**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Last Friday we held our annual Cross Country. It was fabulous to see all of our 3-6 and some Year 2 students participating. The top eight runners in each age group will now go on to compete at this year’s District Cross Country carnival which is being held at the Regatta Centre, Penrith on Thursday 22 May. We would all like to wish our School Cross Country team the very best of luck. Permission notes have been sent home, please return them ASAP.

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**ROOBY ROO IS HERE AT LAST!!!**

Next week, on Tuesday morning ‘Rooby Roo’ will be visiting the ‘Rooby Roo Verandah’ to celebrate the first of our Tuesday morning reading sessions.

Come and listen to a new story read by Miss Campbell. She is especially looking for a wonderful new book to share with us from our very beautiful Library! Miss Campbell is really excited to be our first reader of the year. You all know how much she loves books and loves showing them to us. Also, the red reading boxes will be out under each of the COLAS every Tuesday morning for all to READ, READ READ! Reading is amazing and as Dr Seuss says “THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU’LL GO”.

So, come and read with us on Tuesday morning. Read to your friends, your brothers and sisters. Mums and Dads can read, too OR come and listen to a story and see ROOBY ROO!
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)
PRC books can be changed every morning from 8.45am when the Library opens. Keep reading your books and remember to add them to the PRC website when you have finished reading them. You log on using your school internet username and password. If you have any questions, please see Miss Campbell. If you haven’t joined yet, it’s not too late. Joining is free! Collect a permission note from the Office, ask mum/dad to sign it and then hand it in to the Library. You’ll receive a folder and bookmark. Closing date is 22 August 2014.

K-2 ASSEMBLY
The following classes will be running and performing at the K-2 assembly this term.
Week 4 Tuesday 20 May - 1L, Week 6 Tuesday 3 June – 1RW
Week 8 Tuesday 17 June – 1S
K-2 assemblies are held in the hall from 12:40 - 1:10pm.
Hope to see you there!

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkIUsY

PRINTABLE PLANNERS FOR HOMEWORK AND STUDY
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll be able to fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

TEENAGER’S SEEKING MORE INDEPENDENCE
Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E
Should you brush your teeth?

The students of 3C argued there reasons why you should brush your teeth every day. Here are a few reasons they came up with:

It is my opinion that you should brush your teeth every day and night because your breath will stink very badly. If you get smelly breath, when you talk to others it will stink!

– Nathan

I am sure that you should brush your teeth every day because your breath might begin to smell and then people might not want to talk or play with you. This means you might begin to feel very lonely.

– Tru

I strongly believe that you should brush your teeth because your teeth could become rotten. If your teeth get rotten you may need to get your teeth pulled out which would be painful.

– Joshua

I know that you should brush your teeth every day because your teeth could fall out. If your adult teeth fall out they will need to be replaced with false teeth, then you will have to eat with fake teeth.

– Regan

There is no doubt that you should brush your teeth because if you don’t, you could get gum disease. This could make you very sick and be extremely painful.

– Jason
PLAYGROUND AWARDS - Week 3

Respect School Property

KB  Blaire Brooks Colefax  2/3A  Seth Armodoros
KH  Scarlett Henshaw  3C  Prabhjot P
KJ  William Wilson  3R  Axle Luland
KT  Noah Fabian-Kerr  3/4W  Matthew Stimpson
1L  Kamil Knibbs  4D  Josh Small
1S  Noah Hunter  4/5A  Emily Donaldson
1RW  Jermaine Marshall-Taylor  5P  Georgia Evans
2B  Jack Alderton  6B  Taylor Faapo
2V  Trent Patrikis  6R  Riley Alderton

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 3

Respect

KB  Tiahna Ritchie  2/3A  Annie Cooper
KH  Marcus Spiteri  3C  Heneli Maile
KJ  Jarod German-King  3R  Kyle O'Grady
KT  Mia Habib  3/4W  Sandy Morris
1L  Kamil Knibbs  4D  Justice Reynolds
1S  Grace Marchon  4/5A  Isabella White
1RW  Tavania Hanslow  5P  Casey Arnfield-Thompson
2B  Jack Alderton  6B  Ethan Niven
2V  Blake Masterton  6R  Taya Tolu

Principal's Awards

Nathan Boulter

COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
& DIGITAL STORY TELLING PROJECT

Do you want to be a part of an exciting story telling project in North St Marys? We invite you to join a four day digital photography workshop where you will learn basic digital photography skills to develop your own story telling project using your mobile phone.

The workshop will help you connect with the others and ignite your creativity! This is a free workshop. Preferred age: Young people aged 18 - 35 years

Venue: North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre - Cnr Debrincat Ave & Oleander Rd St Marys Nth.
When: 10:00am - 2:00pm (times are flexible – talk to us about it)

Tuesday 17 June   Thursday 19 June   Tuesday 24 June   Thursday 26 June

Equipment: Bring your mobile phone or camera if you have one. Otherwise we have equipment you can use on the day. For more information and to reserve your place in this workshop, please call Simone 9673 3908

Photographer Jagath Dheerasekara will be facilitating this workshop. You can see his work at www.jd.photoshelter.com