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21st May 2024 - Week 4 Term 2

Dear Families,

# **Cross Country**

Congratulations to everyone who attended the school cross country last Wednesday, it was certainly an enjoyable day. Good luck to the placegetters who will be travelling off to the Zone Cross Country Carnival next Friday at Corndale. I wish you the best.

#### **School Attendance**

A huge congratulations to all the families who are focusing on attendance and sending their children to school each day. Our whole school attendance percentage has significantly increased, and we have seen a strong increase in the number of students who are either lifting their personal attendance rate or attending school 90% of the time or more. A very big congratulations to the students in years 3-6 as their attendance has improved overall by 17%. This tells me that our children enjoy coming to school and they are engaged in learning.

# Winter Uniform

We have a lot of lost property here at school. Jumpers, hoodies, trackpants and other clothing items that have been found lying in the playground without a name will be placed in the lost property area in 5/6 Amber. I encourage students to look for their lost property and claim it before it is donated to charity at the end of term. Please ensure that your child's clothing is labelled so that it can be returned.

# **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### K-6 Assembly

Our next K-6 Assembly will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May in the school Hall. All Bronze and Silver awards will need to be handed to the office by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Canteen News**

As of week 5, the canteen menu prices will increase slightly. This is due to our food suppliers increasing their prices on their products. The canteen has absorbed these price increases for several years now and we just cannot do this any longer. A Spriggy Menu update will occur, and we will include a menu with next week's newsletter indicating these new prices.

Warren Rhijaan, Relieving Principal





# Our School's National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week events

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am National Sorry Day Assembly - all welcome to attend

Due to unforeseen events, the Reconciliation Sports Afternoon will be postponed

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# **Cross Country Round Up 2024**

The results are in, and we are pleased to announce the place getters for the 2024 Annual Cross Country Carnival. It was a great day with some great competition. The winning HOUSE will be announced at the next K-6 Assembly.



AGE GROUP	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4th Place
5 years GIRLS	Jewlna			
5 years BOYS	Saint	Matthew	Kai	Bjorn
6 years GIRLS	Kayla	Xanthia	Emiah	Willow
6 years BOYS	Tyler	Khylan	Xander	Mason
7 years GIRLS	Kylana	Lizzie	Miah	Mila
7 years BOYS	Jakob	Ethan	Tyler	Jezzakai
8/9 years GIRLS	Amelia	Charli	Holly	Emily
8/9 years BOYS	Liam S	Jacob	Ruban	Jackson
10 years GIRLS	Kyarliah	Alice	Pheobe	Kayleera
10 years BOYS	Ehli	Liam NP	Cooper	Jeron
11 years GIRLS	Latayah	Charli	Nunnggarlla	
11 years BOYS	Jarai	Otis	Kean	Latrell
12 years GIRLS	Janessa	Eva	Charlette	Kyah
12 years BOYS	Aron	Cooper	Arman	William

Congratulations to the students who received an invitation to compete at the PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival at **Corndale Public School - 647 Corndale Road, Corndale NSW 2480**.

Travel to the venue is by PRIVATE TRANSPORT. If you require assistance, please contact the school or Ms Flanagan as she is the TEAM Manager for this event.

Please return all notes and money ASAP to the Front Office. Additional Reserves will be notified when a student has indicated that they will not be participating. Parking information and a menu will be sent home in the forthcoming weeks. Miss Crealy





# **Aboriginal Education Meeting**

A friendly reminder that this Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 3:30pm is set down for our next Aboriginal Education Meeting to be held in the school library. We will be planning our upcoming celebration days.

# **GPS Sports News** – by Mr Holmes

# **Zone Sport Trials:**

Term 2 will see students from Stage 3 being able to try out at Zone Sports Trials for a number of sports.



Coming up in the next few weeks we have:

- Touch Football- (Girls & Boys Teams to be selected) Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>
   May, Evans Head
- Netball-5<sup>th</sup> June, Lismore



Permission notes have been handed out. They need to be returned to the school office ASAP for payment and to be signed by the school. These Zone Trials are for students who are very talented in these chosen sports as there will be lots of students competing for positions.

