COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2015

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**Flooded drains**

Students and neighbours have let the school know that the stormwater drains to the north of the school ovals are currently full of water after being blocked by debris after the recent rains. Even though the drains are on school land they are the concern of the Wollongong City Council. The matter has been reported to the Maintenance section of the Council for their action. (Reference Number 489-014)

**Our new sign**

As of this week our new electronic sign will be up at the end of Railway Street.

**Uniform**

As we are at the start of the warm weather terms, a reminder that the school expects students to be in uniform unless they have a dated note from their parents explaining:

1. Why they cannot be in full uniform.
2. And the number of days they will be out of uniform.

Jeans and tracksuit pants are never acceptable as uniform.

Mark King
Principal

**Early Departures from School**

From time to time students need to leave school early for medical/dental appointments, or family/personal reasons. In this situation students must bring a note, explaining the circumstances, signed by their parent. Students need to hand these notes into the front office (or the sports department on Wednesdays) before roll call. They pick up their official Early Departure Pass at recess. If a student needs to leave prior to recess the pass will be issued straight to the student. Students must not leave the school grounds without permission.

**Illness**

Students who become ill at school should request a note from their teacher and then report to the DP. The school will then contact the parent for permission to leave. Students must not contact parents by mobile phone to organise their own leave – the school has a duty of care and must make these arrangements.
Sport Report

Thank You Corrimal Netball Club

A big thank you to Corrimal Netball Club who recently donated a number of bodysuits and netball bibs for our school netball teams. The donation is very much appreciated and will be put to good use. It is wonderful to be supported by our local community.

Year 7 Gala Day

The Illawarra Zone Year 7 Gala Day will be conducted on Tuesday 10 November. This gala day gives Year 7 students the opportunity to play in a round-robin competition in various sports against other students from our zone. Year 7 students have selected their sports and will receive a permission note this week. Please return notes to the PDHPE staff room. Sports and venues are below; parents are welcome to spectate on the day.

Year 7 Gala Day Sports and Venues

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Term 4 Recreational Sport

Term 4 Recreational Sport has commenced for Years 7-10. As the weather is heating up we remind students to bring along a hat, sunscreen and adequate water for sport on a Wednesday.

Students will be enjoying such activities as swimming, beach sports, fishing, Ten Pin Bowling and Fitness.

Year 11 are encouraged to participate in the Term 4 sport program, however, they have the option to use Wednesday afternoons as home study time, or work in the library. As such, they will be dismissed from school on a Wednesday afternoon at 12.35pm. Please use the time wisely and put it to good use.

Energy Drinks

Energy drinks are banned at school. There are alarming numbers of students arriving at school in the morning with these drinks. Energy drinks such as Monster, Red Bull, Rockstar and Mother can cause headaches, sleeping difficulties and heart palpitations. These side-effects are generally attributed to the primary ingredient, caffeine.

For further info on energy drinks and young people search: theconversation.com/alert-and-ready-for-action-why-its-time-to-ban-energy-drinks-for-under-18s.

Mrs B Arthur
Relief Head Teacher
Library News

7B Motivation Day

On Thursday 29 October, Week 4, the Year 7 Blue Motivation class will be presenting their Special Interest Projects. I would like to invite all members of our school community to view them between 11 and 12 in our school library. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Wonderful World of Reading

In our school library, we celebrate that so many of our students take delight in reading. To promote reading and support learning, we are open every day before school, at recess and lunch. Each morning starts with students borrowing new books. Many pause to discuss their delight in the book they have just finished. I can't think of a more wonderful way to start a school day than with an animated chat about our shared love of reading.

I hope you enjoy, as much as I did, the following insightful thoughts about reading from four of our Year 8 motivation students.

Ms S Cutsforth
Teacher Librarian

‘Why We Love Reading’

Girls’ comments:

Reading helps you escape reality, fall in love with creativity and go on an adventure where your imagination comes alive to disappear into a world where all the impossible is possible. When you read, all your worries disappear into thin air. Reading helps us understand a world we could not reach, a world full of magic.

What you dream can be reality in a book. The only limit is your imagination.

By:
Maggie Esdale
Hannah Stewart
Athitta Winitsinthu
Chiahni Zulian

Reminder- Do you know someone who would like to learn Auslan??

Our basic community course starts next week. It runs for 7 x weeks, on a Monday evening 6-8pm at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre.

They need to Enrol Now so they don’t miss out!!

Have a look at the flyer attached, or click here http://deafsocietynsw.org.au/courses/sign_language_courses for more information.

Do you know what the NDIS is? Watch our Auslan videos to learn more about NDIS and how it will affect you.

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I acknowledge and respect the traditional owners of the land that I work on.
Auslan Community Courses

PLEASE NOTE: We prefer enrolment at least ONE WEEK before the course start date.
Courses will be cancelled if there are insufficient numbers from a week before the course start date.

Auslan Community Courses

Sign Language 1 (Auslan)
Sign Language 1 offers you the unique and fun experience of communicating visually using Auslan, the natural language of the Australian Deaf Community.
Taught by both Deaf and hearing teachers.

You will:
- Use basic communication skills in Auslan
- Use visual-gestural communication strategies
- Identify the Deaf Community
- Explain effective ways of communicating with Deaf people
- Be introduced to fingerspelling patterns

No pre-requisite.

Sign Language 2 (Auslan)
Sign Language 2 continues the unique and fun experience of communicating visually using Australian Sign Language (Auslan), the natural visual-gestural language used by the Australian Deaf Community.
Taught by Deaf teachers only.

You will:
- Improve communication skills in Auslan
- Further develop visual-gestural communication strategies.
- Extend your ability to adapt signs for use in different contexts
- Cover topics including occupations, suburbs, directions, families, time, appointments, countries and many more.

Pre-requisite: Sign Language 1

Sign Language 1 Online!

A great online Auslan course!
This is a basic introductory course in Auslan (Australian Sign Language). Study online for 8 weeks, watching videos and joining in the discussion forum in your own time.

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Who can enrol: Anyone who has access a computer with internet of reasonable speed and download allowance that can download around 200 MB to 500 MB per week of videos.

To enrol in sign online go to [http://courses.deafsocietynsw.org.au/signonline](http://courses.deafsocietynsw.org.au/signonline)

For further information contact: signlanguage@deafsociety.com

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