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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

**Dance2bfit**

Dance2bfit commences next term on Thursdays. All students have an option to attend this program. Please complete and sign the separate permission note and return it with payment by Wednesday, 1st May. The cost of this program is $26 and it runs for 9 weeks.

A reminder from a previous newsletter about Dance2bfit:

"Dance2bfit is an energetic, innovative and fun way to get fit and funky with the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the Personal Development/ Health/ Physical education syllabus where students have fun learning a new dance each class."

**Stage 3 Debating**

Staff and students from stage 3 have been involved in workshops on debating. Hopefully, there will be another chance to learn and practise debating before the end of term. Debating allows the development of a number of skills and involves analytic thinking, collaboration and persuasive argument. It is exciting to give students this opportunity and I thank Mrs Gardner, Mr Williams, Ms Sigsworth and Mrs Fletcher for enabling debating to happen at this school.

**Stage 3 Myuna Bay Camp**

A reminder to parents and carers of Years 5 and 6 to return the notes and payments for the camp to Myuna Bay. A commitment needs to be made before the end of the term to allow planning to be finalised.

Have a good week.

*Mrs Julie Ashby*

**Principal**

DEFENCE NEWS

**Defence School Photo**

If you are wanting to purchase the group photo of the defence students (taken on the day of school photos) please contact me first as not all defence students were present when this photo was taken.

**ANZAC Day Care Packages**

This week I will be collecting items to send to deployed personnel in Afghanistan and East Timor (plus the EDD dogs). Please leave your donations at the front office. Items that can be sent include: old magazines, novels and DVDs, coffee and tea bags, lollies (not chocolate), biscuits, small deodorants (roll-on), soap, hand cream, very small packets of dog treats or biscuits, small dog toys or balls and other non-perishable items. Whatever items I receive by Friday 9th April I will send overseas. Thanks very much for your support.

*Mrs Copeland – DSTA*

BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be **NO BREAKFAST CLUB IN WEEK 10 OR 11.** Thank you to our parent helpers for their valuable contributions to breakfast club so far! We still need extra helpers so if you would like to be involved for one hour one morning a week please contact our student welfare worker Merryn Corbyn by emailing merryn.corbyn@det.nsw.edu.au

Please note that I am available Wednesday & Thursday during school terms.

*Merryn Corbyn - Student Welfare Worker*
LIBRARY NEWS
Well done to all students who have established a regular borrowing pattern this term. Many have taken advantage of before school borrowing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
Our Superhero Readers for Term 1 are:
- ES1 Zac Richter
- Stage 1 Hayden Musson
- Stage 2 Tayia Hollingsworth
- Stage 3 Grace Hutchinson
- K-6 Support Fraser Jennings
Don’t forget the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Drop into the library for details.
A reminder that families are now able to borrow books for pre-schoolers at home.
Mrs Clifton

CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN FUNDRAISER
Congratulations to all students who competed in our Cross Country last Wednesday, 27th March. In very hot conditions you all did very well to complete the course.
It is now time to start collecting money from your sponsors. Please place all sponsorship cards and money in the money box located in the school office foyer by Friday, 10th May, 2013.

ICAS COMPETITIONS – LAST DAYS TO ENTER!
University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing will once again be available for students in Years 3-6.
If you would like your child to participate in all or any of these tests please complete the entrance form (available from the office) and place it in the school money box located in the school office by Wednesday, 1st May.
For more details go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about
Mrs Clifton

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS for 2014
(for academically gifted children)
INFORMATION EVENING
At 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 9th April 2013 at Illaroo Road Public School
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014
For students who are in Year 4 in 2013.
Contact Bob Lowe, Deputy Principal
Ph: 4421 0422 for more information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The following group photos were taken by the school photographers on school photo day:
- Band Members, Aboriginal Students, Defence Students
These photos may be purchased at a cost of $12 per photo.
Contact MSP Photography directly on Ph: 4261 3009

SCHOOL BANKING
REMINDER! School Banking is on Wednesdays, don’t forget to put your bank books in the box located at the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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