Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all families. I trust the holidays offered some happy family times and that all students are rested and ready to take on a busy Term Two. The first two weeks of term have been complicated by so many wet days which caused damage and loss of power in many of our families’ homes and to the school. We are slowly drying out and hope all is improving for those affected.

Band Camp was held in the first week and involved approximately 135 of our students from Years 3-6. The two day event at Collaroy provided an opportunity for intensive workshops, rehearsals and then a fabulous performance back at school for parents. Band Camp is highly enjoyable and of great value to our budding musicians, but are only made possible through the willingness of parents and staff to organise and manage the days (and survive the night!). The effects of on-going rains threatened to close the camp but everyone was grateful that power was restored and an all clear was given for the students to arrive as planned. Our huge thanks go to organisers Pepper Harris, Nadine Comet, Holly Cope and their team for their hard work and for their commitment to the students. Thanks also to teachers Tim Horsley and Kate Westoby who accompanied the group and stayed overnight – I know your support was much appreciated. The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed performing on their return on Friday afternoon.

Please see a student report on Band Camp a little further in this newsletter.

NAPLAN
This is a reminder that this year’s National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy is being held next Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th for students in Years 3 and 5. Please avoid absences and appointments before lunch as much as is possible on these days so that the assessments are not missed. There is also opportunity for a make-up on the Friday.

Students in these years will complete tasks for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy over the three days. The various tasks are typical of those that they engage with every day and the students should not be feeling that they need do anything more than their best. They are not a prerequisite to anything else now or in coming years. Students who feel anxious and under pressure, often perform lower than they usually do, so please reassure your child that these will be very usual tasks.

CCPS Strategic Directions
At the very end of last year we asked you to respond via a survey to four sets of statements that work towards achieving Educational Goals for Young Australians published in the Melbourne Declaration. All the statements are of importance, but we felt some would resonate with you more than others. The purpose of the exercise was to help identify strategic directions for the school over the next three years using the responses given by you and also by our teachers. The results were presented at a P&C early last term and I have attached a more detailed copy of the parent responses for you should you be interested to see them.

The staff completed the same survey. It was interesting and pleasing to see how closely the parent group and the staff group matched in their responses. The information gave us a great basis on which we began the development of the School Plan 2015-17 and which is now available on our website.
Baby Congratulations (Australia, not England!)

The staff were all delighted to hear that on Friday, 1st May a gorgeous baby girl joined the Moses family! *Sailor Jane* arrived safely at 2:27 am and weighed 3.4 kg (7lb 10 ozs). Trent, Christie and big sister Mackenzie are just delighted. Dad is on paternity leave for a week and is revising nappy changing and burping skills (Sailor’s, not his!). We wish them every joy as they settle the new bub into their family.

**Peer Leaders – Comms Team**

One of the areas of responsibility that the Peer Leaders in the school’s Communications (Comms) Team is developing, is to see that more of what is happening around our school and in student programs is communicated home to you to enjoy. Mr Alexander and a team of “roving reporters” have some news reports of events that have happened over the last two weeks. The Term 1 Comms Team have also included a fabulous report on their Easter photo competition. Please see below. Well done, Comms Team!

*Jeanette Cope  
Principal*

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**Band Camp 2015**

by Rowena MacDonald and Amelia Walmsley

In week one of Term 2, the 2015 Band Camp commenced. The two days and one night was a great success and all of the bands learnt many new pieces and notes. There were many band sessions and tutorials that took place, and when the camp was over, parents could see the progress of all the bands. Free time and activities were also held and included archery, rock climbing, abseiling, flying fox and giant swing. All the students especially loved the movie that was held on Thursday evening called *Big Hero 6*.

Kristjan from 3F said, "I liked Band Camp because the activities were really fun". Claire from 3F as well said, "I really liked the tutorials and free play." Ella from 4J said, "I liked the fact that we were away from home for a night. I also liked that it was a sleepover with friends and without parents." Liam from 4J said, "I enjoyed band camp because I really liked the activities and morning teas. The food was delicious except for the potato."

Overall it was a great and educational event, and we can’t wait to see how far the bands will continue to succeed.
**Year 6 Jackets**

by Luka Hill and Gemma James

Finally the Year Six jumpers have arrived!

All the kids are extremely excited to wear the jumpers because they look fabulous on them. The students feel pride while wearing them around the school and outside of school. The best thing about them is that the individual name is imprinted onto the front along with everyone's name on the back.

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**KR's Red Panda Masks**

by Mr Alexander

KR has been learning about the Red Panda. In preparation for their visit to Taronga Zoo, they have made some panda masks. When I went to talk to the students, I learned that a lot of animals at Taronga Zoo are endangered in the wild, including the Red Panda.

