

Caddies Creek Chronicle

Term 1 Week 4 – 19th 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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School Hours 9am – 3pm
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Uniforms are ordered through the office

Dear Mums and Dads,

Kinder Finishing Time / School Safety



A reminder to all **Kindergarten** parents that your children will be finishing at normal time (ie 3pm) from the beginning of next week. This will result in even more congestion around the school at finishing time, particularly in Currawong Street. We would ask that all motorists exercise extreme care and be very thoughtful of others. Please use the Kiss and Drop as efficiently as possible to help keep the traffic moving. Please do not double park, call children across the road, park illegally or perform U turns. (*Police will be patrolling our school and issuing fines!*) Your vigilance and support to ensure the safety of all our children is critical. Thank you



School Uniform – Long Sleeve Polo

Some parents have expressed an interest in purchasing a long sleeve school polo shirt for their child/ren to wear in the cooler weather. Commencing next week, we will be taking **special one off** orders for long sleeve polo's. This order will be sent to the manufacturer and should be available in early Term 2. If you are interested in placing an order, please look for the order form in the next two Chronicles.

A reminder that Winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3. 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 next week.

Late Pick Ups

Every now and again, we all run late. We understand that unforeseen circumstances arise on occasion preventing parents from picking up children right on 3pm. Most parents phone the school if they are going to be a few minutes late, and this is much appreciated. Students know that if they have not been picked up they need to wait in the safety of the office area. In the first few weeks of school, there have been a considerable number of students not picked up – some as late as 4pm! Many of these children are **waiting unsupervised** at the Currawong Street gate. This presents a significant safety risk!

If you know you are going to be consistently late, arrangements for the care of your child, need to be made.

NSW Public Schools – Parent Information Website

Listed below is a very useful and informative website initiated by the Department of Education and Training which may assist mums and dads with issues about school life.

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue01/index.php>

Mobile Phones



Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school as there is a high risk of the phone becoming lost, damaged or stolen. Of course, messages of an urgent nature can be sent through the school office. If it is imperative that a student have a phone for use on the way to school or home, then our school policy is for the phone to be handed in at the school office before 9am and collected at 3pm. It will be kept securely there. Thank you

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.

Student Conduct Code

Over the next couple of weeks we will publish the relevant parts of our student conduct code. This issue explains the aims and school rules.

The **aims** of the Caddies Creek Public School Student Conduct Code are:

- To recognise, encourage and reward responsible behaviour.
- To provide an incentive for responsible behaviour through a progressive merit system, which culminates in school-wide recognition of well-behaved students.
- To establish clear guidelines for students, parents and teachers regarding procedures and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

School and Classroom Rules

- Be Friendly
- Do my Best
- Follow Instructions
- Stay in the Right Place
- Put my Hand Up and Wait my Turn

Phil Nash - Principal



“Thought To Ponder”

“The secret of happy living is not to do what you like – but to like what you do!”



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>

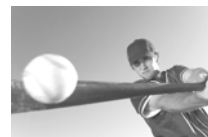
Heather Nicholls – Assistant Principal

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



PSSA Sport

Due to the closure of the Blacktown sports grounds there will be **no PSSA** sport this week.



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

Clean Up Australia Day



On Friday **27th February**, students at Caddies Creek Public School will be cleaning up the school environment to support "Clean Up Australia Day". All students will be expected to participate. It is recommended that a pair of garden or rubber gloves be sent with your child for this purpose. We look forward to every student participating in this worthwhile activity.

Mrs M Raymond – Co-ordinator



Library News

Thank you to Donya Amadi (4S) for her recent book donations, Mrs Field and Mrs Lim for their assistance with book covering and Mrs Illingworth for her assistance with book covering and shelving. These efforts are greatly appreciated!

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

The P.R.C. is off to a flying start with many students already eagerly borrowing and reading! Our aim is to have over 400 students successfully complete the P.R.C. this year. Keep up the great efforts everyone. If you have any queries about the P.R.C. please feel free to see me before school (8.45 - 9 am) or after school.

Plastic Bags

If you have any spare plastic shopping bags please send them to the Library. The bags are used by students who forget their own library bags. Additional bags will also be required for our annual Term 2 Book Fair.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Jenny Scheffers - Teacher Librarian

Dance Group



This year Caddies Creek PS will be having a Stage 1 Dance Group. This will be made up of students in Years 1 and 2. We are hoping to have our dance group try out for Dance Festivals such as The Sydney West Dance Festival and The Hills Dance Spectacular. We would also hope to perform at Education Week, Open Day and Blacktown Music Festival.

Auditions

If your child is interested in being in the Dance Group, auditions will be held in the next week. Auditions will be held at lunchtime. Children will need to listen carefully at daily assemblies (after recess) for announcements about the day of Dance Group auditions.

We Need Your Help

We are looking for parents who can sew! If you are a machine sewer or hand sewer we would love you to help make our costumes. If you are interested please contact Miss Swanson.

Thank you

Miss M Swanson ~ Dance Coordinator

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	_____

