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

Preschool Assessment
We are very pleased to announce that the draft outcome of the external assessment undertaken at the end of last term has been very positive. Of the 7 quality areas the Preschool was assessed to be exceeding the National Quality standard in quality area 5 which relates to relationships with children and meeting the National Quality standard in the remaining 6 quality areas. As this is the first external assessment our preschool has undertaken we are very pleased with the result. The feedback taken from the report will inform our plans for continuous improvement as we aim to provide the best possible service to our community.

Congratulations to the Preschool staff who have undertaken an enormous amount of work in preparation for the assessment and thank you to all parents and students for their support.

ANZAC Commemoration
Last Friday we conducted a very respectful and successful ANZAC commemoration including the dedication of the Lone Pine Memorial.

We were joined by Mr Fred Goode and Mr Eric Bell from Maitland RSL and Corporal Sean Shanahan from Singleton Army Base.

The students behaved and performed extremely well. We will be having further discussions with the students about how we look after the memorial around Lone Pine tomorrow at our assembly.

Mr Drayton our General Assistant has done a great job arranging the memorial – thanks Mr Drayton!
**NAPLAN**

2014 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy for students in years 3 and 5 will take place next week as per the table below. All assessment will take place in the morning session. There will be some slight adjustments to our timetable on Tuesday morning but all other days will be as normal. Friday is available as a make-up day if students are absent from school on any of the other days. If you have any questions or concerns about the Assessment Program, please call the school to speak to Mr Gadd or your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

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**Mother's Day Stall** will be held tomorrow Wednesday, 7th May 2014. Gifts will range between $5.00 & $8.00.

The P&C is holding a **Mother's Day Raffle** which is valued between $250 and $300.00. Tickets are 50cents each and will be available for students to purchase outside the Canteen. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 9 May 2014.

**Corrective Services**

Over the next few weekends we will have a team from Corrective Services attending the school to conduct work on the grounds and some additional maintenance priorities. They started on the weekend and have done a great job pruning trees, pressure cleaning the pathways at the front of the school and spreading some mulch around the gardens. Over the next few weeks they will be painting the toilets and continuing to work on the gardens.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns to come and talk to us. We will do our best to help.

**Tony Gadd**

**Principal**

**Beach Excursion**

KN, KB and K/1C will be going to the beach on Thursday, May 22nd. We are inviting all students in K/1C to join us. We will be getting a bus to the station and travelling by train to Newcastle and then walking to Nobby’s Beach. Notes have gone out. The cost is $12 and this includes an ice block.

**Back to Basics Cooking Club** begins tomorrow, May 6th. Ms Crawford and Mrs Kelly will be running this Club after school for 5 sessions this term. Thanks again to Woolworths at Rutherford who have sponsored this great program again.

**Stephanie Alexander’s Kitchen Garden Program**

We are looking at applying to go onto this Program. If you are interested in helping with this by finding sponsorship to get the kitchen set up, helping in the setting up or maintenance of a kitchen garden or supporting in any other way, please contact Mr Gadd or Mrs Kelly.

**Home-reading in Kindergarten**

Students in Kindergarten rooms may begin bringing home readers from school when they have developed a small sight word vocabulary and are beginning to use some phonic knowledge. This is at about Level 4. A few of our children are at, or approaching this Level and they will bring readers home from week 5. Other students should be beginning home-reading using school readers next term. Meanwhile the best thing you can do at home to support reading is to read good quality children’s books to your children. Kinder students are allowed to borrow 2 books each week from the library and library day is Wednesday for all kinder classes.
Congratulations to Kaia Isaac who is representing the Hunter and the school this week at the State Basketball Championships in Bathurst. Well done Kaia!

PRESCHOOL 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting Expressions of Interest for the Preschool 2015 and also taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. All forms are available from the school office which are to be completed and returned together with child’s birth certificate and immunisation record so as we can sight and copy for our files. If anyone is aware of families in the area that may have children eligible for enrolment in either the preschool or kindergarten, please pass on this information.

Thankyou: Once again we thank Highway Ford for their generous donation of $300.00 to our School as part of the Mates in Action Program.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2014:
Students have been handed Stewart House envelopes today. If you wish to make a donation to support children from public schools who attend Stewart House each year, please place a $2.00 coin in envelope, fill in your name and address, telephone number and school on back of envelope and return to the office on Friday, 9 May 2014. All students who donate will be placed in the draw for a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

HEAD LICE
Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading.

We are asking that all parents / carers examine their child’s hair and look for the following signs:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify lice.

Head lice can be treated quickly and effectively by simply following these steps:

1. Purchase a specialist head lice treatment and apply it according to the directions on the pack
2. Examine all family members hair, and treat everyone found to have had head lice at the same time
3. Wash out the treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs
4. Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days if lice are still present or eggs are found within 1cm of the scalp

As a precaution, any items which may harbour lice such as bed linen, towels and combs should be washed in hot soapy water. To prevent head lice in the future, all family members should avoid sharing items such as clothing, brushes or hats from each other or from friends.

Early Learning Centre
Newsletter Story Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014
Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.
Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do.
This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home. Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.
Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter - click on this link - 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.
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