Dear Families,

Congratulations to Emma Cummins, Asha Franklin, Baxter Hurt and Taylor Heiniger who participated in the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. We are so proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Taylor Heiniger who came second for 50 m backstroke and will be going to State. A full report will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Thank you for your support of Harmony Day, saying “Thank you” the playground is a sea of orange and the students are participating in some wonderful activities with their friendship classes. Mr Stevens and other staff are very busy taking photos to include in a slide show in the front foyer and to report for next week’s newsletter.

Thank you to the staff and parents who have taken the opportunity to meet with their child’s/ren’s teacher to discuss their individual strengths and areas to develop.

The Department of Education and Communities are introducing several reforms over the next few years and one is a new School Plan. This new School Plan has involved consultation with students, staff and parents. Surveys and forum chats were organised and the information has been collated and has been valuable feedback in the writing of the new School Plan 2015-2017. As a school we are still working on the plan which will be a working document, reflecting on our practices as we evaluate our processes and products. The first part of the School Plan was introduced in draft form to the P&C last night and has been included for your interest this week. We will keep you informed of its progress.

The SRC (Student Representative Council) are very excited to be organising a fundraiser next week, Crazy Hair Day, Friday, 27th March. We are asking the children to come to school with crazy hair and bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards the funding of air conditioners for the CAPA Hall.

During the term, our Year 6 students have been involved in a learning partnership with Cromer Campus in a Design, Make, Innovate project—building a bridge. It has been a wonderful experience in co-operative planning, designing, innovative thinking and working in a team. The project with Cromer students (some ex-students from CPPS) as mentors will culminate in the most amazing and imaginative bridges being built next Monday. Five teams and their bridges will be chosen as finalists to represent CPPS at the showcase held at Cromer Campus next Thursday, 26th March. The school community are invited to help with the “People’s Choice” award next Tuesday afternoon from 3pm. Please visit the Year 6 classes to view the amazing achievements/bridges and vote for your favourite bridge for People’s Choice.

The latest craze has hit CPPS. “Woolies Dominoes” While we are very excited for the children to be collecting these, we are asking parents to support us and keep the folders and cards at home. We are experiencing a few upsets and have informed the children they are not to bring dominoes to
school. Some K-2 teachers are using the dominoes as incentives however are telling the children to put them in their bags and take them home.

Thank you, wishing you a great Thursday.

Suzanne Trisic

**Funtime Friday**

Fundad’s Friday is on again this week. We look forward to seeing all the dads helping at the canteen this week.

We still have space for more help so please let me know if you can help out.

Contact Justine McKee 0400 246 062 if you can help out this week or any time next term.

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**Canteen**

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Please contact Kirsten if you have any questions or the date/time does not suit.

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PSSA News

Thank you to all those families that have paid for Summer PSSA. If you haven’t yet paid, please place the bus fare money in the Magpie Box in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name, class and PSSA sport by this **Friday 20th March, 2015**. Reminder notes have been sent home this week.

Please note that this Friday is the last round of Summer PSSA. Information regarding Winter PSSA trials will be in next week’s Excelsior.

20/3 v Elanora Heights

- Softball/Tee-ball - Boondah
- Pittwater Tag - Narrabeen North Public School Oval
- AFL - Narrabeen Sports High
- Cricket - Plateau Park

Miss Bouveng

Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 10th March, 29 eager students participated in the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival held at Warringah Aquatic Centre. The students competed at a high level and often placed in the top four places in every race. It was fantastic to see the students displaying good sportsmanship and respect to their fellow competitors and officials. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped out with time keeping on the day. A special congratulations goes out to Taylor Heiniger for taking out the Richard Hoskins Award for Swimmer of the Meet.
The following students were successful on making the Pittwater Zone Team to participate in the North Sydney Swimming Carnival at Sydney Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 17th March.

Emma Cummins
Asha Franklin
Baxter Hurt
Taylor Heiniger
We wish you all the best at the next level.

Oliver Watt & Laura Dubois

CPPS Band Notes

Concert Band – Keyboard Player Wanted
Is your child a piano or keyboard player with ideally 2 years’ experience? If so, we’d love them to join the Concert Band. Please contact Kylie Tyson on 0412 638 097.

Band Dates for the Diary:
• Performance Band Only: NSW Performing Arts Unit Concert Series Audition, 29th April during band rehearsal
The Performance Band will be auditioning for the NSW Performing Arts Unit Concert Series, which offers a chance to play at the Opera House. The audition will take place on Wednesday 29th April during 8am rehearsal and will be recorded for upload to You Tube as part of the audition process. Please can you make sure all Performance Band members are at this rehearsal and have practised their ‘New Era Fanfare’ pieces, so that we have a good chance of qualifying.
• Performance and Concert Bands: NSSWE Performance at Forest High School, week of the 4th May (actual date to be confirmed, 7.30-8.30pm)
• All Bands: Band Workshop, Sunday 24th May, 1.30-4.30pm
• All Bands: Band Camp, Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September at the Collaroy Centre.
TOYS and BOOKS
One of the fundraising stalls will be second hand books and toys. Please donate toys and books in good used condition (not broken please) to the uniform shop in the CAPA hall by Friday 27th March.

CAKES and BISCUITS
We are looking for families to make cakes and biscuits for our cake stall. Could you please bring them to the office on Friday 27th March or early on the morning of the election. We would appreciate it if they are either in takeaway containers or on plastic/ paper plates with cling wrap.

