**PBS Skills Focus**

**Following Directions**

**Steps:**
1. Listen
2. Think about it
3. Ask if needed
4. Do it

As a teacher with more than 30 years experience, getting children to follow directions properly is often one of the biggest challenges a teacher can face. Too often children are not prepared to complete Step 1 of our procedures. While they may appear to listen, they are often distracted with other things around them, television, games etc. Learning to be a good listener is vitally important in being able to follow directions correctly and to be the best learner possible. See how well you listen at home by testing each other on some simple requests. Start off with simple single requests then increase the difficulty by adding more instructions.

**Easter Hat Parade**

It was fantastic to see so many parents come and support their children at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. I was very impressed with the effort many parents went to in helping the children to make their hats. The children looked fantastic and had a great time showing off to the audience.

**Cross Country**

Thank you to Miss Meehan, Mrs Honeywood and Miss Calcraeft for organising a great cross country last Thursday. Children who finished in the top 4 of each age division will now be eligible to represent NEPS at the district cross country to be held at Willandra on 8th May 2013. This is in Week 2 of Term 2 so our representative will need to do some extra training during the school holidays.

Congratulations to:

**8/9 Years**
- Jarrod Omoeboh, Dinky Mongta Kelly, Johnathon Karanicolas, Tarsh Stewart-Hill, Stavro Karanicolas
- Aysha Stewart, Shayanna Judge, Harley McMahon, Danika Nean

**10 Years**
- Glen Shipley, Josh Price, Jesse Spence, Tyrone Stewart Hill
- Riahn Timbery McLeod, Dorothy Callister, Chantae Louise, Dejah Stewart

**11 Years**
- Ty Seymour, Wez Wellington, Hunter Murphy, Darren Cosgrove
- Kyah McLeod, Mikayla Reeves, Savannah James, Keira Shipley

**12/13 Years**
- Jacob Clarke, Reece Fairweather, Shannon Stanton Nolan, Xavier Pedrana
- Kayla Timbery McLeod, Brianna Mongta Kelly, Kylie Kirk, Ashleigh Vanella

**School Camp**

Tomorrow is the first day of the Stage 2 & 3 camp at Curramong. I'm really looking forward to spending some quality time with the children and getting to know them better. Thanks to Mrs Chessher for all of her hard work in organising what I am sure will be a fantastic experience for everyone.

**End of Term Vacation**

This year the Department of Education and Communities has provided an extra school development day at the beginning of Term 2. This day is to be used by teachers to complete training and development on the New South Wales Syllabus for the National Curriculum. It is mandatory for all school to implement the new syllabus at the beginning of next year. As a result, parents and carers need to be aware that students return to school on **Wednesday 1 May** for the beginning of Term 2.

Peter Collins
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

WEEK 10
Tuesday 2 April
School Counsellor
Active After School – last week
Wednesday 3 April
School Counsellor
Camp – Currarong – Year 3 – 6
Scripture Easter Assembly
Thursday 4 April
School Counsellor
Camp – Currarong – Years 3 – 6
Friday 5 April
Camp – Currarong – Years 3 – 6

END OF TERM 1 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS FRIDAY 12 APRIL AND STUDENTS RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

EASTER SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY
On Wednesday 3 April the Protestant Scripture will be holding an Easter Assembly in the hall from 12.00pm until 1.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WHAT'S ON THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FREE for kids
Build your own teddy!
Date: Monday 15th April – Friday 19th April
Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm
Location: Centre Court

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS
Monday and Thursday
8.45am to 9.45am

CAMP EQUIPMENT FOR SALE
Below is the list of items that are for sale.
- 2 x Large canvas tents (old style with no poles)
- 2 x single gas burners
- 1 x 3 burner gas stove
- 1 very large outdoor light
- Large quantity of internal flexible joined fiberglass tent poles (for dome tents)
- Adjustable steel tent poles (approx. 22)
- Bag of small tent poles
- Assortment of metal tent pegs
- Heavy duty large tent pegs (approx. 20 - for marquees etc)
- Large assortment (approx. 40) of old 1m (approx.) wooden tent poles (some can be joined)
- Assortment of guide ropes

If you are interested in purchasing any of the above equipment please speak the office ladies and make an offer.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KN – Jesse, Hayley
1B – Lachlan, Miranda
1/2C – Hayden, Kathleen
2/3H – Gemma, Loela
3/4M – Riarn, Tyler
5/6W – Matthew, Mikayla
SH – Jena, Joshua
Reading Room – Cassius

15 NEPPIE Awards
2/3H – Cherylee, Abby
2M – Kaityln, Frankie, Harley, Kadie, Aidyn, Alex, Nicholas, Ethan, Griffyn, DJ, Edyson, Josh, Dylan, Brendan
4/5I – Brooklyn

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
The next whole school assembly will be Week 2 in Term 2, 8 May 2013.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
This week is the last week of Active After School. This program will resume in Week 3 in Term 2.