Dear Parents and Students,

**Easter Break**
Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone enjoyed their long weekend. It was great to have our drummers involved in the festivities on Sunday at the harbour—well done Mr J and students.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Last Thursday all our K-2 students created amazing creations to wear at our annual Easter Hat Parade. It was good to see a lot of parents come along to watch the children parade.

**Struggling Students**
Many students struggle with school at some point in their academic careers. Some struggling students may be experiencing a lack of motivation, social problems at school, time management challenges, poor self-esteem, or lack of organisation and study skills. Other struggling students may need to build the cognitive skills of memory, attention, processing speed, and sequencing in order to be able to keep up with the pace of instruction in school and to comprehend that instruction. Many struggling students find that the use of brain fitness exercises to strengthen cognitive skills helps transform them into successful learners in the classroom. Reading and learning can then become enjoyable activities that the student can feel good about.

**Head Lice**
We have had a number of cases of head lice over the last few weeks. Could you please support the school by checking your child’s hair regularly. Information regarding the treatment of head lice is available at our front office.

**Our Office Area**
As you would all be aware, our office area is rather small. We have made some small alterations lately in an attempt to spruce the area up. A big thank you to Furniture One who have generously donated a new black lounge for the extra comfort for waiting parents.

Thank you also goes to Mr Chan who is donating his time to make a new trophy display area in the foyer.

Our next project will be to paint the office foyer in a nice new lighter shade. If there is anyone who would be willing to offer their labour for free to paint the office please contact the school office.

**Direct Debit**
This payment method for whole school small amounts of money can no longer be offered. We will continue this method of payment for larger amounts of money that pertain to a class/grade excursion.

If the excursion note does not display this payment method then please do not direct deposit for that excursion.

**Looking For Volunteer Host Families**
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Get more information! Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
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Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Paul Woodcock
Principal
A BIG “THANK YOU”, from all the ‘Forest Feral’ and future “Ferals” to Marty Drysdale and family and Gail Pollard and family for the wonderful “Brooding Box” for our Chicken program. The chicken breeding program will begin next term with 1C and 4J.

Thank you “Forest Ferals”

HEAD LICE
Unfortunately the school is currently having a problem with head lice. While head lice pose virtually NO HEALTH RISK to your family, they are an annoying pest. The earlier the infestation is detected and treated the less time there is for eggs to be deposited in the hair. With the school holiday approaching now is an ideal time to check your child’s hair and treat the lice if required.

There are a number of commercially produced treatments available.
Or you may like to use the “conditioner comb out method” - apply conditioner to towel dried hair and comb through with a regular comb to remove tangles. Let set for several minutes then comb thoroughly in sections with a metal fine tooth comb. Wipe comb continually on a tissue as you go. The conditioner will stun the live lice for 20 minutes making them immobile and less able to evade the comb. It is imperative to remove ALL eggs to stop them from hatching.
Hair must be checked and treated at least once a week if the cycle of eggs and lice is to be broken.

UNIFORM DONATIONS
Any donation of school uniforms for Infant sizes would be greatly appreciated at the office. We are in great need of donations of undies, socks, t-shirts and shorts for those unexpected little accidents. Also could anyone who has borrowed clothes in the past please return them to the office as our supply is very depleted. Thank you

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Stewart House has been operating since 1929 to provide respite care and remedial nutrition for children in need from all over NSW and the ACT. Your child will receive an envelope this week asking for a $2 coin donation to support ongoing programs at Stewart House.

Please place a $2 coin in the envelope, fill in the details on the back and return it to your child’s teacher no later than the 10th of May. For more information visit - http://www.stewarthouse.org.au/index.htm. Thank you for your kind support.

Dave Horvat

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

School calendar
What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView
RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE   WEEK 10

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The P&C need parent helpers for Market Day Thursday 11th April. You would be required to do a shift on a stall, but this would only be for 1/2 an hour. If you can help for longer it would be appreciated. Please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to the office.