# **Sporting Photos:**

This term, I would like to highlight the students in our school who play different sports after school or on the weekends. Each week in the newsletter, I would like to put in some photos of students in their sporting uniform with a short blurb about the sport/club they play for. You can send these through to me at <a href="mailto:jason.holmes13@det.nsw.edu.au">jason.holmes13@det.nsw.edu.au</a>

# This week: Netball







Lismore Bundjalarms Bil Bils is our Under 10 Netball team. We have lots of students in this team!

The girls and Ethan are all brand new to netball and have already managed to win 2 games. They are loving learning the sport and spend the whole time running around with smiles on their faces. Alice was the Player of the Week. (I know Mrs Yates and Uncle Ajay do a lot of coaching each Saturday).

We also have a photo of Kenzie. She is playing Goal Defence for her team the 'Phoenix Heat' with the Phoenix Netball Club. Looks like lots of our students are having lots of fun each Saturday morning down at the courts!

# Leadership:

I want to congratulate <u>ALL</u> students who ran, walked, skipped and dressed up for our school Cross Country. We saw some terrific races and performances on the day. I saw lots of students pushing themselves even when they were tired. <u>Resilience</u> on display! A big shout out to our 6 house captains for Cross Country, Liam, Mereiana, Alysha, Izack, Oliver and Bella. Leadership is not about a badge. It's about your actions. Your help on the day was appreciated and your encouragement of students was noticed. Great work by all of you!

# Sportsmanship:

We encourage all students to show great sportsmanship both in class and on the playground. I would encourage all parents/carers to discuss what good sportsmanship looks like and sounds like. Our staff has been giving students lots of reminders recently

about this. Sometimes students (and adults) forget that it is '**JUST A GAME**'. Whether it be handball, skipping, basketball, soccer, touch football or any other activity it shouldn't matter.





















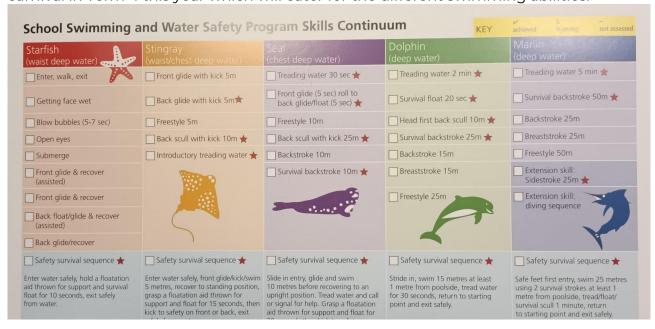






# **School Swimming Program:**

Last Term, Years 2-6 completed the 9-day 'Swimming & Water Safety Program'. Certificates will be handed out in class this week for students to take home. All students were assessed by qualified instructors over the 9 days. I would like to draw your attention to the back of the certificate. This will tell you how far they swam and what skills your child displayed. We saw a major improvement in everyone's confidence, but some students would certainly benefit from more instruction. There are many programs that are being run locally through the cooler months if you would like your child to continue to build on their confidence in the water. **It can save lives!** Our aim is to hold a swimming carnival in Term 4 this year which will cater for the different swimming abilities.



# Attendance News Week 3 This week's Most Improved Attenders

Congratulations to our most improved attenders from each class this week Joseph, Preston, Miah, Ethan, Jaxyn, Leo, Lohki, Celia, Grant, Ayla, Javaris.



### 100% Attendance this term.

There are 121 students who have 100% attendance. Congratulations to Kayla, Jeri, Ethan, Liam, Liam and Grace.

### **Amazing Race Update**

Congratulations to Blue and Jade who are leading the Primary and Infants Amazing Race.

Remember to be at school on time everyday, to get a ticket in the draw. Everyday counts!'