Dear parents and caregivers

Easter Disco
Thanks Ms Pulbrook who organised the Easter Disco and to all the teachers who stayed for the event. The students certainly appeared to enjoy disco and associated activities immensely!

A good outcome
As a result of the P&C letter I worked with various people to address some issues. As a result we have seen the following: the grass on Palmerston Rd has been cut; flora on Palmerston Rd has been cut back; the broken fence along Hamilton Rd has been fixed; some rubbish behind the school has been cleaned up and some exposed wires have been covered over.

We look forward to more of the concerns raised being addressed, we will keep you advised.

Kiss and drop
The area along Cumberland Highway just up from the main school entrance is a kiss and drop zone. We encourage you to use this space.

School zone safety
A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays.
School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April.
Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.
Find out more:

Safety locks
Between 2011 and the end of 2012, 39 children aged nine or younger were hospitalised in NSW as a result of window falls. New lock laws in apartment buildings will soon help to keep our kids safe. Child safety locks are now required to be installed on apartment windows.

By popular demand
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

I would like to wish those who celebrate a wonderful Easter and to all an enjoyable break.
Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

This term 5/6P has been studying the unit ‘Global Rainforests’. Students have been learning about different types of rainforests and their layers, and the interesting flora and fauna that exist within such environments. We have also been identifying and evaluating the interactions between living things and their effects on the environment; in particular human effects on the Amazon rainforest. Deeply passionate about our learning, we have decided to create a multimedia resource on the iPads to promote awareness of deforestation and its effects on rainforests. Based on the information we have learnt this term, we have also created a bright and colourful theme wall in our classroom, demonstrating our new knowledge and understanding of this environment. We hope you like it!

Some fun facts on rainforests:
There are two types of rainforests: tropical and temperate.
Over 50% of the world’s animal and plants species can be found within a rainforest.
Rainforests cover approximately 6% of the Earth’s surface and provide most of our oxygen supply.
A number of tribes in areas, such as central Africa and Brazil, still live in the Amazon rainforest, having no contact with the outside world. How interesting is that?

By Bonita Herwig & Kennedy Cheav 5/6P

Dates for your calendar

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**N A P L A N**

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14 to 16 May 2013.

**U N I V E R S I T Y  O F  N S W  C O M P E T I T I O N S  2 0 1 3**

Once again our school will be taking part in the University of NSW Mathematics and English Competitions. This year, however, we will also be participating in the Computer Skills Competition. Students wishing to participate in the competition need to return their application form and money ($8.80 per test) no later than 5 April to the office. Application forms and money WILL NOT be accepted after this date. Please go to the office for extra forms.

**W O O L W O R T H  E A R N  A N D  L E A R N**

This year our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. This program will support our school in the purchase of valuable learning resources. When you shop at Woolworths, please keep your doackets and place them in the labelled box outside the school office.

The official date from when you can shop at Woolworths and collect points for our school will be from 8 April.

**T H A N K  Y O U  T O  C O L E S**

A big thank you to Coles at Fairfield West Market Plaza who donated fruit to our students, parents and teachers.

**F A I R N E S S  I S  O U R  V A L U E  O F  T H E  M O N T H**

Students demonstrate fairness by being fair to themselves and their friends at school, home and in the community.