

# Newsletter



## Chittaway Bay Public School



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### SCHOOL, HOME & COMMUNITY – PARTNERS IN LEARNING

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1 – 2016 – WEEK 10

March 29 – April 8 K-4 Intensive Swimming - \$70  
Mon 4 April All money for Term 2 activities due to school  
Fri 8 April Last day of Term  
  
Tues 26 April Staff return  
Wed 27 April Students return  
Thurs 28 April Sport in School commences \$10  
16 – 24 May Life Education \$8.50  
Thurs 26 May Athletics Carnival \$6.50

#### NO K-2 ASSEMBLY DUE TO SWIMMING

#### P&C EASTER RAFFLE

Prize winners were: Stewart Diamond, Maria Wilder, Blake Ryczak, Lochy Smith and lots of smaller prizes.

#### EASTER HAT PARADE

Firstly, I hope that everyone had a safe and restful long weekend. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in the hat parade this year and so the staff would like to say a big thank-you to all the parents, grandparents, guardians and friends, who helped make the hats and posters for all our students. Also, a huge thank-you to all those people who generously donated eggs and chocolates for our raffle, which allowed the P & C to give away so many prizes.

While I'm on the thank-you brigade, a big thanks to Ms De Henau, who organised the parade and carried on magnificently, even when the music failed.

#### END OF TERM PAYMENTS

The time for full payment of a variety of activities/uniforms is drawing close. Payment is now due for the Life Education Van, the Athletics Carnival, The Sport in Schools activities, Year 6 shirts, Senior Jackets and Intensive Swimming. Please pay by the 4<sup>th</sup> April, so that we can close down our current school bank accounts in readiness for the installation of LMBR. Many families have already paid for these activities, which is extremely encouraging and for that we are very grateful, but we need all these payments to be completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you are experiencing any difficulty please contact the front office for assistance.

#### HEADLICE SEASON

The weather is now changing, and this brings with it the infestation of head lice. Parents/guardians need to check their children's hair every day and treat when necessary, for the benefit of all students. Thanks everyone for your co-operation.

#### VARIATION IN SCHOOL ROUTINES

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Focus on Reading training for all the Stage 2 teachers from 2.00pm till 5.00pm.  
Mrs O'Sullivan is being trained to upskill the staff in ICT 4.00 – 5.00pm.  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – I am at LMBR training.  
Brett Marchant from the High School will be coming down to speak to Yr 6 students about High School.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Jo and Melanie are at LMBR training and Lyn will be manning the office alone, so please be patient.  
Roosters visit – Stage 2 and 3 1.55-2.55pm.

#### THE SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Last week families would have received a brochure about this program, which is due to begin on Week 1 of next term. The program is going to be very beneficial to all students, as it develops both sporting and social skills. The program features innovative resources which, we are sure, will engage and motivate all students. All programs are linked to the K-6 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus and are designed to create an interactive team building and co-operative learning environment.

The program will operate every Thursday of Term 2.

#### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I would really like to thank all those parents who have responded to our parent survey. As we rely on parent/guardian feedback to either keep or change current practices, I would urge any parents/guardians who would still like to fill out the survey to do so, as all your input will be taken into account.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I thought the interviews were worthwhile Yes ☐ No ☐

It was easy to find a time that the teacher and I were both available Yes ☐ No ☐

I was able to access information about my child's academic progress Yes ☐ No ☐

The teacher was able to assist me to help my child at home Yes ☐ No ☐

I was able to spend time discussing my child's needs Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you attend the interviews again? Yes ☐ No ☐

Any further comments \_\_\_\_\_

### HELPFUL HINTS TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Firstly, reading. It is important that parents/guardians read regularly at home, so that reading is seen as an important skill to learn. It doesn't matter if it is the newspaper, a magazine, a novel, instructions on how to make something or information found on the computer. Parents/guardians can be the best role models for children and a great motivator for students to learn to read.

Secondly, listening skills. Students are required to listen at school, in order to complete tasks accurately. As parents/guardians you can improve listening skills by requiring your children to complete everyday tasks accurately e.g. if you ask your child to get their red jumper and they bring back their green one and you say, "Okay, that will do" you are encouraging your child that close enough is good enough and then that mind-set carries over to their school work. Parents/guardians can improve and consolidate listening skills, just by expecting children to accurately follow their instructions.

Thirdly, household chores/jobs. Parents/guardians often have household chores/jobs for their children e.g. picking up their towels, putting their dirty clothes in the laundry. Frequently, I hear parents say, "It is easier just to do it myself." It probably is, but you are not doing your children any favours by doing this. In fact, you are teaching them if they avoid the job or do it badly, then someone else will do it for them. Expecting children to complete their chores/jobs properly will assist them to complete tasks at school quickly and accurately.

