Welcome to Term 2, 2014!

I am hoping that you all were able to enjoy having your children home with you for the last two weeks and hopefully you were able to spend some quality time with them, at home or away.

This is the start of our two cold terms in The Highlands and winter uniform must be worn.

Please ensure that your child has their jacket each day and playtime in the playground can be extremely cold and windy.

Don’t forget that we have school beanies and scarves for sale and it always a good idea for the children to bring gloves (blue or red are acceptable for school uniform).

I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our volunteers who assist in the classroom for their commitment last term and we hope that you will be able to share your time with us again in Term 2.

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who attended the zoo with us in the last week of Term 1.

Your contribution assisted in making the day a wonderful success. The student/carer ratio was amazing and ensured that our students were fully supervised at all times.

We have a few events happening this term. They are:

- The Bong Bong Interschool Athletics Carnival at Eridge Park on 13th June. The back-up date is 19th June.
- The Queens Birthday Holiday on 9th June.
- Hot Lunch Sausage Sizzle 9th May.
- NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 13-15 May.
- Y6 Leadership Conference 23rd May.

Jacquie Crockford

Principal

Nick, Hamish and Clare at the District Cross-Country Carnival

Photo courtesy of Jane Stephen
Taronga Zoo Excursion

One for those of us who are chronologically challenged.

“Women are not forgiven for ageing.
Robert Redford’s lines of distinction are my old age wrinkles.”
Jane Fonda
The vision of our school is to prepare our students academically, socially, emotionally and physically in order for them to fully participate in their secondary education, and by doing so that they will become fully functioning, informed and contributing adult members of their community.

PBS News!!!

Time to get moving, kids!

YOU CAN DO IT!!!!

Students with 25+ stickers are: Heidi, Jonathon, Mackenzy, Nicholas, Clare, Allan, Amirah, Joshua, Tahlia, Sam, Chloe, Ruby, Noah, Jamie and Hamish. Angus, Georgina and Brayden are almost there!!!

Remember, you are an effective learner if you are:

Honest, Responsible, Respectful, Safe and are the Best You Can Be!
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OTHER MATTERS

SOME EARLY NOTIFICATIONS!
The Athletics carnival will be at Eridge Park on 13th June and we will be running the Infants’ activities.

The Cricket Gala Day is on 15th August at Hampden Park.

We will be hosting our Biannual Highland’s Small Schools’ Aboriginal Cultural Day on 12th September. Our P&C will be catering for this and will need all the help they can get, as we usually have 400+ people attending.

Also, we invite the families of our Aboriginal children to participate and perhaps share their stories with us.

If you know of someone who is an Aboriginal person who can contribute their cultural knowledge or skills to this fabulous day, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be inviting our local Aboriginal Elders to participate in the planning and implementation of this day very shortly.

I will also be contacting Moss Vale High School and Bowral High School to see if their Aboriginal students will assist us once again.

This will be the highlight of our year and we are looking forward to working with the Aboriginal community to again make this event successful.

The costing is not yet finalised for the Small Schools’ Year 5&6 camp 20th-24th October. All of the children are expected to attend. If you are worried about the cost or that your children will not cope, please contact so that I can discuss this with you and we can put in place early strategies to overcome these concerns as soon as possible.

If you would like to start making part payments for the camp, please feel free to do so as this may prevent financial hardship in having to pay the full cost in one lump sum.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
It was very chilly at 7:50 am on ANZAC Day for the Sutton Forest march.
It was a very good turnout by the local community. The work of the Merchant Navy during WW2 to support the Allies was wonderfully acknowledged.

Jacquie Crockford

Invitation 1:
I would like to invite members of our school community to assist us in developing our 2014-2016 Sutton Forest Public School Plan. I would like to begin planning in Term 2, as this can be a long and challenging process. Please let me know if you are interested.

Invitation 2:
I would like to invite Aboriginal members of our community to assist in the development of The Southern Highlands Small Schools’ Aboriginal Cultural Day. If you are able to be involved in this terrific day please contact me as soon as possible.

Miscellaneous

Rahel Ungwanaka, Aboriginal, Arrernte (Aranda)/Luritja people, Australia b.1946, Waterbirds 2002, synthetic polymer paint on linen, 88.3 x 120.9cm, Purchased 2003 with funds from Margaret Mittelheuser, AM, through the Queensland Art Gallery Foundation Collection: Queensland Art Gallery
Following the ANZAC Day march on 25th April, the P&C ran the BBQ at the Sutton Forest Inn from 12:00-6:00.

