Anzac Day this week!
This week we commemorate the loss of all soldiers and nurses in all wars and remember those who returned home who walk amongst us today. Our school will celebrate the first Northern Beaches Anzac Ceremony this year. The students will meet at the Southern end nearest the caravan park of the Beach Esplanade at 10.00am in full school uniform. Please remember your hat. If it is raining then an umbrella or raincoat would be suitable.
I invite all parents to then line the footpath on the way down to the new constructed memorial. The service should last around an hour and then a small sausage sizzle will be held for the students marching.

School visit and ceremony special
Thank you to Mr Goodwin and the North High school leaders for delivering a special talk on their experiences visiting Gallipoli, Europe and Singapore. The real stories and photos made it very real for our students.
Thank you to our school leaders, choirs and wonderful staff for making our school ceremony so special.

Congratulations!
Recently our year 5,6 students represented our school at the Cumberland soccer trials, with LaToya Flenady, Ollie Lunn and Lukas Ripley all being selected, well done! Cross country is also coming up. I am very proud of all our students’ efforts.

Renewed Home reading program commenced
This week all classes should have commenced home reading. Due to the number of levelled readers across the school we decided that 2 books will be sent home for each child for the four nights. The other 2 nights can be reread or use library or own home readers. It is vital all children read every night for the four nights. Reading must be fun and encouraging. The teacher will monitor their reading folder each day so please sign daily! I encourage all parents to ask their child’s teacher for assistance and strategies if you find it is not a positive experience. Periodically your child will be retested and levels possibly changed. Please remember ‘we read for meaning’ so ask your child plenty of questions about the story using picture clues.
Protective behaviours talk for young students
This week I invited Sergeant Nigel Dalton to visit our school and present an awareness workshop for our prep and year 1 students. It is important to remind all our children about protective behaviours and how to report anything they feel uncomfortable about to parents or their class teacher. Thank you parents for assisting us in teaching the children about this important message.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour
Our dedicated team have outlined our focus each week. This week we focus on: Respect – be mindful of others when travelling around the school.
Week 3 – ATTITUDE – Good attitude/try your best for NAPLAN/ end of unit assessments etc.
Week 4 – TEAMWORK – Celebrating everyone’s successes (not just individual achievements) examples: in class, on parade, whole school, interschool sports, cross country
Week 5 – SAFETY – Travelling to and from school – road safety/bike ed
Week 6 – TEAMWORK – Good sportsmanship/ positive cheering/ encourage all team members – sports days, spirit day etc.
Week 7 – ATTITUDE – Good attitude to homework - Reading every night
Week 8 – RESPECT – Treating people the way you want to be treated – speaking nicely to everyone including staff, parent helpers
Week 9 – SAFETY – Keep an eye out for the school. Be safe on holidays (in car parks, near creeks, fishing, follow parent’s instructions, on camps etc.)
Your support on these issues each week is very much appreciated.

Principal Word of the Week
The ability to increase your own and your child’s knowledge of words have a direct link to improving literacy skills. My word for the week is
Copious

Copious adj. Large in quantity; abundant. Abounding in matter, thoughts, or words; wordy. “He took copious notes during the business meeting.”

I look forward to seeing you at the community Anzac parade tomorrow.
Rod Finney
Principal

Students of the Week 18th April

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Student of the Week in the 2nd last week of term 1:

| Prep B | Mrs Becker | Isabella Hillier | For a great start to the term and for being a consistently hard worker! |
| Prep C | Mrs Clarke | Jett Sharp | You are amazing! Well done Jett, you have had a great start to Term 2. |
| Yr 1/2S | Ms Smith | Ryan Smith | For improving your attitude towards your learning. |
| Yr 1S | Ms Swattonham | Tylee Pecker | For an outstanding job on your number facts test. |
| Yr 2L | Miss Lorenz | Ashley Lancaster | For great handwriting this week! |
| Yr 2/3B | Miss Benjamin & Mrs Peltomen | Emily Oorthuysen | For always producing super neat bookwork. Well done Emily! |

Go Blue for Autism Day
On Friday 26th April we are having a Go Blue for Autism Day to raise money for Autism Queensland. Student Council will be selling cake-pops for 50c. To show support for Autism all students are able to wear a blue shirt.

HOWEVER students representing the school for sport will need to bring their uniform on this day as well.