### YEAR 6 FORMS

Three weeks ago, we sent home forms to all Year 6 students about their transition to High School. We need those forms back now. It doesn't matter if students plan to attend a private high school or a Catholic high school next year, those forms still need to be returned, as we need to account for every Year 6 student in our school. If parents have misplaced these forms, please contact the office immediately to get another one so that the school can send these forms away.

### STAFF CAR PARK

Please do not drop off or pick up in the drive way of the staff car park. Our Support Unit busses need clear access in the mornings and afternoons.

There may be a fine if the rangers see you blocking a driveway.

### SCHOOL EXEMPTIONS/HOLIDAYS

If you are thinking of going on holidays during the school term, The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has introduced procedures for registering 'Exemption from School' requests.

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School Procedures. Travel outside of school holiday periods needs a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel available from the school. While on vacations, parents may be asked to produce this certificate to ensure a child's leave-from-school has been authorised.

A Principal should accept a reason for travel during school term if it is in the best interests of the student, such as educational, social and participation reasons. This also includes family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

On accepting a parent's application, a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel must be issued. This certificate is provided to the parent. A Principal may decline to accept a parent's Application for a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel and then the parent will be advised in writing.

Travel outside of the vacation period will count as an absence on your child's school report.

### 5 CENT CHALLENGE

From Monday 14th March until Monday 4th April, the P&C will be holding a 5 cents roundup challenge to raise funds for our school.

We are asking all students (with parents/guardians permission) to start collecting and bringing in any 5-cent coins they find lying around at home. They could look in the lounge, in the car, in their room and could also ask family and friends to help.

The class with the most coins at the end of the challenge will be announced the winner and each student in that class will receive a prize. Happy hunting!

### CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1– Week 10

Wed 30.3: Karen Donnelly, S Reynolds, K Leha  
Thurs 31.3: Karen Donnelly, W Hawkins, M Mahony  
Fri 1.4: Karen Donnelly, W Hawkins, M Mahony

Mon 4.4: CLOSED  
Tues 5.4: Karen Donnelly, N McCarroll, T Daly

Please phone Karen Donnelly on 4388 4006 or the Canteen on 43885950

Closed in shoes must be worn at all times in the canteen. Thongs and sandals are not allowed due to Health and Safety rules.

### THE UNIFORM SHOP

Open Fridays at 8.45 – 9.30am (school term only)

In the community room – Lay-bys available

Orders and money, marked "Uniform Shop" may be placed in the box in the Office. These orders will only be filled on the Friday of that week. Complaint / suggestion slips should also be placed in the box.

Girls may not wear shorts as uniform.

Our uniform is black shoes, no coloured laces etc, please!

### CAMP AUSTRALIA – Before and After School Care

Coordinator – Jess Farrugia Mobile – 0411 298 352

| Program     | Times         | Full Fee | Final Costs after Government Subsidy |
|-------------|---------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Before Care | 6.30am-8.30am | \$15.19  | \$4.20 - \$7.60                      |
| After Care  | 3.00pm-6.00pm | \$25.94  | \$7.88 - \$12.97                     |

Most families are entitled to between 50% and 85% subsidy

Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

Jo-Anne Whitelaw

Piano – Keyboard Teacher 0411388669

The lessons cost \$18 per lesson, with a small discount for siblings, and run for 45 mins per lesson.

Keyboards will be provided for the lessons, and there will be a fee for the books used in the lessons.

If you are interested in your child taking part in these lessons, please fill out the permission slip below and return to the schools office.

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

Piano/Keyboard Lessons

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Heard about Mad Cow Drama?



Our drama classes enhance confidence, focus, and creativity through enjoyable exercises and specifically designed games. For 5 to 18 years old from beginners to advanced. Thought provoking games and laughter punctuate the learning process. Caring, knowledgeable tutors guide the journey. We have no peer.

**ACT NOW!**

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A LOCATION NEAR YOU

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**JUDO CLASSES IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**THURSDAYS during Term**

**3.30-4.15pm: Recreational Kids 5-8yrs**

**4.30-5.30pm: Recreational Kids 8-11yrs**

**5.30-6.30pm: Recreational Kids 11-14yrs**

**6.30-7.30pm: Experienced Kids 8-14yrs**

**7.30-8.30pm: Adults & Parents**

**Facebook: judocentralcoast Shane: 0410 044 205**

**\$10.00 per class OR \$90.00 per term**

**BERKELEY VALE NETBALL CLUB**

Looking for players for following teams.

