Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today our Year Six students visited Cardiff High school for their Expo Day where our students got a taste of ‘High School life’. They worked with the Year six students from other local schools in the Cardiff Community and many were excited to meet up with friends from weekend sports teams. The students enjoyed lessons in the core subjects of Maths and Science along with elective classes of their choice. The activities I was lucky enough to see were very exciting and engaging – some of us even got to try trampolining with an Australian champion who is one of the P.E teachers at CHS. The feedback from our senior students was very positive; they are very enthused about their High School experience.

For our parents there will be an evening presentation on Thursday 12th March starting at 7pm where the High School staff will outline transition to high school and the opportunities and advantages CHS offers.

Last week I met, as I do regularly, with Principals from our Cardiff Community of Schools: Hillsborough PS, Cardiff PS, Cardiff North PS, Cardiff South PS, Garden Suburb PS and Cardiff High. As a community partnership we are committed to building effective relationships and working collaboratively. We are particularly looking at our strategic direction in our three year plans, and our aim to build strong professional learning networks between our schools. To this end our Assistant Principals have joined together and created focus groups targeting curriculum; the ‘Planning for Literacy and Numeracy’ continuums; and the ‘Great Teaching Inspired Learning’ framework that focuses on professional standards for teachers. These focus groups will work together throughout the year, developing a supportive and consistent approach to improving teaching quality and the outcomes and opportunities for our children. This is a fantastic opportunity for our schools.
Principal's Report continued ...

Congratulations to Josh R and Caleb R, both of whom have made it to state level swimming in their events. Well done boys!

This Friday is Funky Hair Day! Students are encouraged to come with the funkiest, craziest hair they can and to donate a gold coin to support Mrs Pike and the World’s Greatest Shave fundraising effort. We are aware that wearing hats may be an issue for some crazy hairstyles and we will endeavour to allow for shaded play in lunch and recess and during Sport for those children. This is an out-of-uniform day but please remember all students must have covered shoulders [no singlets or shoestring straps] and covered footwear [no thongs, slip-ons or sandals] in fact being Sports day, joggers would be the best options – might be a great opportunity to wear those colourful ones!

Anyone who is wishing to sponsor Mrs Pike in her World’s Greatest Shave can donate at the website http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/wgstahneepike or directly into the red collection box in the Office Foyer. The shave will take place in our school hall at 2:30 on Friday afternoon.

Lucinda Farrell, Principal

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

On Friday the 27 of February our school had Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day tries to inspire communities to work together to clean up and conserve their environment.

It began when Ian Kiernan sailed through the oceans of the world in his yacht ‘Spirit of Sydney’. He had waited years to see the Sargasso sea’s legendary long golden weeds and his excited anticipation turned to anger and disappointment when he found them polluted and tangled with rubbish.

The polluted state of the world’s ocean motivated Ian to act. Once back in Sydney he organised a community event with the support of a committee of friends. Clean up Sydney Harbour Day in 1989 received an enormous public response with more than 40 000 Sydneysiders donating their time and energy to clean up Sydney harbour. From there it has grown to the national event it is today.

For Clean Up Australia Day at our school, each class had their own area to clean up and all the classes did a great job. Now the school is rubbish free because of all the great cleaning up. Let’s try and keep it that way.

By Martina and Jakob
FRIDAY 13TH OF MARCH
FUNKY HAIR DAY

Wear your hair in a funky style and bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukaemia foundation.

See the link below or one of the collection boxes at school to get behind Mrs Pike who will be participating the World’s Greatest Shave here at school!!

This year I will be participating in the World’s Greatest Shave to raise much needed fund for the Leukaemia Foundation. On Friday the 13th of March at 2.30pm I will be getting out the clippers at school and parting way with my hair. If you would like to donate to support me and this worthwhile cause, please visit my donation page at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/wgstahneepike or pop a donation with your name and class on it so I can supply a receipt for tax purposes, into one of the collection box located in our school office. So far I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received towards this and I thank the community for getting behind this event.

Sincerely
Tahnee Pike
### ASSEMBLY

Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be on **Tuesday 17 March 2015**. The item will be performed by 5/4P.

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### Canteen Roster

#### TERM 1

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

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School Banking is on MONDAY

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2015 P&C Easter Raffle

Drawn at the Easter Hat Parade
on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2nd of April

This year instead of asking for donations from school families, we have been lucky enough to receive many donations from generous local businesses providing the 30 great prizes listed below. Proceeds from this raffle will fund the purchase, servicing and repair of musical instruments and related accessories that are used by the band and class groups. Ticket sheets are attached and in the newsletter. Simply write the name & phone no or child's class on them, and return the whole sheet with your money to the locked box in the office. Don’t forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket too! Thankyou for your support.

Bonus Draw
For every sheet of 10 tickets sold, put the students name and class in the bonus draw ticket at the top of the page. There will be two chocolate prizes drawn from the bonus tickets on the Easter hat parade

Prize List

• Oz Shark & Ray Centre Family Entry $100
• Oakvale Farm family pass $65
• Impressions Hair and Beauty Kahibah $50 voucher
• Charlestown Bowling Club Bar & Grill $50 voucher (2 prizes)
• Easter Basket donated by Hillsborough OOSH
• Newcastle Nappy Cakes Easter hamper
• Hunter Ice Skating Stadium Family Entry pass
• Reading Cinema - 2 movie passes
• Expressi coffee machine and wooden salad tongs
• Charlestown Golf Club voucher—18 holes for 2 people
• Hair on Melbourne voucher $40
• Thommo’s Barbers haircut voucher
• Girls pack - Ziggety Snipits "Cute Package" hair voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
• Boys pack - Allan's Mens hairdressing voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
• 2x Strike Laser Tag entries (7 prizes)
• 2x Timezone Supersession passes (5 prizes)
• Playgrounds Park entry pass (2 prizes)
• CommBank kids toys pack
Happy Easter! Thankyou for supporting our school. There are 30 great prizes to win in this raffle - please see over for details. The funds raised will purchase, service and repair the musical instruments and related accessories that are used by our School Band and all class groups. Good luck!

Draw date: Thursday, 2nd April 2015 at the Easter Hat Parade
Tickets: $1 each - $10 per sheet

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