



CONGRATULATIONS KATIE!

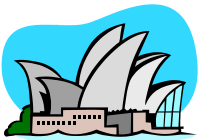
Congratulations to Katie Frost who won an 'All-Rounder' award at the Korreil Wonnai Aboriginal Awards at Mount View High School on Wednesday evening! Katie's commendation cited her enthusiastic participation in aboriginal educational activities, excellent attendance at school and participation in extra-curricular groups such as the CCGPS choir and Girl Guides. This week I have been out of school for two days at principal meetings. On Wednesday all principals in the CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools) met to discuss how cross-school initiatives such as the CCGPS Choir, Paint the Town Read, Cessnock Advertiser promotions and Quicksmart Maths programs can continue into the future, as the funding supporting these and many more initiatives ceases at the end of 2013. On Friday the principal group meet again to begin a professional learning project on Principal well-being. Thank you to Mrs Woodward, Ms Sewell and Ms Naysmith for looking after the classroom in my absence. **Mr Howe**

Important Dates

- **Fri 1st Nov** - Kinder Orientation and Halloween Dress Up
- **Sat 9th Nov**—Terrigal Trotters
- **Mon, Tues 18-19 Nov** - Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

Stage 2 Excursion

Apologies for the delay in getting details of the Stage 2 Sydney excursion to families. As with the Stage 1 and Stage 3 excursions earlier this year, the excursion includes students from Paxton and Millfield schools. Paxton PS are organising the excursion and it will now be a one day trip, making it less expensive. Notes will go home as soon as plans are finalised.



The Terrigal Trotters make their way down to Congewai on Saturday 9th November. The P&C will be manning the barbeque and making the school facilities available from 10.00 to 6.00 - please let Jo know if you can help on the day!



2013-2014 Bush Fire Season

Congewai PS is designated as a school in a bush-fire prone area. During the bushfire season the State Emergency Operations Centre is in contact with the Education Department, who will contact schools. In case of a catastrophic fire rating, the school will be contacted the day before the forecast is issued. On days of severe and extreme fire danger the school will monitor relevant websites and local conditions. Please ensure that your emergency contact details are up to date in the event that an evacuation is necessary. Up to date information is available on the Departmental website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/student-well-being/bushfire-safety/index.php

End of Year School Excursion!

We are booked into Myuna Bay again on Tuesday 17th December for our end-of-year excursion for students and families. We are currently planning the activities for the day. We have booked two mini-buses, giving us 33 seats so there is plenty of room for parents and little brothers and sisters. The P&C has again offered to subsidise the day, however there will be a small cost to families. Permission notes and details to follow!

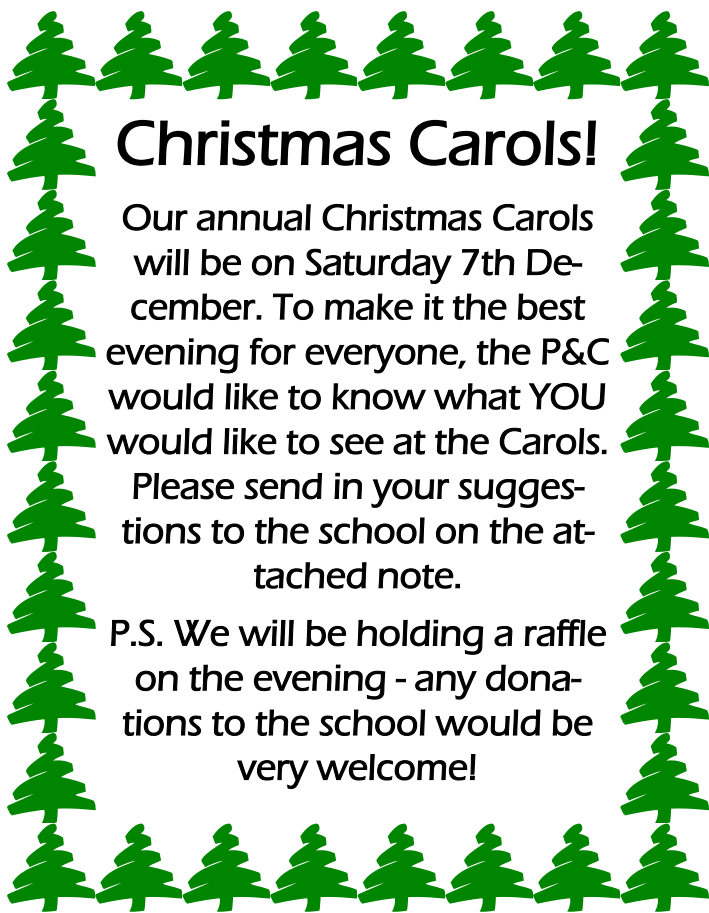
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Christmas Carols!