Money raised from the BBQ totalled $412.00. Car raffle ticket sales totalled $246.00. So overall it was a financially rewarding day.

It was also a socially rewarding day for the many helpers who contributed to its financial success. New friends were made and many a laugh was shared.

On behalf of the P&C and school community, we would like to thank:

Geoff, Jim, Cyril, Judith, Kim, Sarah, Clare, Nicholas, Alison, Simon, Paul and Jacquia for their great effort on the day.

Unfortunately, due to a job relocation, we have lost our new treasurer, Emma. This position will need to be filled at our next P&C meeting, the date of which is to be advised.
STAFFING CHANGES

As at the end of last term, we have not yet heard if Ms Payne knows when or where she is to be transferred. We have however, lost Mrs Pertout on Wednesdays. She has been transferred to Hill Top Public School on that day. This is also due to the reduction in students enrolled.

This means that the office will be unattended on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every alternate Friday. Mrs Trevenen will continue on for four days per week until the end of the year. When Ms Payne receives her transfer, I will be taking the senior class for Monday to Thursday and my release day for principal duties will be on a Friday.

It is anticipated that we will hire a casual teacher on Fridays who will take the combined classes.

I anticipate that Mrs Trevenen will then have her RFF time on Thursday from 9:45am till 12:15pm and my RFF will be on Thursday from 12:15pm till 3:00pm. This means that from 9:45am-3:00pm both classes will again be combined.

Jacquie Crockford

SPORTS NEWS

On behalf of the teachers and students I would like to thank Paul Hilliard and Mitchell, who are coming along on Fridays from 11:30-12:30 to conduct coaching for our students in various sport.

This is a great opportunity for our students to be taught sports by positive male role models.

Ms Payne and Mrs Trevenen are taking turns in 'crowd control' during sports sessions and will be providing lots of wonderful photos for us to share with you.

Thank you Paul and Mitchell!
CLASSROOM NEWS

K-2

In the first week of a new term children have settled quickly into their classroom routines. Positive behaviours and attitudes are being demonstrated both in the classroom and the playground. Students are striving to fill their PBS charts each week and be rewarded with a choice of a book or other item from the Red Box. At the end of this term all children who achieve a target of 50 tokens will be able to enjoy viewing a movie in Bowral.

A reminder to parents to please send your child to school each day with a well-equipped pencil case. A pencil, rubber, glue stick and coloured pencils are used every day. A pair of scissors and a ruler are also used regularly.

Homework activities will commence this week and are due back at school on Fridays. Each child was provided with a homework workbook and a plastic folder at the beginning of the school year. Spelling worksheets will come home each Monday as new word lists are introduced. Please support your child as they complete this work during the week. Most students are very diligent and can feel a sense of pride in their efforts. Literacy homework involves students reading a copy of their classroom reader to a parent or older sibling. This practice improves reading confidence and fluency.

Crunch and sip continues at 10am each day. Fruit and or vegetables and water provide a boost to children’s energy during the busy morning session.

Library /RFF/Wednesdays K-2/Intensive Literacy Class

K-2 will be studying Cultural Celebrations in HSIE and in S&T we will be learning about how different foods are combined and how they change when cooled and heated (in other words we will be preparing food to complement the Cultural Celebrations unit using cooking with heat, freezing and cooling food after it has been heated) with Ms Crockford on Thursdays. In Library lessons on Thursdays we will be reading non-fiction texts on Cultural Celebrations as well. On Wednesday, we continue with phonics, phonemic awareness, number, measurement, procedural text and some art/craft work to complement our HSIE/S&T units.

Years 3-6 will be listening to the reading of ‘Refugee and we will be undertaking research on current refugee/illegal immigrant detention centres as part of our HSIE and Linkages program with Moss Vale High School. We will also continue with our Child Protection units.

In the Intensive Literacy Class we have reading groups each day. Writing, handwriting and phonics are undertaken during the four days each week of this class also. It is vitally important that students in this class (Angus, Brayden, Chloe & Ruby) return their home reading bags EVERY MONDAY or on Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. This nightly home reading component is essential for the children to progress through the reading levels. When the children reach Green Level they are then returned to Mrs Trevenen’s class for literacy sessions.
Sutton Forest Public School Banner Statement

Quality Education, Family Oriented, Achieving Success

The community of Sutton Forest Public School acknowledges that our school stands upon the land of the Gundungurra people.

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