PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear parents and caregivers

Dropping children to school
Recently, parents have been given large fines and lost demerit points because they have parked on Palmerston Rd also known as the Cumberland Highway, there are two zones on this strip: the No Parking area which can be used as a 'kiss and drop' zone, and the Bus Zone which is for buses only.

Please see the rules below of the two zones both attract fines and potential loss of points:
Below is an extract from the Road Rules 2008;

168 No parking sign
(1) The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver:
(a) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods, and
(b) does not leave the vehicle unattended, and
(c) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.

From rule 168 it is important to note that 'required time' means 2 minutes. With respect to leaving a vehicle unattended, a driver is allowed to exit the vehicle to assist passengers but must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle at all times. If the driver is more than 3 metres from the vehicle then they commit an offence. An example would be a parent leaving their vehicle to walk a child into the school and then return (basically if there is no one with the vehicle the driver commits the offence).

183 Stopping in a bus zone
(1) A driver must not stop in a bus zone unless the driver is driving a public bus (except a public bus of a kind that is not permitted to stop in the bus zone by information on or with the bus zone sign applying to the bus zone) that is:
(a) dropping off, or picking up, passengers, or
(b) stopping for the purposes of a regular bus service.

I hope this clears things up.

Have a good weekend.
Genelle Goldfinch
Principal

HORSLEY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 4 March, FWPS took a team of 16 swimmers to the Horsley Zone Swimming Carnival, held at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. The weather was fantastic and all of the students enjoyed jumping in the water to compete in their events. All races swam on the day were straight out heat / finals meaning that those students whose times were in the top 3 fastest in each event qualified for the Zone team to compete at Region. Our school had a number of top 10 placings, with 3 students in particular doing very well and qualifying for the Regional carnival. Tara-Jade Ottmann came 1st in the Junior Girls Backstroke and Butterfly and she came 3rd in the 10 years Freestyle and Junior Girls Breaststroke. Addison Ing came 2nd in the Junior Boys Backstroke and 3rd in the Junior Boys Butterfly, while Aletta Ing came 3rd in the Senior Girls Butterfly. They will now compete at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival, held at Bradbury on Tuesday 15 March. We wish them all the best on that day.

Congratulations again to all 16 FWPS students who competed at Zone. Their efforts and behaviour were excellent. I’d like to thank those parents and community members who helped out with transporting their children to the carnival and who supported the children on the day.

Mr Ottmann - Sport Coordinator
High School Expression of Interest

High School Expression of Interest forms were sent home last Friday. These forms are not high school enrolment forms. Please take time to read through the form. The forms will have your child's full name written on it along with their local high school. If your current home address is not up to date, please bring proof of address to the school office so that adjustments can be made. To assist parents with the form, the Year 6 teachers held information sessions on Monday. We had a large number of parents attend the sessions which was great to see. The forms need to be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 18 March.

Sport

Summer PSSA sport teams will be walking to Avery Park this Friday and also playing at Endeavour Field. Tennis will play at Brenan Park and Swimming at Guildford Swimming Centre.

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Dates for your calendar

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5W – Lizard Log

Next Thursday, Mrs De Horta will be hosting Story Time after school in the library. If you would like to come along together with your child to experience the magic of reading and have some afternoon tea with other parents/caregivers and children you are most welcome to attend. Simply return the slip below to the library or your child’s classroom teacher. Story Time is a free event which will commence at 3:15 pm and finish at 4:15 pm.

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