7/8 years, 9 years, Div 7/8

Please phone Sandy on 0403 495 998 if you are interested.



A huge selection of both tyres and wheels for your car.

Why not visit an octopuses' garden this school holidays!

'Free' ROCK POOL RAMBLES by Ocean & Coastal Care Initiatives

Come and explore the rock pools with OCCI's expert guides and learn about the fascinating creatures who live there.

Limited numbers,

Bookings essential. Walks are most suited to ages 5 years to adult.

Dates:

|          |            |          |    |                 |
|----------|------------|----------|----|-----------------|
| Saturday | 9th April  | 2.45 pm  | at | Terrigal Haven  |
| Saturday | 9th April  | 2.45 pm  | at | Copacabana      |
| Monday   | 18th April | 11.00 am | at | Umina Beach Sth |
| Sunday   | 24th April | 2.30 pm  | at | Terrigal Haven  |

Bookings are essential

To book, please phone OCCI on 0450 990 995

Proudly supported by Gosford City Council



## NSW VARIETY BASH

Steven and Natalie Travis are entering this year's NSW Variety Bash to help raise funds for this worthwhile charity, helping Aussie kids be kids.

Please help them by making a tax deductible donation to Variety, the children's charity supporting car 54 in the NSW Newcastle Variety bash.

Or go to the link below and follow the prompts.

[2016nswbash.everydayhero.com/au/steven](http://2016nswbash.everydayhero.com/au/steven)

We are also looking for corporate sponsorship to help with our fund raising efforts, in return they will receive promotional signage on the vehicle and positive promotion through social media. If you or someone you know can help, please let us know.

Our target is to raise at least \$4000

For further details and enquiries please call Steve on 0409 454 134



# School holiday events @ your local library

As always your local library is on hand with a number of affordable and educational events sure to burn energy and keep the kids entertained.

**Charlie Truscott's  
'Hula Hoops and Handstands'**  
Tuesday 12 April, 11am-12pm at The  
Entrance Community Centre.  
Ages 3-5. Cost: library members: \$3, non-  
library members: \$6. Bookings: 4350 1576.  
Directly following the event The  
Benevolent Society  
will be providing a free lunch as well as  
face painting until 1pm.

**Rap, Rhyme, and Rocking Poetry Workshop Show**  
Monday 11th April, 11am-12pm at The Entrance Community Centre.  
Aimed at primary school aged children.  
Cost: library members: \$3, non-library members: \$6.

**Bob Turner Wildlife Show**  
Tuesday 13 April, 10am-12pm at The Entrance Community Centre.  
Ages 4-12. Cost: library members: \$3, non-library members: \$6.

**Lionel Robinson's Spotty Bear's Amazing Journey**  
Wednesday 20 April, 11am-12pm at Lake Haven Library  
Ages 3-8. Cost: library members: \$3, non-library members: \$6.

**Game Training Roadshow - Video Game Creation**  
Free Introductory Session: Monday 18 April, 10-11am  
Main Event: Wednesday 20 April, 10am-12pm - cost \$45  
Both sessions will be held at The Berkeley Centre,  
1-3 Heather Avenue, Glenning Valley. Ages 4-12.

**Spooky Stories and Craft**  
Wednesday 20 April, 11am-12pm at Bateau Bay Library.  
Aimed at ages 4-8 ages. Cost: \$2 per person.

**Card Making Workshop**  
Friday 22 April, 10am at Lake Haven Library  
All ages. Cost: \$3 per person.



Spaces are limited at these sought after events!  
Reserve a place by calling 4350 1570 or  
at any Wyong Shire Council Library branch.



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## Go4Fun

**DON'T MISS OUT! REGISTER FOR ANY TERM!**  
Registrations for Term 2 - 2016 are now open. Place your  
name on the waitlist to reserve your place on future terms.  
Get in early and tell us your preferred date and time.

**FREE** fun program for kids to become  
fitter, healthier & happier

Help your 7-13 year old  
child get healthy, active &  
happy with Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a 10 week healthy lifestyle program  
to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and  
confidence in children above a healthy  
weight. The program consists of games,  
activities, tips on healthy food, label reading  
and portion sizes plus much more!

