Principal’s Report

Mrs Megan Avery

We Value Teamwork!

Yesterday we were very excited to have two members of the Knights join our school for an Anti-Bullying program. All children were reminded about the importance of working together and standing up for our friends. There were lots of interesting questions asked by students. Year 5/6 were lucky enough to have James and Matt join their class and sign some autographs for them.

Peer Tutoring Success!
Our peer tutoring program has been very successful the last few weeks with students settling well into their routine. The senior students are currently working on “sight words” and “sounds” with their junior buddies.

We are very proud of the amount of students who always remember to bring their hats to school.

Please check that your child’s name is on their hat, so that if they accidentally go home with another student, they can be returned to their proper owner.

5/6

Our senior class have been intrigued in their learning about ‘Bushrangers’. They have informed me about the local bushranger from Millfield called Yellow Billy. He was apparently the “lousiest bushranger ever!” The book work and creative art lessons around this theme has been wonderful to see. Great work 5/6!

“It has been exciting learning about Ned Kelly” – Jack.

“It has been an excellent choice for Mrs T to choose Bushrangers. It is very interesting” – Emily
“It has been very interesting learning about bushrangers such as Ned Kelly, John Caesar and others” – Cody.

**Talented singers**

Congratulations to Georgia, Courtney and Nicholas who were selected to be a part of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) gifted and talented choir. They have already started their rehearsals this year and are excited about their upcoming performances.

15th March – Senior Citizens Concert
21st March – Harmony Day Celebration
25th April – Anzac Day Ceremony

**INTERESTED?**

We have a photocopier that our staff can no longer use, as it puts a black stripe through all the work they need. It is not in our financial interest to fix this copier as we already have one in good working order. If anyone is interested in purchasing this, please come and see me.

**Playground Stars**

Congratulations to Breanna and Emily-Rose for receiving the ‘Playground Star’ awards this week!

**Head lice Alert**

Keep checking your children’s hair regularly as these pests are enjoying the humid weather!

**The facts**

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

**Treatment**
- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

**Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice**
- As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

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**Calendar - Upcoming Events**

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**Assembly Dates**

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**NSW School Terms 2013**

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**Donations of Kids Bandaids**

Meet Leo. He will be 3 in July 2013. Just over 12 months ago he was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma in his bladder, lower abdomen and pelvic area. Since that diagnosis he has had chemo, radio and has had over 39 general anaesthetics and countless tests and scans.

In the course of all these procedures he has needed numerous bandaids as blood is taken and cannulas removed. You know how all kids respond to “kid type” bandaids as it helps distract with the pain. Well the Royal Children’s Hospital doesn’t have a budget for kids’ bandaids and the Oncology ward uses boring old bandaids. It’s a tiny thing but kids love a “fancy” bandaids.

Leo’s mum has made it her mission to supply as many children’s bandaids to the Oncology ward. All she is asking is if you could please buy a pack of kids’ bandaids when you go shopping next and donate them to the hospital.

Would you like to help? Please send your fun kids bandaids to school so together we can help make a difference and put smiles on the faces of many children as they go through their treatment/recovery.

All donations will be posted by the school.
Canteen Roster

8th March  Neale & Helen
15th March  Amanda & Stephen
22nd March  Stephen & Master Chef
29th March  GOOD FRIDAY
5th April    Amanda & Nathalie
12th April  Stephen & Tracey

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 21st March at 3.15pm in the school library.

Easter Raffle

As Easter is fast approaching we are seeking donations of Easter Eggs for our Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 28th March. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Senior Shirts

Senior shirts have been ordered. As yet we are unsure of how long it will take to get them back. However, we will send out a note when we receive them.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bedwetting

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website:

www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
or phone 1300 135 796
Year 6 parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening at Mount View High School.

MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2013,
MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL HALL,
5.30pm—6.30pm

This is a great opportunity for Year 6 parents to hear about Mount View High School, its curriculum & programs, facilities, expertise of the staff and timeline for Year 6 students transition to high school.

The evening will be conducted by Principal Desley Pfeffer and the 2014 Year 7 Advisor Rebecca Conn.

ALL WELCOME
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

Asthma Foundation NSW

Don’t put up with asthma anymore

Many people put up with asthma unnecessarily. Does your child:
  — Ever wake in the night coughing and wheezing?
  — Get breathless or wheezy during the day?
  — Take their blue reliever puffer 3 or more times a week?
  — Struggle to keep up with normal activity at home or school

The Asthma for Parents and Carers Pack is for parents of children with asthma who are in the under 5 years age group; this pack provides information to assist you in managing your young child’s condition.

To order a student, parents and carers pack or to speak to a help professional about your child’s asthma call our free Asthma Information Line – 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or email ask@asthmafoundation.org.au