Dear Families,

Thank you to the parents, particularly new Kindergarten parents who attended our first P&C meeting last Wednesday. We thank you for enthusiasm, support and interest in working together for our children, school priorities and future plans.

This Friday is our P&C Welcome Back BBQ. It promises to be a great evening of fun, catching up and forming new friendships. The Social committee have worked hard to organise a wonderful night so come along and enjoy. Delicious sausages, free jumping castles, lucky dips; to mention just a few of the activities. We start at 5.00pm with the CPPS staff being introduced to the community at 5.10pm.

Included in this newsletter is a brief outline of the activities and social events the P&C have planned for 2013. It is terrific overview for families both old and new to inform them of our plans which directly benefits our children.

The P&C also raise funds through sponsorship. If you know of any businesses or know anyone with a business that may be interested in sponsoring CPPS please ask them to contact hollienapper@internode.on.net or Melissa on melissapolito@hotmail.com for a copy of the sponsorship options.

Meet the Teacher Evening is this evening in your child/ren’s classroom. We look forward to sharing information on the routines and learning programs at CPPS.

Unit Lunch orders are coming in, don’t miss out on ordering your child/ren’s special lunch. Ordering closes on Wednesday 27th February. You can order online or by hard copy.

Congratulations to Lee Melbourne who broke a swimming record in the 9 years 50 meters Freestyle at our CCPS Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations also to our Robotops who will be competing in the National Championship of the First Lego League Challenge this Sunday at Macquarie University. Well done and good luck.

Year 6 parents are receiving a great deal of information regarding Open Days/Evenings for our local High Schools and the opportunity to sit for Extension Tests. The Peninsular Community of Schools (PCS) Extension test has been timetabled for 12th March. Year 6 teachers have application forms. Open Days for Pittwater HS -5th March, Narrabeen Sports HS – 6th March and Barrenjoey HS -11th March. Times to be confirmed.

Today, the youngest in the family would have received a Stewart House Clothing Bag. If you have some clothes you are no longer using we would appreciate you giving these to Stewart House, who rely on the students in NSW schools to raise funds to support their programs. Bags can be left in the CAPA Hall ready for collection no later than Monday, 25th February.

Looking forward to seeing you at the BBQ

Suzanne Trisic, Principal
Email: suzanne.trisic@det.nsw.edu.au
From the Deputy

What is Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners (PBEL)?
PBEL establishes the link between research-validated behavioural practices, and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs. It improves outcomes for all learners by putting in place sustainable school-wide, classroom and individual systems of support.

PBEL provides a proactive school-wide system of support for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviours.

The result of PBEL is a positive school environment in which learning and student engagement is enhanced through increased teaching time and consistent expectations of behaviour.

At Collaroy Plateau Public School we have three expectations which underpin all that we do:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Personal Best.

Our K-6 Award system reinforces these three expectations and you will see and hear many references to these around the school. Over the coming weeks teachers will be teaching expected behaviours for each playground area to ensure all students are aware of appropriate games.

Jane Williams
Deputy Principal

Canteen

Term 1, 2013
SHIFT TIMES: AM help: 9.30 – 11.30 PM help: 11.30-1.45
Please contact Teena if you have any questions or the date/time does not suit.
Mob: 0406612301 Email: renteena@hn.ozemail.com.au

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Uniform Shop

Please Note: New Shop Open Times / Days: Tues: 8:45 – 9:15am & Thurs 8:45 – 9:15am.
The Uniform Shop is manned totally by volunteers…parents we need your help!

NB: Our online service through Flexischools is available via link on the school website & WE DO SELL 2nd hand uniform.

Volunteer Staff Roster:

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*ALSO -NOW SEEKING MEMBERS FOR THE NEW UNIFORM SHOP COMMITTEE*
(Please contact us at: cppsuniform@gmail.com)

Sport

PSSA Results

JNR Cricket  won 83-45
Pittwater Tag A  loss 1-3
B loss 0-6

Girls T-Ball A  draw 3-3
B  draw 7-7

Boys Softball A  loss 1-12
B  loss 1-10

AFL
Both teams had a great first week. The children played a friendly match against Wheeler Heights and enjoyed learning many new skills.
Miss Bouveng
(AFL Coach in training)

2013 Kindy Mum’s Night Out – Meet & Greet
Dee Why HOTEL – The Grand
7.30pm
Friday 15th March, 2013
Annex Area – Southern side of Pub
(off Sturdy Pde)

No RSVP – Simple turn up for either:
A Meal, Drinks, Dance or all three……

Note: It’s 2 for 1 meal night so bring along those
   Shopper Dockets/Vouchers
COME JOIN CUB SCOUTS  
BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 7½ TO 10 YEARS  

NOW RECRUITING FOR NEW CUB PACK  
1ST NIGHT – TUESDAY 5TH MARCH  
6.30 TO 8.00 PM  
😊 1st Month Free  

There is no better way for children to learn:  
✅ Bush Skills  
✅ Leadership Skills  
✅ Life Skills  

Contact Details: Linda 9971 0939 or Neville 0427 22 96 92  
Hall Location: Lot 1, off Kent Street, Collaroy  

HALL  
Hendy Ave.  
Ocean Grove  
KENT St.  
PITT WATER Rd.  