ONLINE VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Year 5 & 6 parents -this is the major fundraiser for our years this year. We will be emailing a roster to you shortly. Please look out for this as we need all hands on deck.

Collaroy Cougars – need more U11 players this season
Any boys born in 2004 (ie. Turning 11 this year) can find more information at http://collaroyrugby.com/.
It’s a wonderful, friendly, family-oriented club and the competition is run safely by the Sydney Junior Rugby Union.

Games will be played on Sundays, commencing April 19.
CRAZY HAIR DAY!

Who?  All students K – 6

What?  Wear your hair as crazy as you can!

When?  Friday 27th March 2015

Why?  To raise money for CAPA HALL air-conditioning

PLEASE BRING IN A GOLD COIN DONATION!!
Collaroy Plateau Public School Invites You to Our....

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April 2015
9:30 am outside the School Hall

There will be singing, dancing and a parade of gorgeous Easter hats all hand-crafted at school by the students.

We hope you can join us and stay for Morning Tea in the K-2 playground.
School plan 2015 – 2017

Collaroy Plateau Public School - 3970

Excellence in 21st Century Learning

Dynamic Learning Culture

Productive Partnerships
### School vision statement

Our vision is for holistic, differentiated learning that empowers every child to achieve their personal best in a supportive, respectful environment. To engage and motivate our students as 21st Century learners enabling them to become productive, responsible members of the community.

### School context

Our school is located high on Collaroy Plateau in an open bush setting encompassing distant views extending from the city of Sydney, along the Northern Beaches from Dee Why through to Narrabeen. The physical environment of Collaroy Plateau is inviting; reflecting the spirit of those who work, play and grow together whilst embracing the school ethos of "Striving for Excellence."

Collaroy Plateau is a medium sized school offering quality education for approximately 650 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our school enjoys a reputation for excellence in academic achievement, Sport, Music, and the Creative Arts; with specialist programs in place to cater for the needs of all children. We value participation and inclusion for all.

Our highly skilled and committed staff encourages and provides a supportive environment that is conducive to learning; following a Code of Behaviour that is concise, positive and effective. Students are happy, proud of their school, prepared to support one another and willingly participate in the wide range of educational opportunities offered to them.

Parents are valued partners in our school and assist in the classroom, the Canteen, Uniform Shop, P&C, Dance, and Band Committees.

### School planning process

The plan was developed via a consultative process of surveys, focus groups, community meetings and planning forums by staff, students and parents and informed by the NSW Public Schools Strategic Directions and the School Excellence Framework.

The strengths identified from the data included the variety of extra-curricular activities offered to students; the quality of teachers and their commitment to student welfare; and the strong partnerships between the School and its community.

Moving forward, we aim to have all stakeholders take responsibility and accountability for the implementation of the annual whole school plan and reports.
School strategic directions 2015 - 2017

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1
Excellence in 21st Century Learning

Purpose:
To engage all students in differentiated learning experiences to become successful global citizens by equipping them with the skills to be effective life-long learners.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2
Dynamic Learning Culture

Purpose:
To foster a dynamic culture of innovation and best practice through quality professional learning and collegiality.

Teachers will be responsive to students needs and be facilitators of learning.

Leaders and teachers will have high expectations of themselves and their students in order to empower students to achieve their personal best.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3
Productive Partnerships

Purpose:
To strengthen our partnerships with all stakeholders within our educational community by promoting effective communication and encouraging strong collaborative and inclusive partnerships.

To further develop school partnerships throughout the wider educational community from pre to high school and beyond.
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ELECTION DAY
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Saturday
28 March 2015

CAKE STALL

You can help by baking cakes, cupcakes, slices etc.
Cake boxes available at the School Administration.
Please drop off your goods to the School Administration on
Friday 27th or early on 28th March to the Canteen.

2ND HAND BOOK, CD & DVD SALE

Here’s your chance to have a big clean-out and drop off
any books, CD’s & DVD’s to CAPA hall.
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (28/5 - 25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars** (3-8yrs)
Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children
Chatswood (12/5, 19/5 & 26/5, 7.00 - 9.00pm)

**Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (14/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (13/5 - 10/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 25/5, 1/6 & 15/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW **Helping Your Pre-School Child with Anxiety**
Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety
Chatswood 21/4 & 5/5 (2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (18/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (6/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- Older Sibling – New Baby
- Bully Busting
- Resilient Kids

★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums ★ Transition to School
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training ★ Transition to High School
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep ★ Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
★ Older Sibling – New Baby ★ Communicating with Kids
★ Bully Busting ★ Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
★ Resilient Kids ★ Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830
A 2 hour workshop to discuss practical ways to look after and enrich grandparent’s relationships with their children and grandchildren

Topics include:

- The role of grandparents in today’s world
- The challenges of being a grandparent
- Celebrating the joys of being a grandparent
- Supporting children/grandchildren using communication skills
- Discussion around real life scenarios e.g. self-care, boundaries & discipline & grand parenting after separation/divorce

Date: Friday 27th March 2015
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Location: The Acacia Room, Level 1A Pope St, Top Ryde (above Ryde Library)
Cost: $15 per person

This includes handouts, morning tea, light lunch, demonstrations & giveaways

This workshop is organised by Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District in conjunction with City of Ryde Council