PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends,

Term 4 is such an exciting and fun time!

Our school is very proud of our student achieving higher academic achievement over the past few years. A big shout out and congratulations to our two students who had such great results in the OC Placement Tests. One student has gained direct entry into the OC class whilst another is on the reserve list. We are very proud of their results and thank our teachers for pushing these students to such academic excellence.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Special Swimming Scheme in the first two weeks of the term. These students showed wonderful improvement in their water skills and most importantly an increase in their safety awareness. Well done to all our students and a big thanks to our staff who attended and participated. Thanks to Mr Kristof for his wonderful organisation. It was excellent!

Our QuickSmart team have been off and training with the University of New England. Our team have been sharing our student’s results and planning the way forward for our students and our school. I can only thank our team for their innovation in this area.

I would like to wish our Stage 3 students who will be venturing off next week on their four day excursion to the Central West of NSW a great and informative time. The excursion to Dubbo Zoo, Hill End, Wellington Caves and Bathurst Goldfields is a tremendous experience and one that I know our students will remember for ever. A big thank you to our four teachers who will be giving up their time to join our students. Thanks to Mrs Thompson, Mr Nicholls, Mr Kristof and Mrs Lockley.

Our school will be holding activities as part of the national Day For Daniel. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was established in 2005 to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and empowering children to “Recognise React and Report” when they feel unsafe.

Our school will be participating in the annual Day for Daniel this year on Friday 30th October. ‘Wear Red and Educate’ is the theme for Day for Daniel so everyone is encouraged to wear red on the day. We will be holding our school assembly at 9:15 on this day to start off our day. Our school community is invited to join us at this ‘one off’ morning assembly. Wear red! Our school’s participation was encouraged through discussion at our school P&C meeting and I thank our P&C for their encouragement in connecting our school to this community initiative.

Have a wonderful two weeks!

Adam Wynn
Principal

Talent Quest 2015

The annual CGPS Talent Quest will be held on Friday 11th December, 2015. Entry is now open to all students and will close on Wednesday 11th November and auditions will begin the following week. Students are encouraged to share their talent with the CGPS community!

Please ensure that song choices are free from inappropriate content! Looking forward to a fantastic show!! If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Nelson.

Penrith Valley Public Speaking Competition

Last Monday, Caleb, Lachlan and Chloe represented our school at the Penrith Valley Public Speaking Competition. This competition allowed our students to choose their own topics and there were no impromptus like previous events. All students participated with great enthusiasm and came up against some very talented opposition. Our
students impressed the adjudicator with their speeches and I would like to thank them for all their practice and hard work.

Keep up the great effort!
Mr Attard

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

The P&C is involved in many aspects of the school community. Last week two wonderful ladies, Rebecca Mott and Michelle Pearce were the face of the parents of our school. They welcomed and provided tea and coffee to next years Kindergarten parents. Thank you Ladies 😊

Slice Drive
You should of received your forms, if not there are spare forms in the office. Please have forms and money back by the 13th November.

Next P&C Meeting
The next general meeting will be held tonight 27th October at 7pm in the library. We will be discussing Ethic Classes also Mr Attard will be attending to talk about his class Aristotle and the Sports in School program.

School banking
School banking is this Friday 30th October. Please ensure you complete the deposit slip and secure your money in the banking wallet. All bank books are to be taken directly to the office before school. If anyone is available to assist with banking on a Friday morning please meet at the office at 9.10am.

Many thanks,
Leanne Reed (President)