THIS WEEK!  
welcome back barbecue  
5-7pm Friday 22 February 2013  

FREE sausage sandwich for everyone plus 2 FREE jumping castles (junior & senior)  
Pony rides $5 for 1 or $12 for 3  • Show bags $6  • Face painting $1  • Tattoos $1  
Lucky dips $2 or 3 for $5  • Raffle tickets $2 for 1 or $5 for 3  • Coloured hair spray $1  
Ice blocks, Ice creams & Poppers  • Water $1.50  • Soft drinks $1.50
Make the most of this school year

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

- **Consult with your child’s teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

- **Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

- **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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Collaroy Plateau Public School Class Parents 2013

Every year we ask for volunteers to act as Class Parents. We are asking for two or more parents to act in this role for each class in 2013. The types of activities that you may be involved in as a Class Parent would include:

- the typing of a class contact list that provides the names and contact numbers for all of the students in your class. These lists are a wonderful resource when it comes to organising play dates and parties;
- acting as a communicator on behalf of the P&C, to parents in the class. For example to ensure parents are aware of upcoming events like the Welcome Back BBQ, Mother’s Day Stall, P&C Social events;
- arranging and coordinating volunteers for fundraising events, eg. Mother’s Day Stall;
- organising social events for parents and/ or families in the class. For example, you may choose to arrange a class picnic or activity, or a dinner at a local restaurant. Given everyone’s hectic lifestyles it is reasonable to aim for one or two events per year.

It would be great if Class Parents could attend the regular P&C meetings to provide feedback to the P&C and the school from other parents in the class, although this is not compulsory. Alternatively this feedback can also be provided to the P&C President or via any other member of the P&C.

Being a Class Parent is also a great way to meet the other families and participate in your child’s school life.

If you feel that this is something you would like to be involved in please let your class teacher know. A class contact distribution list will be available in each classroom on Parent Teacher Evening to complete. Alternatively fill in and detach the slip below if you know you are unable to attend Parent Teacher Evening. This contact information will only be used to assist the communication between teachers, the P&C and parents of the class. Thank you for your willingness to get involved.

☐ Yes I would like to be a Class Parent. My details are below.

☐ No I am unable to be a class parent but would like my details included for distribution on the class list.

Class: ................ Teacher: .................................................................

Child’s Name: .................................................................

Parent’s Names: .................................................................

Home Phone: ................................................................. Mobile: .................................................................

Email: ...........................................................................

Please return reply to CLASS TEACHER
Welcome to CPPS

This flyer is written to provide some insight into the fundraising, social and giving aspects of the school and P&C.

Fundraising at CPPS
In 2012, $58,000 was raised through P&C initiatives. These funds provided the school with funding for the STLA (Support Teacher Learning Assistant), Stage one of the K-2 Playground upgrade, and new home readers. In 2013, funding priorities are the STLA program, Stages two and three of the K-2 playground upgrade and astroturf for the 3-6 playground.

Social Events
The P&C host a number of fundraising social events each year – in 2013 these will include: Mums Night In (18 May), the Parent night which will be our main fundraiser for the year (3 August) and kids disco (8 November). These functions not only act as school fundraisers but also as a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other parents. In addition, the school and P&C will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ (22 February), with free sausages and free jumping castles. Here will also be other activities for the kids at a small cost as well as drinks and canteen items.

Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls
The P&C host stalls each year for children to buy gifts for their parents. Each child brings in a gift (to the value of $10: such as a magazine and chocolates etc). The children then pay $5 to select a gift for their parent. The children love this opportunity and have a look of delight on their faces when they make the purchase. The Mother’s Day stall is run by kindy parents and the Father’s Day stall by Year 4 parents.

Kindergarten tea towels: A great memento of your child’s first year at CPPS.

Unit Lunches: Each term a unit lunch is held. For $5 the children can buy their “special” lunch which typically consists of a sausage sandwich, a sweet treat and an ice-block.

Election day BBQ: A great opportunity to gain support from the broader community through a BBQ, book stall and cake stall (14 September).

Bunnings BBQs: These are held at Bunnings Narrabeen and will be hosted 2 times in 2013 (K-2, 3-6).

Sponsorships: If you have a business, or know someone with a business, there are also opportunities to sponsor the school. Packages start at $500. Contact Melissa Traversa (0430 888 137 or melissapolito@hotmail.com) or Hollie Napper (0414 599 915 or holliennapper@intermode.on.net) if you would like further information.

Giving at CPPS
The SRC (Student Representative Council) host 3 opportunities to give to the community a year. This is driven by the student community who support Stewart House, World Vision child sponsorship and a third charity through this initiative. Generally these days the children can wear mufti and bring a gold coin donation or a small amount of money to purchase a small gift.

School Fundraiser
Each year the school holds a walkathon at Plateau Park where valuable funds are raised. In 2012, the funds were directed to the upgrading of the ICT lab.

Helping at CPPS
A large amount of the work to support CPPS is provided by volunteers. There are many opportunities to participate in the school community. Some of these are working at the canteen and/or uniform shop; assisting with the classroom-based literacy and maths groups; or joining the P&C, social committee or nominating a function/fundraiser you would like to assist with. In addition, the band and dance groups are also coordinated by parent volunteers and couldn’t operate without this generously donated time.

If you would like any further information on these, please feel free to contact Andrew McKee, P&C Vice President (AMcKee@australianunity.com.au) or Suzanne Trisic, Principal (9971-5214).