4S Request
Mr Stone is hoping parents from 4S or other Year 4 classes can send in the following items from their recycling for the next two weeks.
1. Any junk mail from any/all of the local supermarkets ie Coles, Woolworths, Aldi or IGA
2. Small recyclable card board packaging from your supermarket shopping 1kg or less.
These items will be used in Mathematics and Health and Nutrition studies in the coming weeks.
In Appreciation
Greg Stone 4S

Garage Sale
For Market Day K-6R and 2M will be running a “Garage Sale Stall.” If you have any unwanted trash or treasure we will happily accept it. Please send in any donations to Mr Roberts.

Thank you Mr Roberts and Mrs Morton

Funky Fishing—lucky dip prizes
As part of 3K’s fishing stall we will need some lucky dip prizes. Items wrapped and simply marked boy or girls would be appreciated. The stall will be a $2 stall so bundled items, to get value for money, would be appreciated. It’s time to de-clutter those toy boxes and children’s rooms. All items gratefully accepted by Mrs Keegan and 3K.

1C Ten Pin Bowling—Lucking Dip Donations
When someone gets a strike they get a lucky dip. However, we need some donations for the lucky dip barrel, as we only have a few. An example of a lucky dip might be a small toy, plastic jewellery or some special glitter textas etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 5th April 6B Assembly in the school hall at 12pm.
Tuesday 9th April Cross Country Stage 3
Thursday 11th April Market Day
Friday 12th April ANZAC SERVICE
Wednesday 1st May Students return for Term 2

Shoalhaven Football April Holiday Clinic
For boys and girls aged 6-13.
Venue – Lighthouse Oval, Ulladulla Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April 9.00 – 12 noon
Cost = $ 70.00
To register Contact Mark Johnston – mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or 0488034500
Mark Johnston
Director of Coaching
Shoalhaven Football
Dates to Remember

Wednesday 4th April
Easter Hat Parade 2:15 pm, school hall.

Thursday 5th April
Market Day 12pm
Last day Term 1

Monday 23rd April
Staff Development day – pupil free day.

Tuesday 24th April
Term 2 resumes. Students return to school – ANZAC service

Wednesday 25th April
ANZAC DAY public holiday – Milton march.

Wednesday 2nd May
6E Talking Tactics

P&C News

P&C MARKET DAY RAFFLE, $1 each
Tickets for the P&C Market Day Raffle are now on sale with the school newsletter. We are pleased to announce the prizes. We thank all supporting businesses who have generously donated prizes at this stage. Tickets are $1 each. More tickets will be available from the office.

Prizes so far include:
16gb Ipod Nano with Touchscreen + Case + $20 Itunes Card donated by Compuport
‘Glow in the dark’ Globe Skateboard $150 donated by Southern Man
‘Zebra’ Globe Skateboard $140 donated by Southern Man
Queen size quilt + Cover $200 donated by Harris Scarf
2 Wall Plaques $158 donated by Sachi
VS Hair Straightener $100 donated by Betta Electrical

Additional prize
Shoalhaven and Adventure World Family Pass Voucher
Free Entry for 2 Adults and 2 children

Market Helper Note
I can help on Thursday 11th April for our Market Day.
Please return to the office.

Name .................................................................................... Phone ............................................... 

Yes I can work on a stall for ☐ half an hour ☐ longer than 1/2 hour

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (please tear & return to the front office)
BEFORE SCHOOL AFL FUN & FITNESS SESSIONS - CROSS BODY SKILLS & AWARENESS GAMES

WHO FOR: ANY STUDENT K - 6
WHEN: COMMENCING TERM 2: EVERY WEDNESDAY 8.40 - 9.20am (8 weeks)

COST: $40 INCLUDES AFL SPORTS PACK & INSURANCE (Please don't send in money at this stage)

YES I AM INTERESTED: CHILDS NAME : .......................................................... (Return to Front Office)

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