William Josef-Cassar: Red Pandas are endangered and there are not many left. If people have chopped all of their trees down, they won't have anywhere to go.

Glaeisne Stuart: People have been hunting the pandas down and getting their fur.

Annalieze Smith: At the zoo there are so many animals. I want to see the Red Pandas at the zoo.

Charlotte Pong: I want to see Red Pandas at the zoo because they are cute.

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**Year Two Rouse Hill Excursion**

by Luka Hill and Gemma James

Year Two went on an excursion to Rouse Hill Farm and House and had great time looking at the cows, chickens, horses and bulls. They also got to dress up as people from 1889.

Max (2/3H) said, "It was great, and I want to go back".

Joey (2/3H) said, "I thought it was great and I liked the animals".

Matthew (2/3H) said, "I liked the sewing the most but also feeding the chickens was really fun".
Year One Sydney Opera House
by Danica LeTard and Ella Tuddenham

Year One recently went on an excursion to the Sydney Opera House to watch a play called The Dinosaurs.

Claudia (1J) says that her favourite part about the play was when the actor Graham lost the “Austrollovanitour” and it nearly tried to scratch Claudia. She said she was quite scared in some bits because the dinosaurs jumped out at the audience!

Richard (1J) said that his favourite part of the play was when the baby dinosaurs walked out on stage and it looked so cute. Also at the end, when the biggest dinosaur came out and Graham, the feeder, gave the dinosaur a bunch of flowers. Richard laughed a lot.

Overall Year One really enjoyed their time at the Sydney Opera House watching the play Dinosaurs and they are really excited for their next excursion soon to come.

Our Easter Photo Competition
By Term 1 Comms Team

We were delighted to get so many entries from all grades for our first photo competition and are now pleased to publish the winners, which were announced at Monday’s Assembly. Stage 1 and 2 winners were chosen by our Peer Leaders while the Senior grades were judged by Lisa Kawase, a Macquarie Uni student teacher and keen photographer. Congratulations to all students who entered and had fun with photography.

Years 1 and 2

Tom Basile, 1J

Tom’s photo is very bright and colourful. It makes you want to ask the question, “Did the rabbit really eat that carrot?” Good photos make you think! Well done, Tom!
Emma Wood, 2M

Emma has really captured the childhood fun of Easter – collecting chocolate eggs, Easter holidays and lots of Easter bunnies! A lovely effort and great composition, Emma!
Years 3 and 4

Charlie Foster, 4J

Charlie has photographed this marbled egg really well. It looks very colourful set against the contrasting green leaves. The eye is drawn to the centre by the out of focus leaves and vectors. Great technique, Charlie!

Tara Wechsler, 4L

Tara has made a lovely composition from the succulents and the green, mossy rabbits. Well done, Tara!
Years 5 and 6

Charlotte Beeley – Senior M

Charlotte Hayden & Maddie Harjono – Senior M

This photo shows how much effort the girls have put into their composition. They have demonstrated a beautiful array of props. The photo displays the theme of Easter very well and this could also work well on a calendar. That’s one very sweet looking guinea pig. Amazing photograph, Charlotte!

Angus Liddell – Senior A

Special mention for the most creative photo to . . . Angus! His photo of the Lego man climbing the egg displays creativity and the thought that has gone into setting up the photo. It demonstrates meaning and shows the focus in the photo very well. Good job, Angus!

Charlotte has demonstrated amazing technique of macro shots, perspective and angles, where the focus is the animal with a blurred-out background. Using a subtle Easter prop, this photo would look great for any animal calendar. Amazing photograph, Charlotte!
On behalf of the Baha’i community of Willoughby you are warmly invited to attend an evening of prayer followed by informal discussion on a selected theme. The dates and topics are listed below:

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Location: Soroush and Fariba Jahani’s residence, 4 Emerstan Drive Castle Cove.

Time: 7.30pm

If you are interested in attending any number of these talks, or for any questions, please contact Castle Cove scripture class teacher Anne Layton on 0400 443 699 or at annelayton@aapt.net.au.
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NE 98897624 for further details.
Get the family together and watch the fireworks go off.

Northbridge Fireworks,
May 9 2015.
A fun night for the whole family.

Northbridge Oval, Sailors Bay Road.
Entertainment includes live music and dance by local schools, children's rides, face painting, balloon animals. Plus food and beverages.
Gates open 4.00 pm
Fireworks 7.00 pm
Entry: adults $10, children (5-15 years) $5, families (2 adults + 2 children) $25.

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