Dear Parents,

Term 4 is off to a flying start! For the teachers and students, the next 6 weeks or so will see the usual teaching and learning of class programs, plus end-of-year assessments and the final student reports being written. There are excursions, excursions, a Moonlight Cinema, The Stage 3 Pedlars’ Parade, Chatsfest, school photos, Book Fair, Kindy 2016 visits and Grandparents day ……whew! I’m feeling exhausted already! But wait, there’s more! K-2 will undertake intensive two-week swimming programs to boost their water skills in time for summer and the Surf School 8 week program for our older students will begin tomorrow. School leaders for 2016 will be elected. The end-of-year concert will also be rehearsed and presented and then, following all of that, we will finish 2015 with the usual end of year celebrations, including the farewell to and graduation of our Year 6 students. It’s going to be a wonderful and rewarding term here at school for all.

**Congratulations, Bea!**

We were thrilled to hear that Bea Farley (3R) has been selected as a finalist for the Young Portia Memorial Award. Bea’s proud mum sent in a photo of her artwork and this background to the competition:

Portia Geach (1873-1959) was a prominent Australian artist and a champion of women's rights. Portia Geach campaigned for the promotion of the rights for equal pay among men and women, the rights of education for women, and the right for women to hold public office. As a woman of independent wealth, she was also a seasoned traveller and spent time overseas on artist residencies and at art school. After she died her estate was left to her sister, who then established the Portia Geach Memorial Award. The award was to be given to the best portrait by a female artist of any man or woman from the Arts, Letters, or Sciences. For the first time, this year the gallery has decided to create an opportunity for young female artists to show their creativity and talent. Winners will be announced at the opening on the 13th October.

Bea’s portrait is of her violin teacher and will be hanging at the S.H. Ervin Gallery from 13th October.

*Jeanette Cope*  
Principal
Global Cardboard Challenge

The students in 3/4L were lucky to be chosen to participate in the Global Cardboard Challenge last week. Along with classes from Mowbray PS, Chatswood PS, and with the help of Year 10 students from Chatswood High School and Make–Do kits, we were able to make fantastic cardboard arcade games. Inspired last term by Caine’s Arcade we researched different arcade game and, in groups, we designed our own with the help of year 10 mentors from Chatswood High School. Over the holidays we were busy collecting cardboard just the right size, shape and quality for the incredible arcade games we had planned. Last Wednesday was the Make Day at Chatswood High and 3/4L worked well in teams and spent many long hours making and testing their creations. As you could imagine, it was a very successful day with 3/4L fully amused every second, with creative juices flowing like rivers with strong currents, and co-operating at very high levels with rare arguments, maybe just about structure design or even just simple things like decorations!!! Thursday was Play Day with happy customers from Chatswood PS queuing to play each and every cardboard vision. Our parents visited to see our games fully functioning. We all had a fabulous time and hope to do it again next year. Keep an eye on that one special group that made it onto Twitter!!

By Saskia Raymond

Fussball

Tiltball

Pathways to Freedom

Skeeball

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Air Hockey

Bowling

Hit the Target

Hoops of Flame
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**Community Notices**

### BOYS & GIRLS

**WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY GOLF?**

**CASTLE COVE GOLF CLUB IS RUNNING AFTERSCHOOL GOLF FUN SESSIONS IN TERM 4**

**Starting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct from 4 – 5 pm for 6 weeks**

Cost - $120 for 6 weeks

All equipment supplied – Putting, Chipping and Long shots

Bistro available for parents to relax and enjoy a coffee while the boys and girls are having FUN!!!

Or Call Kate at Castle Cove GC on 9417 5566
Castle Cove Golf Club - Dauphin Rd, Castle Cove

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**Race in for summer fun with Long Reef Nippers**

**Spring is here and so is Saturday Afternoon Nippers**

Starting 24 October 2015

### Registration Days this weekend

**5th Sept: 1:30pm & next weekend 13 Sept: 9-11am**

Join us at Long Reef Surf Club for our Registration Day

Welcome Barbeque

Sign up, enjoy a free barbecue, and chat with Age Managers and club members.

New members please bring both birth certificates or passports.

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**What a great idea**

Our Nippers is unique, being held at 5pm Saturday afternoons. Have fun while learning surf skills. Cool off at the clubhouse, where kids can enjoy an early dinner barbeque, and adults relax and socialise over refreshments.

Look at our special Family Membership Family of Four, or more? Save up $200:

- 2 Adults & 2 Children $300
- 4+ Children under 12 $400

How can you get involved?

For Family Memberships, SLS courses and saving fees are waved! Join valuable life skills, experience personal satisfaction with exciting challenges, and help out with nippers training.

For more information contact Mr Thomson

[smceachern@google.com](mailto:smceachern@google.com)

If you can’t make it in a Pop-Up Day then join online at 11am each week.

*Photo courtesy Gavin Photography*