tomorrow in the office. The cost of each ticket is $10. You MUST purchase tickets for toddlers due to Work Health & Safety regulations. Tickets will NOT be for sale at the door on the night. The tickets usually sell fast, due to the whole peninsula being involved, so please purchase your tickets as quickly as possible. If you miss out, we cannot help you. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

High School Forms

Please remember to bring in your transition to High school forms to the school by Friday. If you have not returned them to your child’s Year 6 teacher by this Friday, you must take it to the High School in your own time. Thanks for your understanding!
Zone Athletics
We had a great two days last week at the Zone Athletics. The athletes looked fantastic in the new representative shirts. Congratulations to Freeman, Isabel M, Isabella D and Tygh who have all earned the right to represent Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Carnival on 29 August. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation, taking photos, practicing relay baton changes and all the other things you did.

Canteen Helpers
Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 49811007. Please note that the new menu will start Monday, 18 August.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

What is coming up at the PCYC?
NEW!! Now running
WOMEN’S BOXING FOR FITNESS
Wednesday 5:15 – 6:15pm 13yrs+

BASKETBALL TRAINING
Monday 3:45 - 4:30 pm 6-9yrs
Monday 4:30 – 5:15 pm 10-12yrs
Monday 5:15 – 6:00 pm 13-16yrs
Cost $6 per session

BASKETBALL COMP
Monday 6:00 – 8:00pm 13-16yrs
Registration Day Monday 18th August
Cost $70 for 10 week competition

FUTSAL SKILLS SESSIONS (commencing 21st August)
Thursday 3:45 – 4:30pm 6-9yrs
Thursday 4:30 – 5:15pm 10-13yrs
Cost $6 per session

FUTSAL COMP
Registration day Thursday 2nd October
Cost $70 for 10 week Competition

PRE-BALLERS (BASKETBALL)
Monday 9:45 – 10:15am 18mths – 3yrs
Monday 10:15 – 10:45 3-5yrs
Cost $5 per session

KICK BALL (SOCCER)
Thursday 9:45 – 10:15am 18mths – 3yrs
Thursday 10:15 – 10:45 3-5yrs
Cost $5 per session

All participants must be PCYC Members
Register here https://www.activecarrot.net/public/contract/application/150

All participants must register interest prior to commencement by calling the club on 4981 3099
Around the School

Technology

Computer work in 1W

Garden Club

5C Photos for a class project

Working hard inside or out

Library