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

Uniforms
During the winter months we often encounter problems with our uniform as, in the effort of staying warm, students wear all sorts of different coloured tops to school. I encourage all students to wear a green school uniform jacket or jumper to school. It helps students feel that they belong, that they are part of a team and helps to build a positive school culture. Students wearing expensive brand name clothing to school recently caused a few issues amongst the students; wearing school uniform is an easy way to avoid this problem.

I would also like to encourage all students to wear appropriate footwear to school. Our school dress code indicates that students need to have footwear that is appropriate for physical activity. When I discuss this with parents I always encourage them to buy shoes that are going to good for their children’s feet and ankles. This means that they need to be supportive and have a fastener such as velcro or laces across the top. We would rather that students have one pair of shoes that is good for their feet as opposed to multiple, cheaper pairs that may not be as supportive of growing bodies.

Remember that our uniform is available at Lowes in the Maitland Heritage Mall - opposite K-Mart.

Book Week
Tomorrow is shaping up to be a fun day at our school with students from Preschool to Year 2 participating in the parade in their class groups, all other students will parade together. The Book Fair is available in the Library; there are a great number of fantastic books available for purchase. All funds raised from the Book Fair will go directly to the Library to support the purchase of more great books for the children.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKGF)

Last Friday 3/4K participated in the first ever cooking lesson under the SAKGF. Master Chef Debenham was greatly impressed by the students cooking ability. I certainly enjoyed tasting the finished Vietnamese Spring Rolls made by the students with produce grown by the students in our very own garden.

Over the weekend Mrs Kelly and many staff members supported the Slow Food Hunter Valley stall at the Maitland Aroma Festival. All profit made by Hunter Valley Slow Food at the Festival is being donated back to the school to support the SAKGF.
Welcome Back Mr Taylor
Over the last fortnight Mr Taylor has had the privilege of coaching one of two NSW PSSA Representative Rugby League Sides at the National Carnival. Mr Taylor’s side, the NSW 2nd’s, finished third overall in the carnival, performing very well against some very stiff opposition.

Girls Rugby League
Unfortunately due to the amount of rain and the prediction of more to come, the Girls Rugby League Finals day has been postponed. The day will now be held next Thursday, 28th August at the same venue in Sydney. We will be again taking a bus to and from Telarah and everyone is welcome to attend.
We are sorry for the inconvenience but unfortunately, we cannot control the weather.
If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mr Willcocks anytime at the school.

In other Sports News, our boys had a good win in the cricket against Maitland Public School; the boys Touch side narrowly lost to Dungog in the final minute and the girls lost against Mt Pleasant.
Many thanks to all the parents who continue to support our schools’ involvement in these activities. Without your help they would not happen.

Tony Gadd
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS
This week is BOOK WEEK!!

Come and join us tomorrow, Wednesday 19th, for our Book Week Parade.
*10.15am - 10.30am - Read with Me in classrooms
*10.40am - Book Week Parade in hall
*11.30am – Sausage Sizzle picnic lunch

Following the Parade you are welcome to stay and have lunch with your children. Canteen will be providing a sausage sizzle. ($2.50 each)
The BOOK FAIR will be open in the Library Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Come in and have a look.

IT’S MUSICAL TIME!
The School Musical this year is “Blue Ribbon Belle”. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are performing in the Musical and everyone is rehearsing hard.

Tickets go on sale next week in the School Library from Mrs Bateup. Cost is $6.00 per seat. Please send money in a labelled envelope if you would like your child to purchase tickets. Please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment. The evening performance tickets usually sell very quickly.

Performances are on:
Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.00pm – Evening
Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 10am – Matinee
Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.00pm – Evening

We are looking forward to another wonderful Musical this year.

Mrs Sally Carratt
Director

PRESCHOOL NEWS
The Henny Penny Hatching Programme started on 11th August. We started with 2 chicks and 13 fertile eggs in the incubator. All of the eggs hatched over the first week. The children were really excited to watch the chickens hatch and learn about the life cycle of a chicken.

