Welcome Back to 2013

It is wonderful to see everyone back at school refreshed and ready for another year. I hope that all families had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students Cade Anderson, Angus Argent-Smith, Torrence Elvy, Seamus Maley and Tahlia McPherson. It is very exciting to have these students join us at Rankin’s Springs Public School to begin their primary school education.

Staffing arrangements for this year are slightly varied from last year. Miss Cindy Gray will be teaching students in Years 3-6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be teaching students in Years K-2 on these days. Thursdays Miss Gray will be teaching all students K-6 while I am working in the office and on Fridays I will be teaching all students K-6.

There is a change to the sport day for this year. Sport will be held on Friday instead of Wednesday. Students will need to remember to wear their sports clothes to school each Friday.

Library lessons have also changed to Wednesday and students will also be taking part in Computer Technology lessons each Wednesday. Miss Gray will be teaching computer technology and I will be teaching Library. Our first Library lesson will be this Wednesday however students will be unable to borrow this week due to Library stocktake taking place.

Borrowing will begin next Wednesday (Week 4) and students are reminded to use their library bags when transporting books to and from school. If any students have library books left at home from last year (including books from Mobile Library), could these please be returned to school as soon as possible to assist with stocktaking of books which begin on Wednesday.

Small School Swimming Carnival

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held next Monday 19th February at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. Further information and notes regarding the carnival will be sent home with students today. Only students who are eligible to participate in the carnival will be attending on the day. All other students will remain at school with Miss Gray for the day.

We need all the help we can get to make sure the carnival runs smoothly. I require someone to assist me on the recording desk as well as a team manager for our team as we are convening the carnival again this year. If you are able to assist at the carnival as a helper or an official, please contact me at school as soon as possible.
**Book Covering**
Student workbooks will be sent home on Friday. It would be appreciated if these books could be covered and returned on Monday.

**P&C Meeting This Wednesday**
I am looking forward to our first P&C meeting for the year this Wednesday at 7:00pm. I hope to see each family represented at the meeting.

**School Magazine Orders**
The 2012 RSPS School Magazine is still available for purchase. Please contact Michele in the office to place an order so that we can print the correct number of magazines. Thank you.

**Update Your Details**
Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

**Jargon Buster**
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters)

**Avoiding Injuries**

**Maths Questions**
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest)

**Helping your child with Home Learning**

**Term 1 Week 3**
**Event**
- Wednesday 13th Feb: P & C AGM
- Thursday 14th Feb: Mobile Library

**Term 1 Week 4**
**Event**
- Monday 18th Feb: SS Swimming Carnival

**Term 1 Week 5**
**Event**
- Friday 1st March: Zone Swimming Carnival

**Canteen News**
As there is a swimming carnival next Monday, canteen will be on Tuesday 19th Feb with Sally on duty. Please find attached a copy of canteen menu for Term 1, (basically the same as for Term 4, 2012) with a duty roster on the back. Again, we are lucky enough to have canteen helpers in reserve. Special Menu items are yet to be organised but if you have any suggestions please contact Jeanne or Gaye.

**P & C News**
- Next meeting is our Annual General Meeting on this Wednesday 13th February, 2012 at 7:00pm. Please think about whether or not you might like to take a job on. We need you all to help so that 2013 is a great year for our little school.
- We will be having a “Meet & Greet” BBQ this Friday 15th February at the Sport & Rec Grounds starting at 5pm. BYO Nibbles and drinks. Could P & C members please supply a salad. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Enquiries - Richard, Tammy or Deb.
Back Row: Mrs Deb Castle (SLSO), Miss Cindy Gray (3-6 Teacher), Brooke Anderson (Captain) and Miss Claire Payne (Principal.
Middle Row: Liam Banfield, Katie Anderson, Temika Polimeni, Hugh Argent-Smith, Max O’Reilly, Lilee Holland, Owen Maley, Megan Castle and Jack Banfield
Community News

Bushfire Thank you
Many, many thanks to all the local bushfire brigade volunteers who fought the fire on our hill over the weekend of 5-6 January. Owing to your expertise and swift action, our farm escaped damage to stock or property. Your work was much appreciated.
The Parslow and Maley families.

