

Caddies Creek Chronicle

Term 1 Week 3 – 12th February, 2009

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Dates To Remember 26th Feb



THRASS / Welfare Parent Meeting 2pm in the Library
All Kinder, new or interested parents most welcome.

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Uniforms are ordered through the office

Dear Dads and Mums,

P&C Meeting –A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Caddies Creek P&C was held last night. It was a well attended meeting, which indicates the tremendous support that our school receives from the parent community. Congratulations to the following elected office bearers for 2009;

President	Mrs Martine Balcombe
Vice President	Mrs Caryn Spry
Vice President	Mrs Kristy McLeod
Treasurer	Mrs Kylie Hockley
Secretary	Mrs Sally Laing



Thank you to these people for supporting Caddies Creek Public School as P&C executive members and thank you to the rest of our community for supporting the activities and ventures organised by the P&C.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to come to school this week, to meet the teachers and find out about the activities and routines associated with their child's schooling. I trust you found it interesting and enlightening. A reminder to all parents that if you have a matter of concern regarding your child's education or well-being, please make contact with the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.



Kindergarten Finishing Time

Our 2009 Kinder children have settled extremely well into "big" school. A reminder to all Kinder parents that Kinder students will be finishing at normal time ie 3pm from the beginning of Week 5, Monday 23rd February.

General Contribution



With week one's Chronicle was a note detailing the **General School Contribution** for this year. Thank you to those families who have already returned it. Your support of our school by contributing in this way is very much appreciated.

Chronicle by Email

Last year many families took the opportunity to have the weekly newsletter emailed to home rather than get a paper copy. This week the Chronicle will once again be emailed to all on that email address. If you would like to be included in this list please send an email to the school email address i.e. Caddiescrk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au requesting that your email address be added to the list.

Assemblies in 2009

Our formal assemblies occur each fortnight and will commence next week. Assemblies consist of merit and conduct code awards, a class item and reports related to activities happening in our school. Our K-2 assembly will continue to take place at 11.30am on Fridays and our Year 3 – 6 assembly will be held on Friday afternoon at 2pm. Parents are most welcome to join us.

School Safety



It has been noticed that one or two parents have double parked in Currawong Street in the afternoon to collect children. Of course, this is an extremely dangerous practice in an already very congested area. Parents are asked to always be vigilant with safety when dropping off or picking up children. It is worth highlighting that the “Kiss and Ride” zones allow vehicles to stand for **two minutes** with the driver not moving more than three metres from the car. *(Council rangers will be patrolling our school and will be issuing fines.)*

Whilst it is appreciated that it is very congested at school finishing time and difficult to obtain a parking space, parents are advised to make arrangements that do not jeopardize the safety of children or contravene parking laws. Parents are asked to take extra care when collecting children, and if parking on the northern side of Currawong Street, be sure to **escort your child** across the street.

Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety issue.



School Uniform

During the first two weeks this Term our office staff have been selling uniforms over the counter. As most children will now be outfitted we will be returning to our normal practice of placing orders which are filled and sent to your child’s class. Winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3 and we will hold a number of “try-on” days in the school hall during Week 7 to enable you to size your child. Further details will be published in the Chronicle closer to the time.

Phil Nash - Principal



“Thought To Ponder”

“Self reliance is the greatest gift a parent can give a child!”



National Assessment Program

Year 3 and Year 5 National Assessment testing will be held on 12th, 13th and 14th May. The following websites may provide parents with some interesting information that will give you some background to what the program is all about.

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/>

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/directorates/schoimpro/EMD/naplan.htm>

Heather Nicholls – Assistant Principal

Attention Kindergarten Parents and Parents New to C.C.P.S.!

You are cordially invited to an information session in the Library on **Thursday, 26th February at 2pm**. Mrs Solaese will present a session on the THRASS program currently used by Kindergarten to Year 4 and Mr Beggs will present a session on Student Welfare including our Conduct Code. Afterwards there will be time to meet our wonderful Caddies Creek P & C and ask any questions you may have. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are attending **please contact** the school (8814 5916) so we have an idea of approximate numbers. Look forward to seeing you there!

