Dear Parents,

Our final Awards Day assembly was a great celebration of student achievement and an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding learning programs here at Castle Cove. Congratulations go to all this year’s recipients of Academic Achievement and Excellence awards. To those students, it was my pleasure to see your efforts being recognised before the school. Our Girl Dux this year is Lara Dempsey and the Boy Dux is Jake Handley. Well done to you both! Also acknowledged on the day was Cassie Baker who was recognised for outstanding citizenship to the school, Hannah Shaw, who received the Rotary All Rounder Award and Alexandra Gersbeck who was awarded the Premier’s Sporting Medal. The full list of award winners is printed further in this newsletter.

**School Leaders, Peer Leaders and House Captains 2015**

Congratulations to our newly elected School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Peer Leaders all who were presented with their leadership badges at A-Day.

Captains: Stuart Peters and Rowena MacDonald
Vice Captains: Luka Hill and Ellie Shuetrim
Cook House: Ashley Wilson and Grace Harris
Phillip House: Noah Reinhardt and Vanessa Ritchie
Sturt House: Phoebe Ottaway and Michael Aschoff
Flinders house: Tom Foster and Ivy Leggett

Peer Leaders:

I look forward to working with you next year.

**Journey Around the World**

Our *Journey Around the World* end of year concert was a spectacular success! For an hour and a half we were wowed by the colour, the music and the dancing. It was obvious that each and every student thoroughly enjoyed presenting such a musical delight, a culmination of many weeks rehearsal. They were amazing!

Alex Coney and Jess Weiling, from their hot air balloon, led us on the journey around the world as they decided which country to study for a class assignment. The theme of each class or grade performance was influenced by the country “below”. The finale was a heartwarming rendition of I Still Call Australia Home from all the students K-6.
Thank you to Natasha Reynolds for coordinating the concert and leading the team with her creativity and precision. Our teachers showed such talent in creating each piece and they are to be congratulated for their dedication to ensure the presentation was of a high standard.

Finally, thank you to the parents who assisted in so many ways and helped the classroom teachers with the costumes and props. Congratulations again for another enjoyable end of year concert.

End of Year Concert Photos by Alana Fiorenza

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Congratulations Nick!

We were excited to learn that Nick Farley in KA was a finalist in the 5-6 year old category of the NSW Art Gallery Kid's drawing prize. The entrants were asked to create a drawing inspired by pop art to coincide with the art gallery's Pop to Popism currently on show.

His drawing, My Flying Car, is currently hanging in the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Nick wrote the following statement about his drawing.

“I did a picture of a flying car because I am going to invent one. It doesn’t use any steam or fire, it only uses water from clouds. It sucks up the water from the clouds and sometimes it leaves some clouds so the plants can grow. I want to fly in my flying car and that makes me happy.”

He now joins his sister Bea in having the honour of his art work hanging in the Art Gallery of NSW (Bea was a finalist in the Young Archie competition at the Art Gallery this year)

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope this festive season is filled with happy days. Take care and we look forward to seeing you again Week 1, 2015!

Jeanette Cope  
Principal

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Year 6 Farewell
For those who didn’t attend, Thursday afternoon in the hall was full of excitement, laughter and tears as Year 5 presented Year 6 with an amazing cake, decorations and some funny skits (who knew the grass was such an obsession!) as their farewell gift.

Thanks to Year 5 parents for contributing to make all of this happen. In particular, a huge thank you must go to ROMI who spent many hours decorating the individual cakes and hand-making the stars and the school crest that adorned the top of the centre cake. Thanks also to Alison for helping decorate the hall.

Sincere thanks to Catriona Harrop for all her hard work throughout the year in bringing everything together so wonderfully on the day. Finally, well done to the Yr 5s who made it so special – I hope you enjoy the same privilege next year!

Office News

Bus Pass Applications
For 2015 bus passes, Year 2 students in 2014 are required to reapply as they move into Year 3. They are subject to eligibility criteria which states that they must live more than a 1.6km radial circle from the school. Forms are available from the office.

School Notes on the Website
A new tab has been added to our school website entitled “School Notes”. All notes regarding excursions, sport and in school performances can be found here.

2015 Calendar
Our school calendar on the website has been updated with school term and holiday dates for 2015. All school excursions and sporting events will be added as the dates become available. This is a very handy page to bookmark!

Whooping Cough Outbreak
We have been advised that some children at our school have been diagnosed with whooping cough. If your child is coughing, please consult your doctor in case treatment is required. This will help prevent the spread of this highly contagious disease.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
The School Uniform shop will be open on:

- Monday 15th December 2.45pm - 3.45pm
- Tuesday 27th January 8.30am – 10.30am
- Thursday 29th January 9.00am – 10.00am

Normal trading hours will resume after this.
Headlice and Nits
Headlice and nits are a continual problem for schools or, in fact, anywhere that kids mass together! One of our school mums recently alerted us to a professional service, No Nits Now, that she was very happy with and thought other parents may be interested in checking out this service. If you want to know more phone 0415 524 272 or go to nonitsnow.com.au

Congratulations to our Term 4 A-Day & Gold Award Winners

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Ethan Waite  
Sophie Pancino | Taiga Southam  
Adam Waite  
Victoria Warren | Will Vinter  
Sofia Ambrogio  
Zoe Lok |
| Gold II Award | Rina Okuda  
Molly Gallagher | Nic Opie  
Katrea Tuck |

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Summer Reading Club begins on **Monday 1 December 2014** at Willoughby City Library Services. Grab an adventure pack from any library branch full of great stuff to help you keep reading over the holidays! You can win great rewards and a chance at the major prizes!