Rankin’s Springs Australia Day – Brekky in the Park
There were around 70 people who shared the wonderfully cooked breakfast on Saturday 26th January, 2013. This note is to mention a few things the Progress Secretary forgot to say as she had left notes at home due to sleeping in!! (Sorry!) I’ll start with thanking again Elise Walker (Hillston Show Girl 2012/13) who shared her passion for women in Agriculture and Claire Walker (Griffith Show Girl 2012/13) who shared her job as an Agri Business Manager for CBA – with both girls also sharing their Show Girls experiences. Good luck to the both of you. Next those who were generous with donations towards the breakfast – whether that be $$$ or products – thank you.
Also to the Judges who had a tough time deciding on our local Australia Day Community Person/Group/Sports Award – kindly donating their time to come into the Springs to do this – thanks. Also to Mid State Trading for their continued support to the community and donation of the Perpetual Trophy – thank you. For those that couldn’t be with us the Nominees were Cody Parsons for his success with his sport, Michelle Apps for her support in the many organisations in the town and Andy O’Keefe whose dedication to the Golf Club is surely unsurpassed. They are all to be congratulated and we are proud to have you in our Village. However there is only one winner and this year well done to Michelle Apps!! To all those that chipped in setting up and cleaning up thanks sooooo much, it is always a big job to put something like this on. Lastly I was going to mention the many comments I have had regarding the decision to reclassify our town to a Village due to the decrease in our numbers. There has been varied comment, but can I just say if we had taken a photo of all those who supported Australia Day and our community I think we could nearly be called a city!!!! We are great in spirit, if not numbers. I think other towns would be hard pressed to have had the support we did. Thank you everyone and have a great 2013!
Thank you everyone and have a great 2013!
While I have your attention a reminder that the next Progress Meeting is on Monday 25th February, 2013 from 7.30pm at the hall. Birds of the Bush is the next night on Wednesday 6th March, 2013 from 7.30pm too – hope we see you there.

Local nominees: Cody Parsons (Sport), Michelle Apps (Community - Winner) and Andy O’Keefe (Community)

Our own locally chosen Ambassadors for the day: Elise Walker (Hillston Show Girl) Michelle Apps (Award Winner) Claire Walker (Griffith Show Girl)
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
SUN MARCH 3RD. Register at ALLAN JAMES PARK FROM 10:30AM on the day. Please wear sensible shoes, a hat, a water bottle & gloves. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THIS COMMUNITY EVENT.
We will have a BYO EQ / picnic in the park after if you would like to stay. See posters around town-MEL 0488 428 940

Junior Tennis
Hi everyone, hope your hols were great and you’re all looking forward to a great 2013!? We won’t be starting tennis until Friday 1st March, 2013. Not sure what time, let you know closer to the day. We had a lovely 2012 breakup with parents and kids. Good luck to Laandi and Lilly Mac – who are heading off to High School. Thanks everyone for my lovely Eclipse voucher and look forward to another wonderful year with you all.
Any probs talk to me, otherwise see you in March.
Andrea

Hillston Swans JUNIOR Registrations
When: Wednesday 13th of February, 2013
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Where: Hillston Lions Park
Registration is for all Junior players, even those that may play in senior grades. If you are under 18 you are classified as a junior player. There will be a free sausage sizzle running for all REGISTERED players. If you are unable to attend, please send an email to hillstonswans@gmail.com, and a registration form can be forwarded to you.

Owen Maley – Most Knowledgeable
Brooke Anderson – Allan James Sportsmanship Award
Lynette O’Rielly – Most Improved
Distance delivery means that you can study from home and not have to attend classes.

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