FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SMS Emergency Communication

Important Message for all Parents and Guardians

As part of the preparation for sending SMS messages to advise parents of emergency situations, a test message will be sent to the mobile phone number of all parents. The TEST SMS will be sent at approximately 11.00am on Friday 15th November. This text will be sent to the mobile phone number recorded in the school’s student database. When you receive the TEST SMS there is no need to reply. If you DO NOT receive the TEST SMS message on by 2pm on Friday afternoon, can you please contact the school office on 9918 2608 or by emailing the school on mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Avalon RSL Bushfire Benefit

On Saturday the 23rd November the Avalon RSL is holding a benefit for the victims of our recent fires. As part of the days fundraising Aya from the Avalon RSL is organising a kids activity afternoon from 3pm to 5pm in the upstairs auditorium. She would love to get children involved by them baking cupcakes or biscuits (at home) to sell for a gold coin donation and bringing friends and family along to enjoy some family time. The children are welcome to sell their culinary marvels and the money made goes to the victims. On the afternoon they will have a very special performance by Nick Caldwell, a very talented 14 year old who will be performing his Justin Beiber Tribute Show. They will also have lucky dips, some special surprise superheroes and a mini disco. All parents are welcome to come along. The entire day consists of Music, great food and lots of fun with every cent raised going to the Red Cross to aid the victims.

If anyone would like further information they can email Aya on aya_q@bigpond.com or call her on 0400 332 689. (See flyer at the end of the newsletter).

School Captains Parliament House

This morning the school captains Grace Boffa and Digby Dalton went to Parliament House to meet the State member for Pittwater Rob Stokes. School leaders from all schools in the Pittwater Electorate were represented. He presented the children with Certificates of Appreciation to acknowledge their work and commitment in this role and they each had to speak about what they have learned as a school leader. Congratulations Grace and Digby.

Debating

Congratulations to our debating team. Yesterday they continued their winning streak against St Joseph’s Narraweena.

Well done - a great team effort. Keep up the good work!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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2013 TERM DATES

TERM 4
Start: Tuesday 8th Oct
Finish: Wed 18th Dec

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Respect Yourself
Respect others
Respect the place we are in.
**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**How did you sort the spelling words?**

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**What is the spelling rule?**

When there is a c followed by an i, e or y the c makes an sss sound. Of course there are always exceptions to every spelling rule. Can you think of one?

The children start with the words and through sorting examples and non-examples they are able to think of the spelling rule. Then they can apply this rule when spelling words within their own writing.

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**PBL EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK:**

This week the focus of our Positive Behaviour for Learning is Speaking and Acting with Kindness. Year 1 lead us in an assembly on Monday to remind us of the importance of this expectation. They showed us some posters they made. Here are some for you to look at.
Class Mass
Year 5/6 O will be attending the parish Mass on Thursday 7th November at 9.15 am. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend this mass.

Remembrance Day
On Monday 11th November, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day to pay tribute to the many men and women who lost their lives throughout wars and conflict across the world. All members of our school and parish community are welcome to attend. Year 5/6 Ocean will be leading us in this special commemoration.

Christmas Eve Mass
Christmas is coming soon and once again the students are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm. We are encouraging as many children as possible to participate. If you are interested in being involved in either the nativity or Mass please email Sam Browne sammeeshaw@gmail.com who will be coordinating this Mass. Dates for the rehearsals will be available in the coming weeks.

Christmas Hamper Appeal
Every year, our school contributes to local families in need by donating hampers made up of food items or small gifts brought in by each family. You will soon receive a letter asking for your donations of specific food items or a gift. We would be grateful if you could send in the nominated food items/gift that has been allocated to your family as soon as possible. The list is not exhaustive, so if there are any other food items that you would like to donate, please feel free to send those in also. Hampers will need to be ready and wrapped by Friday 6th December and we would ask that the class parents prepare the hampers for collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SCHOOL HATS
We have a number of children who are not wearing the correct school hat. There are school hats in stock that can be purchased for $20.00.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS
Please return the Registration Forms to the office. This form is an audit requirement. Thank you to the families who have returned the form. The students who are moving onto High School also need to complete the form as we have to know their destination as well.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
We still have quite a lot of outstanding accounts. Families who have a time payment agreement in place please be aware that the final due date for payments is November 15, 2013. If you know that you will not be able to finalise your payment please contact Mrs Sprakel in the office so the CSO can be informed.

CANTEEN

TERM 4 Monday 9am – 1.30pm

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CAKES

BIRTHDAYS
Kai Bourke
Luca Fragasso
Avalon RSL
Beaches Bushfire Benefit
Your Quick Guide to What's Happening on the Day

12PM TO 2PM  'Aya and Rinaldo' play some great acoustic numbers while you enjoy a yummy lunch in the Restaurant.

2PM to 5PM  In the beer garden the lads from 'Aussie Boy and Mates' entertain with covers and originals.

5PM to 8PM  Aimee Francis sings setting the mood for dinner and the rest of the night!

MEANWHILE UPSTAIRS IN THE AUDITORIUM: KIDS PARTY TIME!!!
Mums and Dads bring the kids, enjoy an afternoon tea then drop them at the babysitters to come back for some adult time!

3PM To 4PM  Captain Crossbones from Paryheros makes a special guest appearance.

4PM to 4.30PM  Nick Caldwell presents his Justin Bieber Tribute Show accompanied by the talented Simon Lee.

4.30PM to 5.00PM  Disco with Simon Lee

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!!!! IN THE AUDITORIUM (7.30)
MC Emma Malik will tickle your funny bones and 3 great local bands will Rock It Out!!! All for only $10!

8PM TO 9PM  "Rythem Method"
9.15PM TO 10.15PM  "The Complaints Dept"
10.30pm to CLOSE  "Rock Gear"

Saturday 23rd November