Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the canteen volunteers and church representatives who came along to prepare the food for the Fathers’ Day breakfast last Wednesday. For the first time in a few years it was not a lovely sunny morning, but despite the rain, everyone that I saw eating seemed to be enjoying the food and the opportunity to spend the time together.

Last week our Year 6 Debating team were knocked out of the 2014 competition by Holgate Public School. I was lucky enough to be in the audience and was amazed by the way our students presented themselves. They prepared carefully, spoke fluently and argued with purpose. As the adjudicator, said it was a very close debate and I was very glad I wasn’t in her shoes. Congratulations Jess, Emma, Kaila and Brayden, you were fantastic.

Our boys’ softball team were again successful last week and will now play in the quarter finals in Sydney as the Hunter Regional Champions. Well done, boys! Mr Egginton and Mrs Sandall have regularly mentioned the dedication our softballers continually display. An exciting week ahead! For further details on this term’s sports events please see the sport news later in the newsletter.

This term will end on a high next week with our Book Week/Art Show activities all held on the one day. The Canteen has organised a sizzle for lunch and tea/coffee/cake as refreshments while our (almost finished) library refurbishment will also be open for inspection as you visit the Book Fair. Hopefully parents will be able to come along and spend some time walking around our school before watching the Book Parade. With luck the rain will be finished and the sun shining.

As you walk around, don’t forget to stop and have a look at the changes to our veggie garden area. Mrs Burrows, Mrs Bolsover, Mrs Bugeja, all the parents who assisted at the working bee and the Horticultural students from Swansea High School have made some great changes as they work towards the completion of the planned veggie/sensory garden. Our Kinder area has also undergone a colour renovation, again thanks to Mrs Burrows!

This week there has also been some temporary fencing erected around the trees that have been marked for removal. Hopefully this work will be done over the holidays.

Breaking News: Zac N from 3/4C won the Stage 2 Regional level of the Premier’s Spelling Challenge. He will go to Sydney in the near future for the next level of the competition!

PS: Please check lost property before the end of this term. All unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing pool.

Every child’s safety is everyone’s concern.

Denise Risp
Principal

COMING EVENTS

8/9-10/9 Year 5 Camp
10/9 Year 5 GATs Program – Swansea High School
11/9 Science Challenge Day
17/9 Year 5 GATs Program – Swansea High School
18/9 Open Day
Book Week Parade and Book Fair
19/9 Last day of Term 3
7/10 School resumés for students and teachers

AWARDS

Merit:
1G: Bindi P, Ben H. 1E: Steven R, Brodie M. 1/2S: Koby A, Jeyda G.
2C: Hugh L, Mikaylah P. 2L: Stephanie S, Max M. 2/3P: Mia S (Yr 2),
Renee B (Yr 3), 3S Zane E, Karl W. 3/4C Olivia M, Emma P. 4P Jake
M, Isabel G. 4/5W Nathaniel V, Ryan J. 5L: Maddison S, Jayde D. 6M:
Vincent A, Emalee W. 6S: Olivia C, Jessica G.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

There seems to be an increasing number of students arriving at school earlier and earlier. Also just to let parents know that as the children sit under the COLA in the mornings, they are eating their way through the snacks that parents are providing for recess and/or lunch. A reminder to all families that there is not a teacher on duty in the mornings until 8.50am.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. If you or a neighbour has a child who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2015, please contact the Office with their details as soon as possible so we are able to organise enrolment packages which have been sent out.

INTERACTIVE ART SHOW

The artworks in this year’s Art Show will have information near them to explain the purpose of the lesson the piece of work came from. In addition to reading some of the written blurbs about the artworks, parents will be able to listen to some children speak about their artworks by scanning a QR code attached to an artwork. A QR code looks a little like a barcode and when scanned by a QR code reader app on your smartphone, it will direct you to a website. When you scan the codes attached to some of the student artworks this year you will be able to listen to each student speak about their art work and what it means to them or the process they followed.

To be ready for the Art Show all you need to do is download a QR code reader app from the App Store or the Google Play store. There are lots of free ones available but my preferred free scanning app is NeoReader, which is available for both iPhones and Android phones. Once you’ve downloaded the app try it out by scanning the QR code below.

CHESS NEWS

Congratulations to our amazing Rookies! Last week our Rookies teams travelled to Marks Point Public School where they participated in a huge tournament. After competing against 5 other teams our guys came out so far on top they will be unbeatable and certain to progress to the next level of the competition. Well done! Our next scheduled event is due to take place on 11th September at St Paul’s Catholic School, Gateshead. Good Luck!

Can you help? Calling all Chess playing parents...Are you able to spare some time on Thursday mornings to assist our wonderful chess coach, Mr Kraltzer? Mr Kraltzer has done an amazing job working with...
our chess squad and as the club grows he is in dire need of another pair of hands. If you can help out between 8:45 and 10am Thursdays please phone the school.

Thanking you, Jo Dennis, Chess Coordinator.

BAND NEWS
Unfortunately, due to short notice, the senior band will be unable to play at Valentine Public School, although we will definitely look forward to playing at this event next time.

Mrs Scott is currently making the final decisions about which new instruments and music to purchase with our fundraising proceeds. I believe we will be hearing a new variety of percussion in the coming weeks. Thanks Mrs Scott!

The children are busy practising songs for BandFest next term. To be fully prepared for this competition, it is crucial that all members attend band on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Both junior and senior bands will be performing at our Book Week celebrations next Thursday morning.

