Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and the new families joining us. I would also like to welcome Mr Brook and Miss Tsionis (now Mrs Rockcliff) back from leave. Welcome to Mrs Sue Anderson our new School Administrative Manager. I trust that everyone was able to find some time to enjoy their family and that we are now all relaxed and ready for the term ahead. Term 3 is always a busy time with Athletics Carnivals, Education Week, St George Performing Arts Festival and our Musical to name a few.

Please ensure you regularly check your child’s bag and our website for notes and return permission slips and payments by the specified date.

Enrolments

Enrolments for next year are now being taken. I am interviewing this term for prospective new kindergarten and year 3 students. Starting school is such a very special time in a child’s life and their family. It is important that you pick up an enrolment form from the front office as it gives us a clear indication of how many students we will have and whether there are positions available for out of area enrolments. So if you have not as yet contacted the office about enrolment, or know of friends or neighbours who are intending to enrol but have not as yet done so, please let them know so that we can make an appointment time.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 26th July: Field Carnival
- Wednesday 1st August: Open Day
- Tuesday 7th August: Junior Choir Sutherland
- Thursday 9th August: Senior Choir Sutherland
- Monday 13th August: District Field Carnival
- Thursday 16th August: District Track Carnival

School Values

- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Participation
- Cooperation
- Respect
- Democracy
- Care
- Fairness
School Attendance

The colder mornings have meant some students are arriving late to school. It is essential to show your child that being on time is an important life skill/behaviour to learn.

If there are exceptional circumstances that mean your child will be late, you will need to come to the office with your child to explain the reason. The reason is recorded for our class rolls which are regularly checked by the Home School Liaison Officer.

SRC Reps Semester 2, 2012

Congratulations to the following students who were sworn in as class representatives for the SRC (Student Representative Council) at the morning assembly on Monday. We know you will wear your badge with pride and you will do your best to represent your class with enthusiasm.

Miss Hales, SRC Co-ordinator

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Nut Allergies

As you are aware, we endeavour to be a nut free environment. Often parents are unsure as to why this is necessary. They, or their children, ask why nuts are not allowed when only a handful of children are allergic to them.

The simple answer is that at its worst a reaction of nuts can result in the death of a child who is allergic. This is directly related to the ingestion of nuts which results in an anaphylactic reaction. This is an extremely serious medical emergency that requires immediate treatment. The reaction progresses very rapidly. The treatment is an injection of adrenalin with an Epipen followed by a call to 000. The fact is that nut allergies and other allergies are becoming more common. No-one is really sure why, however this is a life threatening condition.

We have a responsibility as a school community to ensure our school is safe for all our students. By requesting that we do not have nuts or nut products in the school, we are ensuring that our nut allergy students are safe and, just as importantly, their parents feel safe as well.

It would be helpful if you could keep the following foods at home and not send them to school:

- Peanut butter
- Nut butters of any kind
- Biscuits with nuts
- Nut snacks
- Birthday cakes with nuts
- Any nuts at all
- Nutella
- Muesli bars with nuts
- Chocolate bars with nuts
- Nut cereals or breakfast bars
- Mixed dried fruit with nuts

Foods that carry the warning “May contain traces of nuts” are acceptable. I know that parents of the children who are allergic to nuts are extremely grateful for your support in ensuring their children are able to participate safely in the life of our school.

MindQuest 2012

On Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2012 the 62nd NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $165 (including GST).

Come to the school office for a brochure or ring Shelagh Poray on 4233 2328

Closing Date: Friday 17 August 2012
Excursions

The Stage 2 camp (years 3 and 4) is taking place Monday 22nd October to Wednesday 24th October. The outstanding balance of $212 (total amount of $262) needs to be paid by the end of term 3.

P&C News

TRIVIA NIGHT
Tickets for the P&C’s annual Trivia Night which will be held on Saturday 25th August are now on sale at the school office. The cost of tickets is $15 each but get in early as seats are limited. The theme for this year’s event is “Black and White” so get your outfit ready and come along for a fun night out.

