**Principal’s Message**

I attended the K-2 athletics carnival as well as the District athletics carnival last Friday. Although the conditions were not favourable with the wind, the students had a great time. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend both events. Our students who represented at the District were particularly well behaved.

Our Year 5 and 6 overnight excursion to Canberra takes place in weeks 5 and 6 of next term. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to show independence and learn about the nation’s capital. I spoke to all students in the senior years about our expectations as well as communicating to all parents of these students in writing. The expectation is that over the coming 10 weeks in order to attend, students are not suspended, do not have to attend 3 or more detentions and/or do not receive 3 executive referral notes. I am confident that all students will rise to the occasion so that the excursion can be enjoyed by all.

We have several students who are not wearing a school hat (or any hat for that matter) during recess and lunch. Could parents of these students please attend to this so that they are able to play in the sunshine like other students.

Our production is only 5 weeks away. Called ‘Kaleidoscope’ it is a K-6 production which will have 3 performances. There are 2 matinees (16 and 18 September) and 1 evening performance (17 September). Tickets are $5. We will be seating 360 people at each performance. This year we are numbering all seats and all tickets.

Tickets will be sold on a ‘first in’ basis and may be purchased either in person commencing next Thursday 14 August or by completing the order slip that has already been sent home. A record of all ticket sales will be maintained by the office. We hope that this is a very positive experience for all involved. Please note tickets will not be allocated until 14 August. This means that we will not be looking at orders until that day.

We are now taking in new enrolments for Kindergarten. If you have a child who will be starting Kinder next year please obtain an enrolment form from the office.

School photographs are taking place soon. Notes have already been distributed. Infants will be taken on Friday 22 August and primary will be taken on Thursday 21 August. Please note all students have been asked to wear their winter uniform, however they may wear either their sport shirt or their while polo shirt underneath. We are in a year of transition and so it will be very difficult to have all students in the one uniform but we will do our best.

I would like to thank my executive staff for the work they have been putting in to the school. I am very fortunate to have executives who work so hard.

*Ian Millard  
Principal*
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**Library News**

This year’s Book Week Theme is “Connect to Reading” and the Children’s Book Council of Australia is celebrating by having an A4 poster competition that convey this theme.

There is a K-2 category and a Grades 3-10 category.

To enter, simply create a poster on an A4 piece of paper and send it to:

CBCA Poster Comp, PO Box 765, Rozelle NSW 2039

with your name, school year, phone number and email.


Entries close Thursday 21st August 2014

During Book Week all classes will be visiting the Shoalhaven City Library. Even though this is a walking excursion every child must return the permission note given out in class. Could you please return these to their class teacher.

We now have over 500 children who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). This is an incredible accomplishment. CONGRATULATIONS to all those students. With only 14 days left to go I am hoping to improve that figure even more. REMEMBER the Pizza Party still hasn’t been won!

Happy Reading, Mrs Brodie

**Assembly**

There are two assemblies on Monday. The infants assembly will take place in the school hall and commence at 12 noon. It will be hosted by KG.

The primary assembly will take place at 1.50pm and be hosted by 4T.

**Shoalhaven Junior Chess Championships**

Nowra Public School hosted chess players from across the Shoalhaven recently in the NSW Junior Chess League regional chess championships. Nowra’s 5 teams, with students from years 2-6 performed admirably and in the true spirit of sportsmanship. Special mention goes to Kyle Barnes, who did not concede a single game. In the Championship division, Illaroo Road Public School B team were victorious by just 3 points over Nowra East Public School, and go on to the next round of competition. Thanks to all staff who supported the day as well as the "minions" from 4/5M who acted as gophers, chauffeurs and chaperones on the day.

**Canteen**

The Crunchin Luncheon will be participating in the Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids program in Term 3 2014.

The program is designed to encourage kids to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables and to purchase them from their school canteen.

The campaign commences Monday August 11 and concludes on Friday 19 September 2014.

Children who make the healthy choice and purchase fresh fruit and/or vegetables will be rewarded.

**How are children rewarded?**

1. Students are rewarded instantly with a token sticker, which must be placed on the entry form, after making a fresh fruit and/or vegetable purchase.

2. Once students have collected two token stickers, they return the completed entry form to the canteen where they receive a Fresh for Kids Ring.

3. After the campaign has concluded, all entry forms will need to be returned to Sydney Markets where they are eligible to enter the draw to win some fantastic major prizes.

**What prizes are on offer for children?**

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**Pie Drive**

Pie collection day is Wednesday 13th August at the school hall between 2pm and 4pm.

*Our STAR values—Safely Behave, Take Responsibility, Actively Learn, Respect Everyone*
School Photo Days

Primary – Thursday 21st August 2014
Infants – Friday 22nd August 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

MSP Photography Illawarra will be taking our school photographs on the following days:

Thursday 21st August 2014 (Primary)
Friday 22nd August 2014 (Infants)

Students should wear their full winter uniform.

Attached is the order form envelope for your child’s school photos. Please read the instructions on the envelope carefully and:

1. Complete the student details on the order envelope – one envelope for each child. Tear off the instructions and retain for your information.

2. You may pay by cash, cheque (made payable to MSP Photography) or order online (individual photo packs only). Please ensure payment of the exact amount as no change can be given. If you have more than one child attending you may include the full payment in the oldest child’s envelope and note clearly on the outside of all envelopes which envelope the payment is in.

3. Write the number required in the box next to the chosen package(s).

4. The envelope is to be handed to the photographer on photo day – NO EXCEPTIONS.

5. Due to time constraints on the day, sibling photos will be available in the hall between 8:00am - 9:00am on both days. Any family wanting sibling photos should collect a separate ‘Sibling Photography’ order envelope from the school office and must be at the hall on the Primary site promptly at 8:00am with your children dressed in correct uniform.


As we do not know in what class order the photos will be taken, please ensure your child arrives at school on time and has their envelope with them.

Yours sincerely

Ian Millard
Principal
Last Friday K-2 conducted their annual athletics carnival in cold and windy conditions. Despite the cold weather, all of the students are to be congratulated for the effort they put in on the day. They marched beautifully in the march past and ran well in their 100 metre sprint races. The finals were very exciting and perhaps we have some future Olympians amongst us! The children worked hard to earn points for their house during the rotational activities. It was a pleasure to see their smile for achieving a point for their house. Many were eager to return with more house point tokens. The sausage sizzle crew worked hard all day to feed the hungry athletes. After lunch the fastest two boys and girls from each class ran in the relay races. What an exciting event to watch, especially the Kinders who were competing for their first time. The day concluded with the presentation of awards for our fastest runners.

Thanks must go to all the parents who volunteered their time, particularly on the BBQ. Thank you also to the parents who were able to attend and cheer on the students. Congratulations to all the staff who worked as a team to put on a great day for our wonderful Nowra Public School students.

100 Metre Sprint Races

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March Past Winners:
Kindergarten: K Yellow Year 1 1C Year 2: 1/2B

Relays
Kindergarten: K Red Year 1: 1G Year 2: 2A

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING HOUSE: EAGLES