Adventurers Ahoy!  
Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club will begin on Monday 1 December 2014 at all Willoughby City Library Services.

Kids of all ages can join and win some great prizes for reading over summer.

Joining is easy:

1. Visit your nearest branch and pick up your participation pack  
2. Read as many books as you can
3. Fill in your reading log
4. Come back to the library and collect your prizes!
5. Everyone who reads ten books or more will go into the draw to win major prizes to be drawn at Summer Reading Club Celebration on Thursday 29th January 2015, 2pm.

Join the adventure – get reading!
Moving Bodies

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
at our HOLIDAY CLINICS
Fun fitness activities for Infant and Primary school aged children.
• Gymnastics • Ball Sports • Athletics • Dance • Fun Games
• Fitness • Music • Parachute Play • Art and Craft • and more!

Exciting new venue!!
Castle Cove Public School Hall
Kendall Rd Castle Cove

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December 2014 Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 January 2015
Tuesday 20 – Thursday 22 January 2015
Tuesday 27 January 2015 Pupil Free Day

For more information and enrolment forms.
please visit our website www.movingbodiescentre.com.au or Ph: 02 9457 7732

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH NORTH STEYNE NIPPERS

North Steyne Nippers invites boys and girls aged from 5-14 years to join for the upcoming season. The emphasis is on FUN and education and includes activities such as beach sprints and flag races, wading, swimming, board paddling and other novelty events. Everyone is encouraged to join in and have a go. A Surf Education program is also included to raise surf awareness and help keep our children safe on the beach.

We are also very interested in hearing from runners or swimmers who would like to compete at carnivals this season and offer dedicated competition training for both beach and water competitors.

Join us at our two official registration days – September 14th and 21st between 9am to noon at North Steyne Surf Club (we are the middle surf club on the stretch of beach at Manly). If registering for the first time, please bring your child’s birth certificate/pasport.

For more information please call Jodie Prazier on 0411 261 455

www.northsteynesc.com.au
SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING WORKSHOPS

Starting 22 December
from 10 am - 12pm

Cost: $25 pp including 2 hour baking session and morning tea.

Please call 0298822720
to book your spot.

Classes are max. 15 - numbers are limited.
FREE COME AND TRY DAYS
Come and try our fun sessions for kids and parents to discover their local family club. The age-modified games are safe and build confidence for all ages!

WHEN
Come and Try Days
4pm - 5pm Wednesday 3rd December 2014

WHERE
Willoughby Park, Warrane Rd Willoughby

Contact
Phil Paterson - Club President 0419 226 782
Carmel Paterson - Registrar 0407 007 190
willoughbyroos.com.au

Mini Footy
* Focus on involvement and1 involvement playing through play without the pressure of kicking in the structured format of the game
4 - 9 years

MOD LEAGUE
* Mini-Footy is now challenging enough and they are ready for a bit more
9 - 12 years

INTERNATIONAL
* Rugby League played by international rules in various age appropriate grades
13 years +

BOYS DANCE CREW 3.30-4.15pm
GIRLS DANCE CREW 4.15-5.30pm
A fun educational class taught by a highly professional teacher
In the school hall

FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT DANCEARAMA
ON TEL 0431 135777 OR
DANCEARAMA115@YAHOO.COM
WWW.DANCEARAMA.COM
Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

• their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
• Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?
Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school
If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child’s school, you should:

• let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
• go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
• email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child’s year?
If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child’s year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See www.primaryethics.com.au/ethnicsteacher.html
Ethics Classes in Schools

BECOME A VOLUNTEER ETHICS TEACHER

Teach children how to think not what to think
Flexible working environment

An Ethics Teacher
✓ Engages children in learning about ethics
✓ Is a good listener with a genuine interest in helping young people
✓ Commits to teaching one class each week during school terms

Ethics Teachers undertake
✓ Police and Working with Children checks
✓ Full free training in Primary Ethics curriculum
✓ Ongoing online training

Learn more and apply online at www.primaryethics.com.au
or contact Andrew Wangler
Ethics Coordinator at Castle Cove Public School
e: awangler@tpg.com.au or p: 0409 369 264
**FOREST DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB**

Girls and boys from 6-16 years old. Have fun, play with your friends and build up your cricket skills.

Types of cricket:
- **In2Cricket** for 4-6 year-olds: 1 hour sessions
- **Kangas** for U9s: just 90 minutes on Saturday mornings
- **U9s & U11s**: just 2 hours on Saturday mornings
- **U13s & U15s**: 3 to 4 hours on Saturday mornings

Registration Open

[Join at forestcricket.com](http://forestcricket.com)

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**Single with Children**

Are you a single parent?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It's a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au

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**BILBYS**

Football fun for 3-5 year olds.

Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30-10.30am
Cost: $10 for the eight week programme.

Warren Park, The Outlook, Castlecrag (entry from Kenneth Road, Northbridge)


Contact: Lea Jean (0424 300 861, 861)

Email: [info@northbridgefc.com.au](mailto:info@northbridgefc.com.au)

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**HIPP HOP DANCE CLASS**

Every Tuesday after school (2014)

A fun educational class

Focus on Hip-Hop, Jazz & Drama Techniques

**BOYS DANCE CREW 3.30 - 4.15PM**

**GIRLS DANCE CREW 4.15 - 5PM**

With new teacher Mr. Smith from VDS. hip hop and modern with some of the best in business including Justice, Drew and Ross Agius.

For more information contact: [2385 3317 or 0438 969 669](mailto:2385 3317 or 0438 969 669)