Our annual Christmas Carols will be on Saturday 7th December. To make it the best evening for everyone, the P&C would like to know what YOU would like to see at the Carols. Please send in your suggestions to the school on the attached note.

P.S. We will be holding a raffle on the evening - any donations to the school would be very welcome!

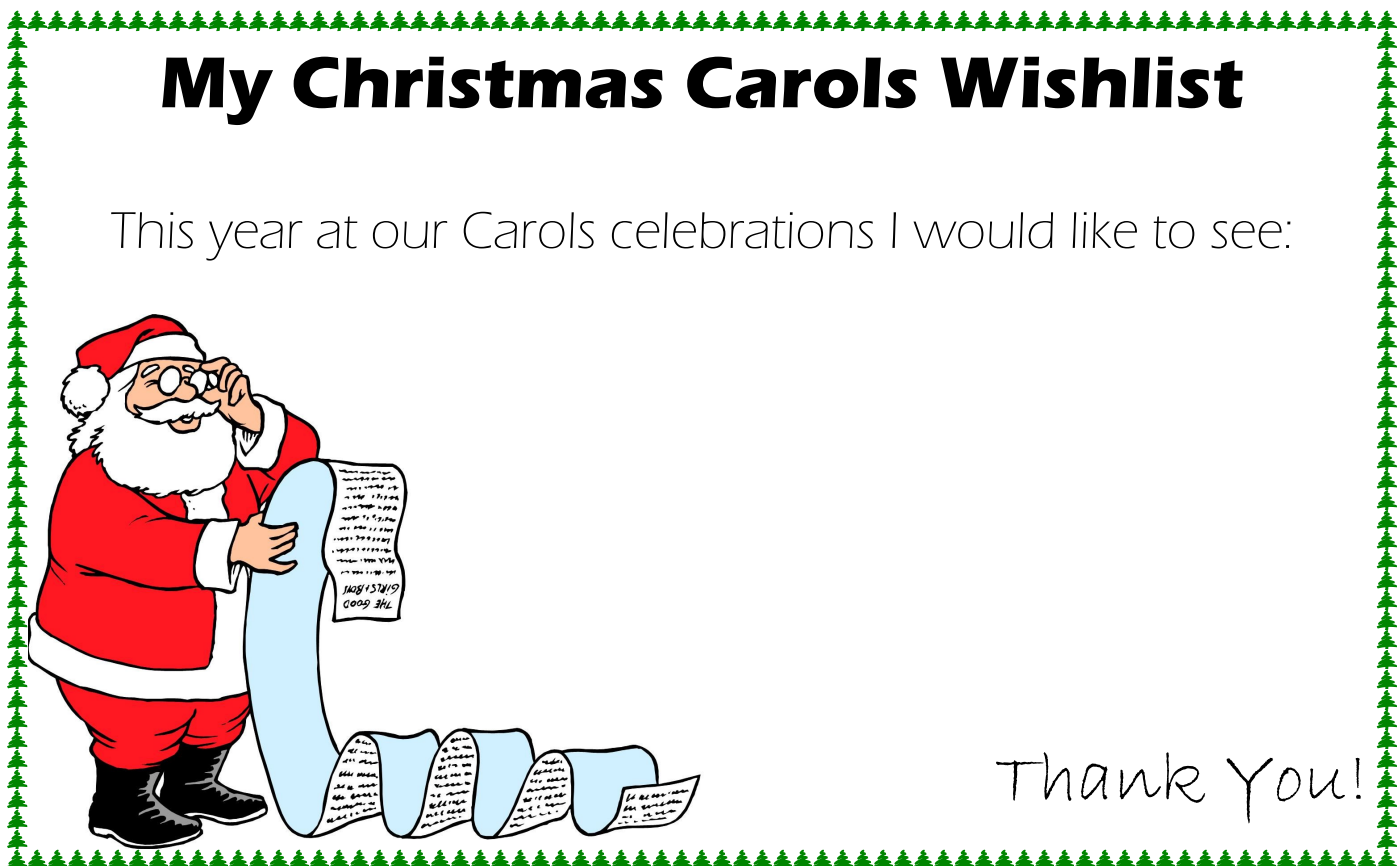


Halloween

On Friday 1st November we will celebrate

Halloween at Congewai!

Come dressed in your scariest costume and bring a plate to share!



My Christmas Carols Wishlist

This year at our Carols celebrations I would like to see:



Thank You!