David Beggs - Deputy Principal

Sports News



Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in the Caddies Creek Swimming Carnival last week. It was wonderful to see so many outstanding swimmers. The standard of our carnival continues to improve every year! Thank you very much to all the wonderful Caddies Creek parents and teachers who helped run the day and for those who also came to support our swimmers. The final result of the 2009 Swimming Carnival was as follows:

1st: Confidence (Green) 2nd: Courage (Blue) 3rd: Spirit (Yellow) 4th: Pride (Red)

We now have selected a team to go to the 3rd Wentworthville / Seven Hills Zone Swimming Carnival based on the carnival results. The team is as follows:

Charlotte Light, Tiana Ryland, Rhys Moffit, Nicholas Henson, Alex Ioannides, Nicholas Beros, Brooke Bonnell, Chloe Brackley, Andrew Laing, Isaac Mar, Brittany Hunter, Tremea Puruto, Hayden Illingworth, Ethan Praseyta, Ashlee Lakeman, Kyle Briffa, Jay Davidson, Ashlie Crofts, Loren Singleton, Brittany Gibson, Adem Yildez, Nicholas Sherwood, Sam Crofts, Jack Fenton, Jack Singleton, Emily Shephard, Lauren Medlin

We need your help!!!!!!!!!!

This year Caddies Creek is running the Seven Hills / Wentworthville Zone Swimming Carnival and we need your help. We are looking for a group of parents to assist with the running of the carnival. If you are able to assist please see Mr Roberts. The carnival will be held on **Tuesday, 10th March** at the Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown.

M.Roberts - Carnival Organiser



Library News

Library Borrowing

Student library borrowing commenced for classes this week. Each class has a set library borrowing day and time. Please check with your child / class teacher if you are unaware of the scheduled day.

All students must have a **library bag** in order to borrow. The library bags may be any type of bag, including the school library bag or plastic shopping bags. Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly on the bag.

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 are allowed to borrow 1 book / week, whilst students in Years 2-6 may borrow 2 books / week. At the end of each term special Library certificates will be awarded to those students who have borrowed regularly. Please encourage your child to borrow from the Library and take the time to share reading a book with them. The Library is also open both before and after school for additional student borrowing.

The Library policy is that any lost or damaged Library books must be paid for. Please encourage your child to be responsible and to take care of the books.

Library News (cont.)

Special Library Events

Several exciting events have already been planned for this year including a visit by cartoonist and illustrator Gus Gordon on **Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March** for Year 3 - 6 and Senior Support Unit students.

Our annual Book Fair will be held in Term 2 and author Duncan Ball and illustrator Wayne Harris will visit during Book Week in Term 3. More information will be provided closer to the dates.

Premier's Reading Challenge (P.R.C.)

Our school is again participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge (P.R.C.), which is a reading activity organised by the Department of Education and Training.

Students in **Years K-2** need to read / experience at least 25 books from the K-2 list and 5 personal choice books (**30 books in total**). Independent readers in K-2 may choose to do the 3-4 Challenge. Students in **Years 3-6** need to experience at least 15 books from the relevant P.R.C. list and 5 personal choice books (**20 books in total**). Advanced readers may also select books from the Year 5-6 P.R.C. reading list.

This week class teachers will issue interested students with their P.R.C. reading sheets. When recording the information on the students' record sheets, check the P.R.C. ID number, which has been written on the front pages of the Library's PRC books. Parents or Guardians need to sign the bottom of the form to confirm that the students have completed the P.R.C.

Completed forms should be returned to **Mrs Scheffers** (Teacher Librarian). Upon completion of the P.R.C., students will be presented with a school P.R.C. certificate and will have their names published in the school newsletter.

Students may extend their reading and complete additional P.R.C. reading records, a part of our school's ***Beyond the Challenge***. Students who complete *Beyond the Challenge* will receive a special school P.R.C. certificate late in Term 3 and will be acknowledged in the school's newsletter.

Mrs Scheffers will organise for students' reading records to be entered online. All **reading record sheets** should be given to **Mrs Scheffers by Friday 31st July**. All students entering the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate from the Department of Education and Training (D.E.T.). The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the student's name will appear in the Honour Roll (published in the Sun Herald newspaper), with no other identifying factors.

Students who **do not** wish to receive a **D.E.T. certificate or be on the Honour Roll** should **not register** for the Challenge. These students may do the Challenge unofficially; they may use the PRC booklists and can receive a C.C.P.S. PRC certificate but they cannot enter an official record. Please inform both the **class teacher** and **Mrs Scheffers** if you don't want your child to officially participate.

I will be registering the school online shortly. For further information visit the P.R.C. website at: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/>

Good luck to everyone who is participating!

