Dear Parents,

**Staff**

Congratulations to Mr Piggott and his wife on the birth of their daughter last Friday evening.

Mother and daughter are both doing well.

Mr Piggott will be on paternity leave this week and we will be doing some fine tuning for his return, as Mr Howell has accepted a position at another school in the capacity of Teacher Librarian.

Therefore, Mr Piggott will teach the 4/5 class each day of the week, and Mrs Lindsay will share her class with Miss Gillard, (Monday and Tuesdays), for the remainder of the term.

**Parking**

Following consultation with staff, myself, our P&C and Lake Macquarie City Council, some changes have been made to parking at the front of the school.

The bus stop has been moved further south on Wansbeck to make it safer for children getting on and off a coach as the ground is more level. It also allows for easier packing of suitcases etc into the luggage compartments.

The “No Stopping” sign on the western side of Wansbeck has been moved further north, creating about three additional car parks.

Some fence panels have been removed in front of the school and this is now a “No Parking” zone, reserved for drop-off and pick-ups, (particular times).

We did consult about the location of the pedestrian crossing, but expert opinion is that it is in the safest place already. We need all people crossing Wansbeck to do so safely using the crossing.

I have been advised that Council parking rangers will be patrolling and I have included an explanation sheet for the signs and the latest fines and points for disobeying them.

**AECG Meeting**

All our community members are invited to attend the first Kumaridha AECG, (Aboriginal Education and Consultative Group), meeting for this year to be held at Edgeworth Public School on Wednesday 18th February, starting at 5.45pm.
P&C Working Bee
Just some early advice so that you may “save the date”. P&C will be conducting our first working bee on Sunday 15th March, 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

Some keen individuals will be doing some preparation prior to this on the Saturday getting ready to paint panels inside the canteen to brighten up the environment.

Other activities include a general garden and grounds tidy-up.

The more people we have, the easier and quicker the task is.

Clean Up Australia Day
Next Friday, 27th February, starting at 2.10pm, we will be conducting our “clean-up day”, to demonstrate how easy it is to keep our environment clean and also how easy it is for just a few people doing the wrong thing to have a major impact on our environment and native wildlife.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

We encourage all children to have some gardening gloves for a little protection and a hat and water bottle.

Welcome BBQ and Movie Night - 27th Feb
Just a reminder that an order form for the above very popular event has gone home.

Please return your order form by Monday, 23rd February so that the correct numbers for food orders can be organised.

Children are encouraged to wear their pyjamas and bring along comfortable seating for the hall floor, eg bean bag or blanket.

Spare order forms are available at the office. This is a great way for new parents especially to meet others.

Parent-Teacher-Student Progress Interviews
An invitation will soon go out for parents and carers to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss progress and where parents can assist.

Children are encouraged to attend. We have moved to an earlier meeting time in the year so that we are not waiting until we are half way through the year to make suggestions on how to assist forward progress.

Besides written reports, these are important feedback and reporting opportunities and we encourage all parents to attend if they can.

Remember, if none of the times suit or are available for you, a separate interview time can be negotiated with the class teacher.

Mothers’ Day Stall
We are looking for donations of soap, washers, talc, small baskets, jewellery, trinkets or anything suitable to be made into gifts for Mum, Nan & Grandmas.

On behalf of the students and staff at Cardiff North Public School.
Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Colin Firth - Principal