P&C Notices

Mother’s Day Stall
We will be having our Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 10th May. Thank you to all who have donated cellophane and gift ribbon. Please fill in the enclosed order form and return to the office with money included, for your child to purchase a gift for $5.

5 cent Challenge
The 5c challenge is underway, so bring in all those 5 cent coins to your teacher. The class group with the most will win a pizza party at the end of term. Class groups are as follows – Prep B & Prep C; 1S & 1/2S; 2L & 2/3BP; 3O & 3S; 4M & 4/5B; 5/6B & 5/6S.

P&C Members
We are in need of more members!! Even if you are unable to attend meetings but would still like to be involved please see Kylie West or Sarah-Jane for information.

10,000 Step Challenge
The CQ Nurses 10,000 Step Challenge commences 1st May. If you are interested in joining in please see Sarah-Jane for registration.

Library

Book Fair
Our Book Fair will be held from Monday 20th May to Friday 24th May 2013 in the Bucasia State School Library. We will be open 8:00am to 8:45am, 3:15pm to 4:00pm daily and Tuesday and Friday, both breaks.

The Book Fair will offer a wide range of affordable books and recent titles selected from more than 60 publishers worldwide as well as a range of posters and novelty items. Come in and browse - there's bound to be something of interest for all ages!
Sports Reports

All of our Netball and Soccer teams, both junior and senior, travelled to, and played against, Slade Point last Friday. The results are as follows:

Netball Juniors – Lost 4-8. Captains Choice was Taylor-Jane Thompson, and Best and Fairest was Casey Humphrey.
Netball Seniors – Lost 13-30. Captains Choice was Bronte Fitzpatrick, and Best and Fairest was Lulu Piperone.
Soccer Juniors (Team 1) – Lost 0-6. Captains Choice was Mitchell Kerr.
Soccer Juniors (Team 2) – Lost 0-6. Man of the Match was Ricky Edmond.
Soccer Seniors (Team 1) – Won 6-0. Captains Choice was Colby King.
Soccer Seniors (Team 2) – Won 3-2. Captains Choice was Ari Holland.

Well done to all the teams on their fantastic effort and outstanding sportsmanship!

Trials for Cross Country were recently held and the following students were selected to represent Cumberland:
- Ben Cobb, Tom Cleeve, Colby King, Micah Jones, Ollie Lunn, Ash Bayliss, Jack Phillips, Andrew McGlassen, Lukas Ripley, Cameron Dhu, Cydney Robertson, Lulu Piperone, Ruby Robinson. Well done!

From the office: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 8th May. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Sibling photos are also available, please collect a ‘family order envelope’ from the office. Envelopes are to be returned on or preferably before Photo Day, with the correct payment included. Please refer to the envelope provided for details regarding payment by credit card.

Community Notices

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.sccce.com.au, email sccceast@sccce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Are you a parent of siblings who fight?

Every day thousands of parents wake up to the challenge of dealing with children who are in conflict with their siblings.

Researchers from The University of Queensland are interested in understanding and improving children’s relationships with their siblings. To do this, the research team headed by Prof. Matt Sanders, would like to invite parents of siblings to fill out a brief questionnaire highlighting their experiences raising siblings. The researchers are interested to know how being a parent of siblings impacts your family? Do you receive enough support to deal with challenging behaviour? What sort of extra help do you think you need? And how best would you like to receive support? The information provided will be used to help develop a tailored parenting program for parents who are having difficulty with their children’s sibling conflict. Participating parents will also be invited to register their interest for the trial of the program once it is available. All parents of siblings who have children aged between 2 and 10 years with no more than 4-years separating the two siblings are invited to participate in a brief questionnaire available at www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/siblings. Parents do not need to have children who are in conflict to participate. Contact John Pickering on (07) 3346 8743 or email j.pickering@uq.edu.au, or visit for more information.

Do you want to teach your children how to use Triple Zero appropriately? This game, released by the Federal Attorney and Minister for Emergency Management and national emergency services personnel, is designed for primary school aged children and is aimed at educating at-risk groups on the correct use of the Triple Zero emergency number. It uses colourful, animated characters, and various scenario type games, to provide lessons to children on the confident and appropriate use of Triple Zero. The games can be accessed via the website www.triplezero.gov.au.