



## *Murray Farm 'Everyone's included'*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **HILLS DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF ARTS**

On Thursday this week our school will be performing at the Hills District Festival of Arts at the Hills Centre. We will be represented by the school choirs and dance groups. We have a large contingent of students who will sing in the mass choir. I am sure it will be another wonderful concert, so don't forget to get your tickets for this evening from the Hills Centre Ticket Office. They are selling fast.

Best wishes to our choirs, dance groups and soloists. I am really looking forward to attending the concert.

#### **GOOD GUYS VOUCHERS - THANKS**

A big thank you to those parents who ask for School Reward Vouchers when they shop at the Good Guys Castle Hill.

As a result of parents donating these vouchers to our school, we had a total of \$1200 to spend on purchasing a new digital movie camera for the school and had voucher credit left over. Thank you again.

### **FLAGGED CROSSING ON MURRAY FARM ROAD - WE NEED HELP.**

The children's crossing on the corner of Tracey Ave and Murray Farm Road requires crossing flags to be placed out each day. These bright orange flags indicate that drivers must stop when a child is waiting to cross the road. We are in need of a parent, or a number of parents, and/or neighbours who might be able to place the flags out at 8.30am and take them in at 9.30am and again place them out at 2.30pm and take them back in at 3.30pm. If you can help with this issue please contact me on 9871 5952. This will aid greatly in keeping our children safe. Please think seriously about helping our children.

### **ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL**

There have been a number of reports of students running out in front of school buses and other traffic on Tracey and Dryden Avenue.

Parents please discuss with your child/children the importance of road safety, the need to beware of traffic when crossing the road and not to cross in front of school buses.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO IRISH DANCERS**

Congratulations to Amy Mountford 3G and Erin Burt 3R on competing in the NSW Irish Dancing Championships on the weekend. This form of dance is extremely strenuous and both girls did very well in the competition. Amy came 13<sup>th</sup> out of 32 dances in the under 8 year old division. Erin and Amy danced in the team event and their team came 7<sup>th</sup>. Well done girls we look forward to

hearing about your efforts in the Australian Championships later in the year.

### **OPEN DAY**

This year our Open Day will be on Wednesday 16 September - three weeks away.

Please take this opportunity to come and see the fine work that is done at our school. The Library will be open and parents and grandparents will have the opportunity to buy a book for our Library and donate it to the school in the name of their family, child or grandchild. Please take the opportunity to visit the Library when you visit our school.

The program for Open Day will be as follows:

- 9.00 - 9.30 Public Speaking in the Hall
- 9.30 - 10.00 Primary Open Classrooms
- 10.10 - 10.40 Infants Open Classroom
- 10.40 - 11.10 RECESS
- 11.10 - 12.40 Open Day Concert
- 12.40 - 1.20 FAMILY PICNIC LUNCH
- 1.20 - 2.50 CLASS WORK (children return to school work)

Students will not be going home until the end of day 2.50pm, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **UNSW SPELLING COMPETITION**

Once again our students did extremely well in the University of NSW Spelling competition. Congratulations to all those who received a Participation Certificate. There were 131 students awarded a Credit, 95 students were awarded a Distinction and 19 students were awarded a High Distinction. Well done everyone!

### **UNSW COMPUTER COMPETITION**

Once again our students did extremely well in the University of NSW Computer Competition. Congratulations to all those who received a Participation Certificate. There were 120 students awarded a Credit, 72 were awarded a Distinction and 15 students were awarded a High Distinction. Well done everyone!

### **BANDS PERFORMS AT THE ROTARY MARKETS NORTH ROCKS - SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

Murray Farm Public School's Concert Band and Intermediate Bands will be playing at the Rotary Markets at the North Rocks Institute of Deaf and Blind on Sunday 20 September. Come along and support our students and explore the Rotary Market. If your child would like to 'busk' on either Sunday 20 or Sunday 27 September, please contact me on 9871 5952.

### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE – help needed**

One of our parents is in need of a helper who might be able to look after her son before and after school. If you are able to help please contact me on 9871 5952.

Kindest Regards  
Colin Booth

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Chester Xu – 1J

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Chris Lin – 1F  
Sylvia Lian – 5H

### **COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 2009**

<b>TERM 3</b>	
02/09/2009	Year 4 Excursion – Historic Houses Author Libby Gleeson Visit
03/09/2009	Hills Festival – Day and Night Rehearsal

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Last Thursday 27 August Kat Podryhula from the Heart Foundation came to Murray Farm to launch our Jump Rope for Heart Program, 2009. She also brought along a very enthusiastic Happy Heart.