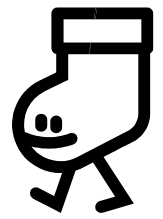
Library Enquiries

Throughout the year, if you have any questions or concerns about the Library please feel free to speak to me. I am available most mornings before school and after school.

I look forward to a great year in the Library!

Mrs Jenny Scheffers (Teacher Librarian)

Bushfire Appeal / Silly Socks Day – Thankyou



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported Silly Socks Day on Wednesday, and contributed to the Bushfire Appeal. There were certainly some very colourful and odd socks walking around the school.

We are proud to say that the Caddies Creek Community contributed **over \$2500**. We are very fortunate to have so many generous and supportive families and staff members at our school. We were even mentioned on 2WS for our efforts! The P & C will also be making a contribution to round our total figure up to \$3000, and this will be forwarded to the Bushfire Appeal in the next few days.

Thank you once again for your support of this very worthy cause.

NB Editor's Note: Thank you to all of our community for your tremendous support. Thank you also to those members of the P&C involved, for your initiative and coordination of this most worthwhile event.

Learning Programs - Parent Assistance Requested

This year we will be continuing our coordinated reading tutor program. It has been an extremely successful program helping a significant number of children to gain literacy skills. We are again seeking volunteers to assist with this special program.

We are hoping to keep our program running for 3 mornings a week from 9am -10am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Other times may also be arranged. Mrs Guillon, our Learning Support Teacher, will be co-ordinating the program. The focus for the reading tutor program will be on our Yr 3 and Yr 4 students who require extra individual help in reading. Training is provided for all volunteers and our previous volunteers have reported that they also gained a great deal of satisfaction from seeing the improvement in the children. If you can spare one or two hours on a regular basis each week and would like to help with this program, we would love to hear from you. If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Guillon. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by our whole school community.

If you are able to be a parent tutor this year please fill in the form below and return to the front office.

Parent Tutor Reading Program

Name : _____ Your child's class: _____

Contact Number _____

Days and times you are available:-

Monday _____ Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Primary Proms and Choral Concert



The Performing Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education and Training organises a series of choral events each year to showcase the talents of children in our NSW public schools. The **Primary Proms** is series of 4 vocal concerts made up of **Year 3 and 4 students** from NSW public schools. Caddies Creek Public School has been a part of this program for 3 years. We were again successful in securing a place in the 2009 “Coorong” concert to be held at The Hills Centre on Thursday 27th August. These concerts are usually held in the Sydney Town Hall, but this venue is closed for major refurbishment. Mrs Raymond and Miss McSeveny will again be leading this group.

Caddies Creek has also been successful for the third year in securing a place in the 2009 “Endeavour” **Choral Concert** to be held at the Sydney Opera House on 20th October. This program also comes under the Performing Arts Unit, but is for **Year 5 and 6 students**. Mrs Walmsley and Miss Lark will be leading this group.

To minimise disruption to class time, practices will be held weekly at school for both groups on Tuesday mornings in Term 1 from 8.10am until 8.50am. Practices will be held on Thursday mornings in Terms 2 and 3 at the same time.

Auditions for these two groups are presently being held. We do need to carefully select 30 capable children for each group who love to sing. Students who are selected will need to learn a set repertoire, attend all practices and be available for the concert rehearsal and performance dates. Good luck to the children who audition! If your child is successful, you will receive a note outlining further information.

We look forward to Caddies Creek Public School being involved in these two fantastic events.

Primary Proms

Combined Rehearsal (in the city) - 9th July
“Coorong” Concert (The Hills Centre) – 27th August

Choral Concert

Combined Rehearsal (in the city) – 8th September
“Endeavour” Concert (Sydney Opera House) - 20th October

Mrs Raymond - Primary Proms

Help Wanted



After school care required three days per week (Mon, Tues & Fri). Looking for a kind mum to pick up my son from Kindergarten (Class KK) until a spot becomes available in After School Care. Willing to pay.....urgently needed, please call Rene on 0407 005 109 or 9836 3063 (ah).

Get Hooked!

Play Hockey this winter.

Kings Langley Hockey Club is now registering **boys and girls** who turn 9 to 13 years of age this year for the 2009 winter season.

No previous hockey experience is required.

To find out more: phone Lyn on 9674 2876

or visit www.kingslangleyhockey.org.au

