Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Due to the wet weather, we have had to postpone the carnival again. The new date is 25th June.

**DARE TO LEAD**
As you may be aware around ten per cent of our school enrolment identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent. To ensure that we have a clear plan for the education of all students, but in particular our Aboriginal students, we have invited a “Dare to Lead” team to visit our school and give the school some possible future directions in the area of Aboriginal Education. The team will be looking at school data on Aboriginal students’ academic performance, programs that are run at school that enhance student outcomes (not just FOR Aboriginal students) and areas that we may be able to improve in.

As part of the “Dare to Lead” team’s visit they would like to interview students, parents (both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) and teachers to allow them to get a snapshot of the school at this point of time and in which areas we may improve our service.

The “Dare to Lead” team will be visiting us June 25th and June 26th. We are hoping that parents will be available to be interviewed in regards to this matter. More information will be distributed closer to the visit.

**DEBATING/PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Two important aspects of school life include debating and public speaking. These two pursuits help develop confidence and self-esteem for children. Our children participate in both these activities in both structured and unstructured ways. Today one of our debating teams is involved in a formal debate against students from Caves Beach. On Thursday, our school will be hosting a final of the Multi-Cultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. This competition involves children from our school as well as surrounding schools. Parents are invited to watch with the competition starting at 10.00am for stage two children and 12.30pm for stage three children.

**REPORTS**
Teachers are currently working on semester one reports. The reporting process takes into account the achievements and progress of students over the last two terms. The reports use a number of different methods of obtaining data which give an accurate picture of where your child is at this point in time. The reports will be distributed during the last week of term.
STUDENT TEACHERS
We will be joined over the next four weeks starting next Tuesday 11th June by four students from Newcastle University who are in their second year of teacher training. Miss Foley, Miss Yeo, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Kuba will each have a student to assist them for this period. This is a great experience for both the students and the teachers involved with our students being the ones who benefit most.

Thomas Kelly
Principal

Vegetable Garden Update
At the start of each month the gardening team will keep the school community informed about what’s going on in “the patch.” Crop rotation has just occurred in our garden. We produced a crop of corn, beans and cucumbers in term 1 and most of the gardeners got to take some produce home. We have just planted a winter crop of broad beans, garlic, silver-beet (spinach), broccoli and cabbages after spreading alpaca manure and turning it into the soil. We are gardening organically and not using any herbicides, insecticides or snail baits. We have a couple of worm farms and feed them weeds and fruit scraps and will use the liquid fertilizer they create to feed the vegies.

Gardening Team
Infants - Sasha, Robbie, Bella, Colby, Lachlan, Wil, Mia, Zoe, Nikala, Emma, Oscar
Juniors - Kyah, Jessilee, Ryan, Caitlin
Seniors - Seb, Tom, Robbie, Ethan, Catherina Tashana, Tiara, Crystal, Paige, Mitchell, Luke, Alex, Brock, Connor, Jacob, Anna, Erin and Dean.

John Carey – Gardening Team Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER:
Wed 5th June: Dave, Adam
Thu 6th June: Janice, Janet
Fri 7th June: Patrice, Fiona
Tue 11th June: Rebecca, Tim
Wed 12th June: Allison, Jodie
Thu 13th June: Cassie, Natalie
Fri 14th June: Tammy, Casie T
Mon 17th June: Helpers needed
Tue 18th June: Lisa, Helper Needed

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