Our mission is to provide children with…
• a love of learning
• a pride in achievement
• a respect for themselves and others
…in a safe and happy environment

2014 Calendar

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Carpark
As stated previously and indicated clearly by the signs either side of the main gate, parents and community members are not permitted to use the staff car park. This is for the management of student safety. I am in a position to be able to direct staff and employees how to park and use the car park safely and request that our wishes in this regard are respected.

School Photos
School photos are on the 7th April 2014. Order forms have been sent home and are to be brought back to school on the 7th April. If you would like to have family photos taken, please collect order forms from the office. If you are able I recommend paying online, all the information you need to do this is on the forms. I used this process when paying for my daughters’ photos and it was very simple and meant I didn’t have to send them to school carrying large sums of money.

Student Leader photographs for our captains, vice captains and prefects will be taken directly after our staff photo first thing in the morning on the 7th April. It would be appreciated if these students are at school by 8.50am and ready for their photo in the hall.

Additional photos for our alternate preschool and early intervention classes will be taken on Thursday 10th April.

Preschool ACECQA Assessment
Next Monday and Tuesday our Preschool will be undertaking its first external assessment under the new National Quality Framework. The assessment includes 7 Quality Areas with a total of 58 indicators looked at. Staff involved at the preschool have been working tirelessly over recent weeks to ensure all is ready in preparation. Whilst we are aiming to do as well as we can, any feedback gained that enables us to keep learning and improving our practice will be beneficial. Please be aware that I will be spending time with the assessor on Monday morning and will be unavailable for parent meetings. If you need to see me on the 31st please call the school and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Year 7 EOIs
Year 6 students who have not returned their Year 7 Expression of Interest forms need to do so immediately. If you require any support filling in the forms please come and see me at the office or call on 49328477.

Term 2 Staff Development Day
The first day back of Term 2, 28th April 2014, is a staff development day. Students are not to attend. We will be working together on our implementation of the Australian Curriculum investigating what about our teaching stays the same and needs to change.

ANZAC Ceremony
Term 2, Friday 2nd May at 10am we will be holding our ANZAC ceremony here at the school. We have arranged for some active servicemen to come and support the Service and are intending to dedicate the Memorial we are creating under the Lone Pine adjacent to the computer room.

April 2nd is World Autism Day. In celebration of our students who have ASD, we will have a ‘blue’ out of uniform day on Friday, April 5th. This will also give families an extra day to have uniforms clean for school photos on the 7th April.

Tony Gadd
Principal
Class News:

2C - We have been so busy learning in 2C. We have been practising using talking marks, question marks and editing our work. Everyone is impressing Ms Crawford and Tanika with their great reading during speed reads. In maths we are becoming quite fast at completing our addition number facts and have had great fun measuring the length of our feet, hands, mouths and ears. We enjoyed presenting the rules for Hard Surfaces to the whole school on Wednesday's assembly. Ms Crawford would also like to thank all of those parents who have come up to develop PLPs for their children.

25 Nights of Home Reading
Congratulations to the following Stage 1 students who have completed 25 nights of home reading:

- Lily Bevan
- Nash Nugent
- Molly Olive

A great effort! Happy Reading!

LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Sale
We have culled a number of books from our library. Children can buy these books for 20 cents each. They will be available in the library.

Museum Display
The children are really enjoying our Skeleton display from the Australian Museum. They are particularly interested in the variety of x-rays available to look at.

Easter Competitions
We will be running a couple of competitions to fit in with our Easter Hat Parade. Years Preschool to Year 2 are asked to draw and colour their own Easter picture. Years 3 to 6 are asked to write their own Easter poem. Remember to add child's name and class on the entry. Book prizes will be given to the winner from each year and will be announced on the day of our Easter Hat Parade.

Please hand all entries to Mrs Bateup in the Library.

LiveLifeWell@School - PE and Nude Food Day:
Thank you to all parents who came to our Fundamental Movement activities last Wednesday. The students had a great start to their morning and we all enjoyed being active and out there.

B2b Cooking Class
Notes went out today for places in the Back to Basics Cooking Club which will run for 5 sessions next term. Please return expressions of interest to Mr Debenham, Mrs Kelly or Ms Crawford.

Harmony Day and Say No to Bullying Day
We had a great day on Friday with an assembly and then the food fair. Special thanks to Mrs Payne's actors' troupe who were just wonderful. Some delicious food was on offer and we raised over $300 for World Vision. Thanks to our generous staff!

Netball Gala Day
Notes have been sent home to selected students. Please complete permission note as well as Enrolment form and return to office as soon as possible. Please note that transport will now be by bus at no cost.
Hot Shots Tennis Term 2 Sport
STAGES 2 & 3 ONLY
Further notes have been sent home today to Stage 2 and Stage 3 students only. Please complete permission note and return to your class teacher together with payment of $10.00.

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Forms have been sent home from the Great Aussie Bush Camp Management to Year 5 students, which are required to be completed and returned to the school by Friday, 28th March. The camp is being held from Tuesday, 24th June to Friday, 27th June 2014. The cost of the camp is $310.00 and the balance is due by 13th June 2014. Payment can be made by instalments at the school office.

Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday, 9 April 2014
Parents are invited to come and read a story with their child in the classroom at 10am as part of the ‘Read with Me’ activity.
At 10:30am students will participate in the Easter Hat Parade which will take place in the hall.
Raffle tickets have been sent home for the P&C Easter Raffle. Please return money and tickets to the school office. Donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle would be most appreciated and they can be left at the school office. The raffle will be drawn after the Parade.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
at YOUR local Rutherford District
Girl Guide Unit
For girls aged 7-18 years
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events
For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Please contact Rutherford District Leader, Jill, on 0413937437
OR email Region Membership Advisor at helenEG2@live.com.au
Visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW..

Get Ahead Speech Therapy is the local specialist coming to the school every Tuesday helping up to 20 students in group programs. Private individual lessons are also available at the school. Please call Cass on 1300 657 220 to book. Your child may be eligible for funding through NDIS, FaHCSIA or Medicare - speak with your doctor to find out more.

Maitland City Library Holiday Fun
April
Legomania
LEGOmania hits Maitland City Library these April holidays. You’ve seen it on the big screen, now get into the library and get building with LEGO! Lots of exciting activities and challenges for kids from 4 - 14 years. Booking and payment prior to events is essential and may be made online at www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/kids/holidayfun. Contact Maitland City Library for more information on 4933 6952.

The simplest way to add healthy snacks in lunch boxes
Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. Kids have little tummies so they need small amounts of food often. Try these simple & healthy snack ideas in your kid’s lunchbox:

- Popcorn: plain air-popped popcorn (without salt or butter) mixed with sultanas and dried apple
- Dried fruit snack packs: buy them ready made, or make your own at home in reusable containers
- Fruit salads: buy small tubs of diced fruit in natural juice, or cut up small pieces of fruit and make your own
- Crackers & veg: slice up some avocado or tomato with some rice crackers

It’s scientifically proven that kids like smaller portions – so cutting up fruit + veg will ensure it’s eaten every day!
For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us on facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It
HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY 2014
MAITLAND
“Increase your child’s communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.”
(Improvisation, Movement, Scriptwork and Productions.)

DRAMA CLASSES:
Maitland Polish Hall
(established for 23 years in Maitland)

PRIMARY: 7 – 11 YEARS
YOUTH: 12 – 16 YEARS
ALSO: STUDIOS ACROSS THE NEWCASTLE REGION:

Enrolments now being taken for 2014
(CLASSES CONDUCTED IN THE HUNTER FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.)

Principal: Shane Skerly
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Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com