Your child would have received a Sponsorship Form which can be returned on our Jump Off Day which is Thursday 24 September. All students are asked to collect sponsors who are happy to make a donation to the Heart Foundation.

Thank you for your support  
Liz Johnston

## **CASTLE HILL PSSA SPORTS RESULTS**

Junior Soccer vs Northmead – Draw 2-2  
Senior Soccer vs Northmead – Win 2-0  
Junior AFL vs Samuel Gilbert – Loss 3-19  
Senior AFL vs Samuel Gilbert – Win 14-0  
Junior Newcombe Ball vs Northmead –  
Win 3-0 (63-36)  
Senior Newcombe Ball vs Northmead –  
Win 3-0 (63-30)  
Junior Rugby League vs Northmead/North  
Rocks – Loss (Friendlies)  
Senior Rugby League vs Northmead/North  
Rocks – loss (Friendlies)

## **CANTEEN**

Volunteers for week beginning Monday 7  
September.

**Monday 07/09 /09** – Susan He, Jenny Gu  
**Tuesday 08/09/09** – Caroline Lowry, Lyn Martinson  
**Wednesday 09/09/09** – Val Hutchings, Liz Briggs  
**Thursday 10/09/09** – Cheryl Worthy, Landy Yung  
**Friday 11/09/09** – Alison McDonell, Kendall  
Pesavento

Due to a shortage from our supplier, we are unable to get Chinese Crackers at the moment. We are hoping supplies will be available in a couple of weeks.

Fantastic Rice Crackers are no longer available and unfortunately we are also unable to obtain Go-Gurts from our supplier. We apologise, but unfortunately the supply of these items is out of our control.

We are constantly on the lookout for new products to replace these items.

Thank you  
Ann and Kerri

## **OPEN DAY HELPERS**

Our school is in need of helpers to serve morning tea on Open Day. If you can spare some time of Wednesday 16 September, we would love to see you.

Please contact Karen on 9873 6726 or email [fothergill@internode.on.net](mailto:fothergill@internode.on.net)

Thank you  
Karen Fothergill

## **CLOTHING POOL**

If you have any school uniform clothing that your child has outgrown, you may wish to donate them to the uniform shop. Donations can be left at the Office.

Please keep an eye out for our big pre-loved winters and summer uniform sale – Tuesday 15 September.

If you are able to come and help contact Karen or Sandy on 9873 3340 or 9873 6726.

Thank you  
Sandy Luxton  
Clothing Pool Coordinator

## **LOST PROPERTY**

A North Sydney High School green jumper has been handed into the school. If it belongs to you, please collect it from the Office.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Teeball and Baseball**

Carlingford Baseball Club is looking for players interested in playing tee-ball over the summer months.

Most of our teams are filled but we have openings for players who are 6 and 7 years old.

For any enquiries please contact Stuart on 0400 257 046 or visit our website [www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au](http://www.carlingfordbaseball.com.au) or email on [carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com](mailto:carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com)

### **Mindquest 2009**

Quakers Hill HS Lalor Rd, Quakers Hill 2763  
Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November 2009 9.30am-3.30pm

The fifty second MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary student from Years 1-6 at Quakers Hill HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest.

Students have opportunity to participate in over thirty-eight exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program including, chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much more. The cost of the weekend is \$150 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 4233 2328.

Closing Date: End of Term 3, Friday 2 October

### **Christ the King, North Rocks – Pink Ribbon Morning Tea**

Christ the King School warmly invites members of our local community to a Pink Ribbon morning tea.

Location: 2 Statham Ave, North Ricks in Mary MacKillop Hall

Date/Time: 9am-11.30am

Friday 18 September 2009

A selection of small business stall holders will set up on the day and you will have the opportunity to buy from them.

Also there will be raffles, Pink Ribbon merchandise and a guest speaker.

Please join us and bring a friend. Together as a local community we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Entry fee is \$5.00 which includes morning tea and a ticket for a chance to win a lucky door prize.

For further information please call Kathleen Spurr on 0414 701 137 or email [kathleenspurr@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kathleenspurr@optusnet.com.au)

### **Single With Children**

Single with Children is a non-profit social group that provides fun and exciting social activities every week specifically for single parents and their children.

It's a great way to meet or make new friends in your area.

For your FREE copy of our social calendar contact us today – Call 1300 300496 or check out our web site: [www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://www.singlewithchildren.com.au)