Dear Parents,

What a fabulous day we had last week with grandparents and grandfriends visiting many very loved grandchildren here at CCPS! Every classroom was buzzing with activities – sharing a story book, doing arts and crafts, working on computers and ipads, writing, presenting, and generally learning about school life today.

Morning tea was held and the library visited. Thank you to all those grandparents who donated books to the school through the Book Fair. Your generosity will be appreciated for years to come by the children as they enjoy the stories.

World Teachers’ Day

Last Friday 30th was officially World Teachers’ Day. Michele Bruniges, Secretary, Department of Education sent this to all staff:

Today is World Teachers’ Day, an opportunity to acknowledge and thank our teachers for the contribution they make to our students and school communities.

The vast sweep of the work of teachers is often untold – the hours of lesson preparation, research and marking; the extra-curricular activities; collaboration with colleagues; professional development and study throughout their careers – all for the benefit of students.

Education is the best investment we can make in our children and young people. As teachers and educational leaders we can influence the lives of our students. It’s our job to make a positive difference and to constantly pursue educational excellence.

Great teachers maximise life choices, opportunities and outcomes for all students and they do change lives.

I’d like to thank each and every teacher in public education – and the staff who support them – for their dedication and commitment to our students.

What was very special to us was that the parents of CCPS had already provided the staff here with their own heartfelt thanks via a delicious morning tea on the Wednesday two days before. Thank you all so very much – your gesture was greatly appreciated by us all.
Movie Night

Our recent Moonlight Cinema was a wonderful success. As a new P&C event, it was a great hit with you all, judging by the feedback from so many of you. The weather was balmy and lent itself beautifully to lazy about on picnic rugs and cushions prior to the film and enjoying chat and dinner. The film choice was perfect! *Paper Planes* is a light-hearted story that is enjoyed by all ages and, while I had seen it before, I still enjoyed a second watch. I look forward to another Moonlight Cinema, please P&C!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill in our annual P&C Survey that was emailed out on Friday. We really would appreciate as much feedback as possible to help us with planning for 2016. You can find the survey here. The survey will remain open until Friday 6th November and the results discussed at our November P&C meeting.

Pedlars’ Parade

The weather kindly held out for us for our annual event, the fantastic “Pedlars’ Parade” which was organised by our wonderful Year 5 and 6 for all the students to enjoy. The funds raised will go towards the Year 6 school gift.

Once again there were many interesting and imaginative stalls. From the scary haunted house, to the Nerf Ball shoot out, face painting and hair spraying to the stalls that catered for the appetites of many - cupcakes galore, milkshakes and popcorn.

The organisation, setting up and running is quite an educational experience for the students and all while having so much fun! Congratulations to all Year 5 and 6 students for your hard work and a great outcome. Over $2600 was raised for the Year 6 school gift!

Kindergarten 2016 Transition

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we welcomed our 2016 Kindergarten students and parents to the school with our first Transition Days. Congratulations to our wonderful soon-to-be Yr 6 who took up positions of Big Buddies and, taking their role very seriously, did a fabulous job with the new Kindies. Thank you! A big thank you also goes to Leanne Ambrogio and her team of bakers and helpers who put on two lovely morning teas for the new parents.

Congratulations to ……

- Our chess teams who competed in an inter-school tournament at Killarney Heights Primary School last Thursday. All teams played their hardest and we were delighted to hear that our A Team came first! The top individual player was Matthew Di-lenno and the top girl player was Zenobia Fraser. We scooped the pool! Well done to you all.

- Kristina Spano! You may remember from an earlier newsletter item that Kristina (Yr 5) is an outstanding women’s artistic gymnast. Last weekend Kristina competed at the NSW State Club Championships in a team of 5 girls and they did extremely well with the team placing 3rd overall. The team came 2nd on the Beam, where Kristina earned the highest score of the club. They also came 2nd on the Vault and 3rd on the Bars and the Floor. Well done, Kristina, you should feel as proud of your training and hard work as your parents and we all are!
The Honourable Bob Hawke
This term, Stage 3 have undertaken a unit of work on government and, as part of their studies, chose a past prime minister to research and present. Ellie Masters (Yr 5) chose Bob Hawke as her subject and took ‘Show and Tell’ to a whole new level when she brought the real thing in as part of her presentation! After an excellent delivery of his political journey by Ellie, the audience was invited to ask questions of Mr Hawke. These were well-considered by the students and well-answered by Mr Hawke and provided interesting insights behind some of his political and personal decisions. Between them, Ellie and Bob Hawke provided a memorable learning experience. Thank you Ellie and family.

Jeanette Cope
Principal

World's Biggest Classroom 2015
We were recently honoured to have some of our Stage 3 tree sculptures selected for display at St James’ station as part of the World’s Biggest Classroom. Castle Cove PS was among several schools whose artwork may be seen in the glass display cases on Platforms 1 and 2 as part of this year's Sustainability theme. The trees reflected our students’ concern with climate change, loss of species, pollution of air and water, and regeneration.

My thanks to parents, Julia MacDonald and Romi Gurr, who assisted in the transportation of the trees to the city. Wheeling the trees into the station made an amusing sight for city commuters!

Sue Hiblen
Office News

Term 4 Accounts
Payment for Term 4 Accounts is due on Friday 6th November. We would appreciate all outstanding Term 4 accounts paid by this date so we can finalise our school accounts for the year.

School Notes and Online Calendar
Please take a moment to visit our school website and check through the school notes section and calendar. Term 4 is brimming full with activities and we update these pages regularly. This is a good way to check you have not missed any excursion, assembly or activity.

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Library News

Book Fair
This was once again a huge success. We sold $14,494.20 worth of books!! We receive 30% of the profits and so will receive a cheque for $4,322.01. This is on top of the 130 books that were donated as well. I would like to thank everyone – students, parents and volunteers but most importantly the grandparents!! We took in over $7,000 on Grandparents’ Day alone. The bulk of this money will go towards purchasing a class set of i Pads for the library.

Covering
We now have a mountain of books to cover. I would appreciate any help with this. Books can be taken home or covered in the library. All materials are provided.

Castle Cove Reading Challenge
For those students taking part in the Castle Cove Reading Challenge please give your lists of books to me by the end of November. A special assembly will be held in December to congratulate those who took part in this challenge as well as those who took part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Return of Books
All library books need to be returned to the library by Friday 27th November. We conduct an annual stocktake which requires all resources to be in the library. There will be no borrowing after this date. Please look under furniture, in beds, in cars, at the grandparents and holiday locations. You would be amazed how many turn up!

Kate Westoby
Teacher/Librarian
Community Notices

SOME GREAT NEWS FROM THE KIDS CASTLE
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
VACANCIES NOW AVAILABLE
Permanent or Casual bookings available for both
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Starting 24 October 2021

Registration Days
this weekend
Sat 5 Sept: 1-3pm
& next weekend
Sun 13 Sept: 9-11am
Join us at Long Reef Surf Club for our Registration Day
Welcome Barbeque
Sign up, enjoy a free barbeque, and chat with
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New members please bring both certificates or passports.

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PLAY GOLF?
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"I was concerned my daughter was doing too many after school activities, so suggested we try one. She replied that she definitely would and tries classes.

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We'll definitely be coming back" - Lisa, Mooney