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

What’s On?
Term 1       Week 8

To assist parents, caregivers and community members to keep up with the activities here at school, we are producing a one page document called What’s On each week when there is not a newsletter. Permission notes will also be posted on the school website for your convenience.

Week 8 Calendar

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Harmony Day & Say ‘No’ to Bullying Day
This Friday is both Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Because each of these are equally important this year we are celebrating:

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Wednesday: Classes will be looking at friendships, communicating with others online and behaving reasonably. It will be our PBL Focus for the week and the focus of our Assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Students will be receiving a wrist band on the day.

Harmony Day will be celebrated on Friday: Students can come out of uniform wearing orange or a similar colour for a gold coin donation; this year, the proceeds will go to help support the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal.

We will be having a food tasting at lunch time where students can taste food from a variety of different cultures. We ask for a donation of 50c to cover the cost of a cup and spoon. Thank you.

Preschool Harmony Day Celebrations
To help celebrate Harmony Day, the preschool is holding a picnic tea this Thursday, 19 March in the preschool grounds, commencing at 5.30pm. You are requested to bring your own picnic tea, cold drinks (non-alcoholic) and rug. Tea and coffee will be provided. We hope to see you there.

Zone Trials
Good Luck to Kohen Hipwell who is competing in the Maitland Zone Soccer Trials being held today.

Girls Cricket Knockout Competition
The first round of this state knockout competition will be held on Thursday, 19 March at Norm Chapman Oval against Rutherford Public School. The girls will be leaving school at 9.15am for the game to commence at 10.00am. Parent assistance is required to transport girls to and from the ground. Good luck girls.

Interschool Sports Day
This Friday is the final day for the Interschool Sports Program. Everyone has really enjoyed the Program and we look forward to a fantastic conclusion on Friday.

P and C Easter Raffle
The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 2 April 2015.

Parents are asked to place the tickets and the money in a sealed envelope with the child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

Any donation of Easter Eggs would be most appreciated. They can be left at the school office.
NSW Primary Principal Association State Council
Mr Gadd will be in Sydney this Thursday and Friday representing the Maitland Primary Principals Council at the NSW Primary Principals Association Term 1 State Council. The NSWPPA (Inc) is a professional Association of Principals. Its’ prime function is to be the peak advisory body on matters relating to primary education in NSW to the Department of Education and Communities. More information about the Association and its activities is available at www.nswppa.org.au

Nude Food Week:
Next week, starting on Monday March 23, is going to be our first Nude Food Week. The Live Life Well @ School and Sport committee are supporting this initiative to decrease the amount of packaged food that the students are eating at lunchtime. This is in line with our commitment to the Healthy Kids Program. The class with the greatest percentage of children with a “wrapless” lunch for the week will receive a reward.

REMINDER
Year 6 Students – Year 7 High School Expression of Interest applications to be returned to school office by Friday, 20 March.

Great Aussie Bush Camp - $100.00 deposit due by 30 March – can be paid in instalments.

Canberra Excursion - $100 deposit due by 2 April – can be paid in instalments. If you are having issues making the deadline for payment please talk to your child’s teacher, Mr Gadd or Mr Taylor.

Bring your Bike BBQ and Workshop:
The bike safety check and BBQ that was held last week was a wonderful success. Many thanks to Scott, Mrs Taylor and all the staff who helped make it a great event. Our appreciation also to Neighbourhood Watch who were there engraving the kids bikes as well.