We welcome Emma P back to the band. We now have 47 members in the combined bands - how fantastic! Have a great week.

Please return any unsold chocolates and money as they are overdue.

Upcoming band events:
Sunday 26th October – 7.30am to 2pm (our time slot is 10-10.30 - still TBC) Volunteer Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie Open Day 2014 In the Park, Lakeview Parade, Pelican (Next to the Rescue Boat Base and Pelican Boat Ramp)

Band fees are due - please let me know if you are having difficulty and we can make payment arrangements. Band Account number 00903319 Commonwealth Bank BSB 062820
Michelle Thurston - Band-Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
Oakvale Farm Excursion
Last Friday, Kindergarten visited Oakvale Farm. Although the weather was challenging at times, the children made the most of the rain and the puddles! We all had a fun time as we fed, patted and talked to the animals. The staff from the farm commented on the children’s excellent behaviour and good manners. Thanks to the parents who came along to share our special day.

Kindergarten Teachers

SPORT
State Knockout News
Softball
Congratulations to our Boys’ Softball Team on their two victories against Morisset P.S and Soldiers Pt P.S. The scores were 22 – 0 and 16 – 0. The team has now reached the quarter finals of the competition and are Hunter Regional Champions.

The Girls’ Softball Team had a close 10 – 8 victory against Biddabah P.S in their Round 5 match. The team will now play their Round 6 match against Hallidays Point in an away match this Thursday. Good luck girls.

Netball
The Girls State Knockout team’s wonderful run in the competition came to an end last Thursday following their Round 6 20 – 17 defeat by Bolworra P.S. This was a fantastic game of netball and the girls should be very proud of their efforts.

Touch Football
Boys
Congratulations to our Boys’ State Knockout team on their Round 4 8 – 4 victory over Eleeban P.S. The boys will play their Round 5 match in the near future. Good luck boys.

Girls
Congratulations to our Girls Touch Football team on their Round 4 7 – 3 win over Belair P.S last week. The team will now play their Round 5 against Singleton P.S.

Soccer
Good luck to our Girls State Knockout team in their Round 6 match against Forster P.S this Thursday.

LIBRARY
Thursday 18th September
Open day, Art Show, Book Fair, Book Parade
Keep this day free if possible. Activities will be happening all day. The Art show will be open in the hall all day and the Book Fair will be in the Library.
In the morning from 10am there will be a performance under the COLA. Drama, dance, choir, band and drumming groups will all be performing.
The canteen will be open at lunch for pre-ordered sausage sizzle and refreshments and at recess break tea, coffee, cakes etc will be available.
The middle session will involve open classrooms and a treasure hunt.
The book character parade will conclude the day’s activities.
Bring along a folding chair and enjoy the day.

CANTEEN
We hope all the Dads, Pops and children enjoyed the Father’s Day breakfast. Jackie and I would like to say a big thankyou to Liana Wright, Jackie Richardson, Dea Freebody, Jo Mazzitello, Kim Surman, Rebecca Webster, Sarah McDonnell, Julie Hoste, Sue Gardener and the wonderful men that helped cook the BBQ Matthew Brown, Derek McNamara and Keith Matthews. Your help was greatly appreciated as we could not do this without you.
Please find in this week’s newsletter a pre order form for a sausage sizzle to incorporate with Book Week. This will be the only hot food available on the day. Parents are more than welcome to order as well so they can have lunch with their children. We will be also supplying tea/coffee and cake for $2.00 on this day.
Also please note that this will be the LAST DAY for the canteen as it will be closed on the very last day of the term for cleaning and stocktake purposes.

Upcoming band events:
Tuesday 9th Sept
Wednesday 10th Sept
Thursday 11th Sept
Friday 12th Sept
Monday 15th Sept
Tuesday 16th Sept
Wednesday 17th Sept
Thursday 18th Sept
Kath Mason & Rebecca Pead
Leanne Smith & Sue-Ellen Hines
Georgie Piper, Mel McSpadden & Megan Boerje
Jo Mazzitello & Benita Ogilvie
Sue Gardener & Sarah McDonnell
Krisy Jackson & Michelle Couolls

COMMUNITY NEWS
MARKS POINT SCHOOL P&C CAR BOOT SALE
SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER
Belmont South Foreshore (Cold Tea Creek Reserve) Pacific Highway, Belmont South Time: 7.30am-2pm. Trash & treasure, clothes, furniture, computer gear, toys, arts and craft etc anything you can think of that will convert to cold hard cash. STALLHOLDERS WANTED $30 JUMPING CASTLE, BBQ BREAKFAST & LUNCH, PARK FACILITIES FOR THE KIDS, HEAPS OF STALLS & QUITE A FEW BARGAINS TO BE HAD FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A STALL CALL KERYN OR DEB ON 49454433 OR 0406004422

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www.doctortoyourdoor.com

LAKE MACQUARIE RUGBY CLUB PRESENTS
Summer Touch Football - JUNIORS
8th October – 10th December 2014 COST-$60 Registration and receive a shirt, covers referee’s fees. Boys and girls all welcome. Bring rego money and forms on 1st night and turn up 30 minutes early for registration and receive shirts. Contact Greg Hodgson for further details 0414255287 or at lakemacuarierovers@gmail.com or visit our website www.lakemacquarierugby.com for online registration.

NSW Office of Sport
Kids’ Camps form $45 per day
Choose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays. Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love. Visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kids/ 13 13 02

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