Principal’s Report

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Week 6, halfway through the term already! The weeks have gone so quickly and I think this is because all students are completely engaged in their class programs. I am amazed at the ability of our students to produce excellent work consistently. Congratulations to them all.

Thank you to the families who have participated in planning for their child’s education this year by attending an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Transition Plan (ITP) meeting with the classroom teacher. It is of great benefit to your child that we work collaboratively in planning goals and working towards achieving them.

Both the Kids of Macarthur fundraiser and Clean Up Australia Day happened at school last week. Thank you for sending in a gold coin for cake or jelly and supporting schools in the Campbelltown area to buy equipment for the children’s ward of Campbelltown Hospital. Clean Up Australia Day was recognised at Mary Brooksbank with all classes making a model from recycled packaging and products. They will be on display in the school foyer so pop in and have a look at the creativity of our students!

Reminders

Student absences: If your child is absent from school, it is a requirement that the school is advised of the reason. You may choose to ring the school or write a short note in the Communication Book explaining the absence. If your child is going to be absent for more than 20 days (perhaps for a holiday or medical procedure), please contact Mel or Kylie in the office as there is further documentation that needs to be completed prior to the absence.

Student late arrivals: A reminder to all families, that school starts at 8:50am. Please have your child at school by this time each morning. Late arriving students not only impact on their own learning, but disrupt the learning of their peers. Also, as you can imagine, it is a time consuming process for Mel and Kylie to record the date, time, name and reason for absence many times each morning. We understand the occasional late day due to unforeseen circumstances, however if your child is constantly late, could I ask you to look closely at your morning routine to help remedy the problem.

Transport: For families using transport, it is important to remember to advise your child’s driver and Assisted School Travel of any change to your contact number and address as soon as possible. The phone number for Assisted School Travel is 1300 338 278. Please note that any application or variation can take up to 10 working days to process.

Respite: It is the responsibility of parents or carers to arrange transport to and from respite with Assisted School Travel. The school can help you complete a “Variation” if this is required but this will take up to 10 working days to be approved. Some respite providers will organise this change to transport so please check with your respite service. The school is not responsible for organising or arranging changes on your behalf.

Regards
Jennifer Neradovsky
Principal
A big welcome back to all the students, families and staff for 2015.

The P&C is looking forward to a busy and productive year. We are working hard to make sure our kids are provided with the best resources, the best environment and the best opportunities this year. You can help us in this endeavour by supporting our fundraising events throughout the year.

We are kicking if off with the annual Easter Raffle. Tickets will be sent home in Week 8. As usual, there will be a fantastic prize for the most tickets sold, as well as all the great raffle prizes.

Easter Eggs Needed
Our first function for this year is the Easter Hat Parade which is on Thursday 2nd April 2015. If you have any spare time we are always on the look out for volunteers for the day.

More details will be sent home shortly so make sure you keep an eye out and mark this date in your diaries.

In conjunction with the school we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Raffles or bags of small Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are able to donate please either drop off to the office or you can send them in with your child.

We would like to invite any interested parents or carers to become involved with the P&C. Come along to our next meeting on Monday 16th March 2015 at 9.30am in the school hall. Further details and reminders will be sent home next week.

A big thank you to the parents who attended the “Meet and Greet” last month, it was great to chat and get to know you all a bit better.

Look out for a parent/carer survey that we will be sending home in the next few weeks. It will be your chance to have a say in what kind of events you would like to see organised for this year and what times are most convenient for you. Let’s work together to make sure our school really is “the best school in the west”

Uniform Shop Opening Times
As the cold weather approaches don’t forget that the uniform shop has jackets or jumpers available to purchase. We still offer a layby service for 6 weeks only. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during the opening times uniform orders can be sent in with your child. Attached to this newsletter is current price list.

We are always happy to accept second hand uniform donations for our second hand pool. These uniforms will be used to help support families that may require student assistance. Please only send in good quality second hand uniforms. We can not accept any uniform that is damaged.