Maitland City Library visited White Group on Monday 18th August for Book Week. They did a wonderful job acting out the short listed stories. They are visiting again for Green Group on Friday 22nd August.
KINDERGARTEN PIRATE DAY

There were some fearsome pirates about our school on Friday. Thanks to Mrs Banister for organising lunch for all the hungry pirates and staff.

Aaargh!!! Last Friday Kindergarten celebrated 'Pirate Day', and what a great day we had! All the children dressed as pirates as well as the teachers. We participated in pirate activities in the morning such as pirate bingo, making pirate hats, decorating pirate cupcakes and going on a treasure hunt, we also had a pirate lunch of chicken, chips and chocolate milk. Thank you to all the parents who came and celebrated 'Pirate Day' with us, we had a fantastic day.

We had our first classes on Friday last week with 3/4K. Next week 4T start their Program! Thank you to our parent helpers in both the garden and cooking sessions. We also had a fundraising effort on Saturday and Sunday to support the Program. All proceeds from the Slow Food Stall at the Aroma Festival are being donated to the school. Thank you to Slow Food Hunter Valley and to all our generous staff who contributed time and money to this fundraising event.

RUBBISH RAMPAGE

Last week all fruit and vegetable scraps were collected by the Class Environment Warriors. This organic waste will be used to make some good quality compost for our gardens all over the school. This week full recycling begins.

KINDERGARTEN SPEAK OFF

Five students competed in our Kinder Speak Off last Wednesday fortnight. Congratulations to Daimon Hinds, Bobbi-Jo Carrall, Jorja Reading, Zeke Staples and Amelia Hines. They all spoke really well in front of an adoring audience. The winners were Bobbi-Jo Carrall and Amelia Hines who competed at the finals at Singleton Heights Public School last week. Well done to all of you.

STAGE ONE EXCURSION

The Stage One Excursion to the Australian Reptile Park will be held on Wednesday 27th August 2014. The bus will be departing from school for the Reptile Park at 8:30am on this date and return by 3:00pm for normal travel home.

The cost of the excursion is $25. If you have not yet paid, please sign and return the medical note, permission note and money to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 20th August. No late payments will be accepted after this date.

A reminder note will go home prior to the excursion informing you of the details on the day. Thank you to those parents who have already returned permission notes and payment. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

Thank you
Stage One Teachers
STAGE 1 HOME READING ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to:
Molly Olive (1R) 150 Nights
Ryan Finn (1R) 150 Nights
Jemma Randall (1/2J) 100 Nights
Mikayla Coburn (1/2J) 100 Nights

STAGE 3
All classes in Stage 3 have been working hard on their musical item ready for their Week 9 performance.

STAGE 3 HOMEWORK
This term some parts of the Stage 3 homework is emailed to students on a weekly basis. This includes the spelling words and weekly reading passage. A voice recording of the passage, to help students having difficulty with reading, is also emailed. Students receive a hard copy of homework on Monday and this is expected to be returned on Friday.

PLEASE NOTE: GIRL’S HOCKEY will now be played this Friday, 22 August at Taree Hockey Centre. Notes have been sent home to participating students with all the details.

WESTERN SUBURBS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
Registration dates for players aged 8 to 15 years will be taken on the following dates:
WHEN: Tuesday 19th & 26th August & Tuesday 2nd September 2014
WHERE: McDonalds, New England Highway, Rutherford
TIME: 4:30 to 6:00pm
COST: $70 per player (family discounts apply)
NEW REGISTRATIONS: Will need to bring along their birth certificate.

MILO IN2 CRICKET PROGRAM.
Registrations will also be taken for children aged 5 to 9 who are interested in participating in the Milo In2Cricket program.
COST: $60.00 per child (child receives a bat, ball, T-shirt and more)
For more information please contact
Glenn Lupton on 0418 644 731

PRESCHOOL 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS
We are still 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.

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