5 CENT ROUNDUP
Thank you to everyone who contributed in the 5 cent roundup. An amount of $490 was raised over terms 1 and 2. The winning class was 4/5A and they enjoyed their prize of a pizza lunch last Wednesday. 3B, 5/6D and 3/4Z (in no particular order) should also be commended for their efforts as they weren’t far behind the winning class.

CANTEEN NEWS
A reminder to all parents that, although recycled bags are welcome for lunch orders, for health reasons they should have no leftover bits of food in or on them.

FORTNIGHTLY SPECIAL
The first Fortnightly Special for this term will be Chicken Parmigiana with the choice of either a juice or milk for $5.00. The special will be available next week on Thursday 2nd August and in Week 4 on Thursday 9th August.

VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to the new parents who have volunteered their help in the canteen this term and to Anna, Jodie, Fatima and Vicki for their work this week. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. A reminder to each of the following for your upcoming shift(s):

Thursday 26/7 – Jodie, Fatima, Shanra and Rachel; Monday 30/7 – Anna, Jodie, Fatima and Belinda; Thursday 2/8 – Jodie, Fatima, Brad, Nicole and Kanela; Monday 6/8 – Anna, Jodie, Fatima and Kristy.

Alexia O’Sullivan
Canteen Co-ordinator
2M Information Reports

2M have been writing Information reports about Australian Animals. Here are some of their reports that were typed during our computer lab lessons.

Wombat
A wombat is an Australian marsupial. It has a shiny pointed nose and it has brown hair. They live in underground burrows. They have four legs and it moves fast when in danger. They are herbivores. They have a pouch that is backwards. There are 3 different species. They are shy and they are nocturnal.

By Jade Ross 2M

Red kangaroo
Red kangaroo are special mammals called marsupials. It has a large tail, strong back legs and body. Males are red in colour and females have a pouch. They live in the desert in mainland Australia. They hop using their hind legs and tail. Red Kangaroos eats grass, leaves and little trees. Baby kangaroos are called joeys and they live in their mother pouch.

By Daniel Czajka 2M
Kangaroos

Kangaroos have a large tail, strong back legs and body. Males are red in colour and females are grey. Females have a pouch.

They live in the desert in main land Australia. They hop using their hind legs and tail.

It eats grass, leaves and little trees. Babies drink milk from their Mothers. It has babies, which are called joeys. They live in their mother pouch.

Kangaroos can jump up to 9 metres.

By Navnoor Bawa 2M

Wombat

A wombat is a herbivore.

A wombat has a shiny pointed nose.

Wombats live underground and they dig burrow systems with their front teeth and powerful claws.

A wombat’s fur colour is normally brown, grey or black. Wombats move on four legs.

Wombats have a pouch.

There are 3 species of wombats.

By Matilda M 2M
Koalas

Koalas are marsupials and there are two Species The southern koalas and the northern.
The male Koalas are larger than the female.
Koalas are found all over east Australia mainly in the south east.
They are very placid animals and do not move around much, they are only active for approximately 2 hours of the day.
Koalas feed on eucalyptus leaves.

By Natalia Kozdras 2M

Echidnas

Echidnas are mammals.

On its back, sides and tail an echidna is covered with strong pointed spines. In between the spines is coarse hair. However its stomach is covered with soft hair.

Echidnas need bushland to live in.

When the Echidna smells food, for example ants or termites, it uses the claws on its feet to dig out its dinner.

A tiny echidna baby is called a Puggle and is smaller than a jellybean.

By Riley Tegel 2M
**Echidnas**

Echidnas are mammals. Echidnas are very unusual mammals because they lay eggs.

In between their spine is hair. Its stomach is covered with soft hair.

Echidnas need bushland to live in. Echidnas can swim in lakes.

When the echidnas smell food, such as ants or termites it uses the claws on its feet to dig out its dinner.

The tiny echidna baby is called ‘Puggle’.

Female echidnas curl up; lay an egg and they keep it warm in a pouch on their stomach.

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**Emus**

An emu is a type of Australian birds.

They have long legs and can grow up to 2 metres tall. They have feathers and wings. They can run up to 70 km per hour.

Unlike most birds, emus cannot fly but they are very good swimmers. They eat fruit vegetation and insects.

*By Jade Mihas 2M*