Uniform shop is currently open

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Regards
Kirsten Isaacs
Diary Dates

20.3.15  Harmony Day – please wear orange
02.4.15  Easter Hat Parade
20.4.15  Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS ON THIS DAY
21.4.15  Students return for Term 2
08.6.15  Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
26.6.15  Last day for Term 2

Clean up Australia Day
Mary Brooksbank School
Parents & Citizens ASSOCIATION

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The uniform shop is open every second Monday of the Term from 9am to 10am. Uniforms can be purchased either on that day or you can place an order by filling in the order form. We also offer a layby system.

* Layby is for six weeks only.

Please note that the P&C also provides your child with a school hat free of charge.

* should that hat be misplaced or lost then you will be required to purchase one.

* Please enclose correct money in the envelope provided.
Macarthur Children's Developmental Clinic is a private multidisciplinary practice located in Narellan. Our clinic consists of Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Psychologists. The services we provided are listed:

**Speech and Language Pathology**
* Receptive and expressive language
* Speech Development
  * Voice
  * Literacy
  * Social Communication
  * Stuttering
  * Feeding/Swallowing
  * Early Learning
  * Autism
  * Disability
  * Lisp
  * Auditory Processing
  * Alternative Communication

**Occupational Therapy**
* Fine Motor Movement
* Hand Movement (handwriting, cutting, utensil use).
* Sensory Participation
* Self Care (toileting, feeding, dressing)
* Visual Perception

**Psychology**
* Anxiety/Stress Management
* Behavioural Intervention
* Social Participation
* Autism
* Memory
* Counselling
* Emotional Regulation
* Attention/Hyperactivity
* Bullying
* Cognitive Development
* Development difficulties
* Self Esteem and Confidence

As a clinic, we accept:
- Private Health Funds
- 135 Referrals
- EPC Referrals
- FaCHSIA Funding
- Better Start Funding
- Mental Health Care Plans
Assessments
* Diagnostic Assessment
* Developmental Assessment
* IQ Assessments
* Occupational Therapy Assessments
* Sensory Profiles
* Visual Perception Assessment
* Speech and Language Assessments
* Communication Assessments
* Articulation Assessments
* Education Assessments
* Social Profiles
* Memory Assessments
* Attention Assessments
* Behavioural Assessments
* Mood and Emotional Regulation Assessment

Intervention
* Individual Therapy
* Group Therapy
* Intensive Intervention
* Social Skills Programs
* Toileting Programs
* School Readiness Programs
* Early Learning Programs
* Feeding Groups
* Handwriting Program
* School Holiday Programs
* Camps
* Various Locations (Clinic, Preschool, School, Home)
* Parenting Programs and Support Seminars
* Functional participation (outing, shops, park, restaurants)

Our developmental team are able to administer comprehensive assessments to determine appropriate diagnosis. This is inclusive and not limited to:

- Full Developmental Scales
- Educational Abilities
- Intelligence and cognitive ability
- Literacy (reading, writing, spelling)
- Emotional and behavioural disorders
- Occupation Skills
- Communication Ability
- Handwriting and School tool use
- Receptive and Expressive Language
- Visual Perception
- Speech Development
- Dyspraxia
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Memory Skills
- For a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, a comprehensive battery of assessments are administered including: Receptive and Expressive Language, Speech Development, Developmental Assessment (Batelle), CARS Assessment, Intelligence test, Occupational Therapy Assessment and Sensory Profile.
MACARTHUR
CHILDREN'S
DEVELOPMENTAL CLINIC
@ School

We can screen children's;
- Speech
- Receptive Language
- Expressive Language
- Literacy
- Processing
- Voice/fluency
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Handwriting
- Visual Perception

We can make observations in the classroom;
- Behaviour
- Sensory regulation
- Feeding
- Social skills
- Routines
- Processing abilities

We are able to provide PD for teachers;
- Speech development
- Receptive and expressive language development
- Sensory processing
- Processing
- Fine motor (tool use)
- Visual perception and handwriting
- Literacy skills
- Social skills
- Particular syndromes (Autism, CP, Global delay etc.)