### TERM 2 2016

26/4/2016 - 1/7/2016

Go4Fun programs will be held at:

Gosford Olympic Pool

Saturdays

1.30pm-3.30pm

Start Date: 30/4/16

End Date: 25/6/16

Mingara Recreation Club

Saturdays

1.30pm-3.30pm

Start Date: 30/4/16

End Date: 25/6/16

Peninsula Leisure Centre

Tuesdays

4pm-6pm

Start Date: 26/4/16

End Date: 28/6/16

Toukley Aquatic Centre

Thursdays

4pm-6pm

Start Date: 28/4/16

End Date: 30/6/16

Go4Fun | FREE CALL 1800 780 900 | [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)

## FUN kids HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

April 2016



|  | AGE+ COST  | DATE+ LOCATION  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>ARCHERY INDOOR</b> - Get on target & challenge the kids with this great Olympic sport. 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm. If program fills, another date may become available for those waitlisted depending on numbers.   | 8-15 years<br>\$20   | 12 April, Gosford   |
| <b>CANOEING/KAYAKING</b> - Experienced guides will ensure safety is the number one priority, followed closely by lots of fun. Participants must be able to swim 50 metres. 10am-12:30pm  | 10-16 years<br>\$33  | 18 April, Avoca Lagoon  |
| <b>CIRCUS SKILLS</b> - Clown around! This action-packed workshop and, try riding a mini clown bike, spin a plate on a stick, use a flower stick, have a juggling lesson, walk the slackline, and more! Learn to make your own balloon animal or flower to take home. 10am-1pm (3 hours).   | 6-12 years<br>\$43   | 15 April, Niagara Park  |
| <b>CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP</b> - Aerial skills are great fun and in this workshop you will get to have a go on the aerial hoop, the static trapeze and the silks. All participants will need to arrive on time to join in a warm-up and basic tumbling skills before participating in the aerial skills. 10am-11:30am (1.5 hours).  | 8-16 years<br>\$34   | 15 April, Niagara Park  |
| <b>GYMNASTICS INTRODUCTION</b> - 2 day program. This introductory program includes basic fundamental movement and gymnastic skills will be taught which would include specific apparatus safety in a fun and friendly environment with accredited coaches. 12pm-2pm both days (4 hours in total)   | 5-12 years<br>\$30   | 11 and 12 April, Berkeley Vale  |
| <b>PARKOUR</b> - Parkour is a non competitive physical discipline of training to move freely over and through any terrain/surface using only the ability of the body principally running, jumping, climbing improving attributes required for movement which include functional strength, fitness, balance, spatial awareness, agility, co-ordination, precision, control and creative vision. When booking, please advise your child's experience (if any) with Parkour. 3-5pm (2 hour program in total)  | 7-13 years<br>\$20   | 11 April or 18 April, Berkeley Vale   |
| <b>STAND UP PADDLE</b> - It's fun and easier than you think. Within just one lesson, we will have you up and paddling. This program is jam-packed with useful tips and techniques so you quickly gain skill and confidence. 10:30am-12:30pm  | 11-16 years<br>\$33  | 19 April, Avoca Lagoon  |
| <b>SURFING</b> - Learn to surf with Central Coast Surf School in a fun, safe environment with professional experienced instructors. Soft surfboards, wetsuits, rash vests and sunscreen are supplied. You'll be stoked with your progress in our 3-day program. (4.5 hours in total).  | 7-16 years<br>\$95   | 13, 14 & 15 April and 20, 21 & 22 April at Umina or Avoca Beaches (times vary at both beaches, please check on booking) |
| <b>TENNIS WYONG</b> - 3 day program. This clinic caters for all levels. It covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, technique and rules of the game. Play games, mini-tournament and a small party on the last day. 9am-11:30am (7.5 hours in total) & includes a small party on the last day.  | 5-16 years<br>\$67 (third sibling free)                                | 11, 12 and 13 April, Wyong  |
| <b>TENNIS GOSFORD</b> - This great value clinic for 5 to 16 year olds is run by experienced coaches from Gosford Tennis Centre and caters for all levels. It doesn't matter whether you have never played or if you want to improve your skills. This clinic covers all aspects of the game including court etiquette, the different shots (forehand, backhand, volleying etc) and learning the rules, matchplay and scoring. Lunch is included each day. If torrential rain or extreme heat (38 degrees & above) is predicted, the program will go ahead, however, we will do our best to contact clients beforehand to see if they would like to still attend on that day of the extreme weather event. If not, a partial refund may be offered. 9am-3pm (13-15 April - 18 hours in total for 3 day program or 21-22 April - 12 hours in total for 2 day program). | 5-16 years<br>\$130 (3 day 13-15 April)<br>Or \$90 (2 day 21-22 April) | 13, 14 & 15 April or 21 & 22 April, Gosford Tennis Centre   |



Office of Sport  
Sport & Recreation

All program fees include GST. For bookings and more information on each program, please phone 4362 3184, 13 13 02 or see [www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au)