Provide sessions in a classroom for the whole class;
- Movement breaks
- Preparation for and teaching of pencil grip
- The Alert Program (sensory regulation)

We can present information sessions for parents;
- Helping with homework
- Typical development
- Behaviour management
- Routine: Importance and structures

Intervention: Groups, small groups, 1:1
- Gross and Fine motor
- Speech Development
- Language skills
- Handwriting
- Visual perception
- Social
- Literacy
- Oral motor development/feeding
- Literacy/Visual Perception
- Processing/comprehension
- Combined goals, Speech and OT
Macarthur CDC’s Spot Check!

Macarthur CDC’s Speech Pathologists are offering FREE screening services for school aged children. Our speech pathologists informally assess speech development, receptive and expressive language and literacy skills.

Screening services are offered on Thursday afternoons. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Macarthur CDC’s speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessment is required or refer to appropriate services.

Please contact us at

P: 02 4648 0837
E: admin@macarthurcdc.com.au
Shop 6/ 38 Exchange Parade, Narellan NSW 2567
WORKSHOPS

Saturday 21st March
Wollondilly Shire Hall - Menangle St Picton

9:30AM till 4:00PM (6hr Workshop)
Free for Kids with DisABILITY including materials
Bring your own lunch, apron or smock and sibling or carer if required.
Morning tea (fruit & water) provided.

Kids can create their own unique paper lantern with professional lantern artist Kassandra Bossell. Classes are fully supervised by approved staff. Kids completing lanterns will be required to participate in the IlluminARTe Lantern parade on Saturday 11 April 2015, commencing at 6:30pm. Kids can keep their lanterns white or paint them with bright colours to create a coloured glow once lit up.

Note: LED lights are not included and can be purchased separately

Limited spaces available - Bookings Essential
For more information and to register please call
Emma Jayne Gardiner 4677 1150, emma-jayne.gardiner@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone:** $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing):** $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area:** $173 + 2 Demerit Points

**Please Note:** fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.
You are Invited
To attend a meeting with
Campbelltown Ghost Scouts

Scouting for Children with Special Needs
Catering for Youth between 6 and 25

At Scouts you will have lots of exciting experiences, you will work and play in teams, make friends, and have loads of fun. Scouts get outdoors doing things like hiking, camping, canoeing and geocaching. Scouts learn to care for the environment, be good leaders and great ambassadors in our communities.
Anyone can be a Scout.

Meetings

Joeys 6-7 year olds
Tuesdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Cubs 8-11 year olds
Wednesdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Mixed Age session
Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Scouts 11-15 year olds
Fridays 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Venturers/Rovers 15-25 year olds
Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30pm

Leaders 18+
Working with age group or session of choice..all training costs met by the group.

Scout Hall Canberra Crescent, Campbelltown

Please invite anyone you think may be interested...

For more information please contact
Sharon on 0414 666204 or Tracie on 0415 449787
How are we catering for Youth with Special Needs?

Youth with Special Needs attending events.

Not all children will be ready or able to attend all events.

Our priority will be to the child and we will work with families to help prepare their children to attend events.

In preparation for children attending events, programs are run on weeknights to introduce children to what they can expect, families are provided with Social Stories and simple games and activities to do at home to help them to further prepare their children to go on a camp, a hike, a march, or an excursion.

It is possible that some children's experience of this type of event will be through the activities designed to prepare other children for events.

For example in preparing for a camp we may play games where they open up sleeping bag and mat and set up a “bed” in the hall, we may pack a bag, we may set up a tent in the yard and pretend we are camping. This in itself can be fun and rewarding experiences for youth, especially those who have never seen a tent or sleeping bag before.

Carers/parents are encouraged to work with their children and attend events to better enable the youth member to participate.
KIDS DISCO

Thursday 16th April
11am – 1pm • $5 entry
includes free soft drink, games, dancing, and prizes to be given away!

Keep the kids entertained these school holidays!!

Tickets available now from reception
Phone 4628 4188 for further details
Let It Go
The Aussie FROZEN tribute show

An action-packed interactive treat
of song, dance, frosty fun &
REAL, FALLING SNOW

Thurs 9th April - 10.30am
Wests Leagues
☎ 4628 4188
Tickets: $14pp

Come dressed up & have fun

For the attention of members & guests