



The Brief

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IMPORTANT DATES

This Week:

- 7/12 – Last day of Swim Scheme.

Week 10:

- 10/12 - Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11am.
- 10/12 - Year 5 Party Day – Howzat.
- 11/12 - Luna Park Year 6.
- 11/12 - Stage 2 Party Day.
- 11/12 - P&C Christmas meeting.
- 12/12 - GOLD DAY.
- 12/12 – Hunter Sports Awards.
- 12/12 - Carols on the Green.
- 13/12 - Presentation Day.
- 14/12 - K-2 Movie/Picnic Day.

Week 11:

- 17/12 - Year 6 Farewell.
- 18/12 - Floraville's Got Talent Show.
- 18/12 - Reports home.

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Now - Aboriginal Art Class \$30.
- 6/12 - Stage 2 Party Day \$18.
- 6/12 - Year 5 Party Day \$16.
- 7/12 - Year 6 Imax & Luna Park \$55.
- 10/12 - K-2 Movie Day \$10.50.
- 13/12 - Year 6 Farewell \$27.
- 17/12 - 2013 Sport choice money.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE WEEK 9

Dear Parents,

Helicopter

After two unsuccessful attempts to have a Navy helicopter from 723 Squadron of HMAS Albatross visit our school we were thrilled to finally have the visit last Thursday. The weather was perfect and the visit was spectacular, very informative and something the students will remember for years to come.

After three fly-pasts the helicopter landed on the flat and the students were able to come forward to meet and hear from the flight crew. Each class was then able to get a closer look at the helicopter, ask questions of the crew and some were lucky enough to be able to even sit inside. The helicopter stayed at school for one hour before taking off for the flight back to Nowra.



We are very grateful to the crew and members of 723 Squadron who made the visit possible and so successful. I would also like to express our thanks to our school neighbours who had to put up with the organisation of the two aborted visits prior to this successful one as well.

Student Leadership

Yesterday, 37 of our Year 5 students took the brave step of putting themselves forward for consideration to become one of our School Captains or Vice-Captains for 2013. Each of the students prepared and delivered a speech about themselves in front of the whole school, before everyone then voted for the candidates. This is quite a daunting task and all our contending students deserve congratulations. The speeches were entertaining and informative and I am sure everyone found it difficult to choose the three boys and three girls they wished to vote for.

The leadership positions will be announced at the Presentation Day Assembly next Thursday.

Developing a team spirit

Team sports help children to learn that things don't go their way all the time, and that they need to respect their peers. They also help kids with resilience and how to respond to setbacks.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

Confidence in public

Children need to develop their skills for speaking in front of others long before their 21st birthday. If your tips for keeping nerves at bay during public speaking are limited, here is some advice to help your child prepare for their big moment in the spotlight.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

Thank you.

David Robson

Principal

Thought for the Week The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one. ~ Mark Twain

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 5E
MATHLETICS – 1/2R
ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – KJ
LEXILE CHAMPION – Brayden Woodyatt

SLAPPED CHEEK DISEASE

There has been a recorded incidence of Slapped Cheek within the school (otherwise known as Fifth Disease).

The virus is transmitted in droplets coughed out by infected children. It mainly affects school and pre-school aged children. Children may get a runny nose, fever, aches and pains, and rash. At first the rash may be on the cheeks (slapped cheek appearance). After a few days a rash may be found on the arms, legs or trunk. It is pink, has a lacy appearance and may be itchy. It may fade easily, but re-appear after a bath or exercise. In most children, Slapped Cheek is a mild, flulike illness, which gets better on its own in a few days. If a pregnant woman becomes infected, the unborn baby can be severely affected. The incubation period for this illness is approximately 1 – 2 weeks. It is no longer infectious once the rash appears.

SPORTS NEWS

Term 1 2013 Primary Sport Reminder

Permission notes and full payment are due Monday 17th December.

If you wish to make financial arrangements please don't hesitate to contact the school ASAP, because failure to pay on time will result in your child's spot being offered to another student. Students who did not receive a place in one of these paid sports will receive a white note today.

Carly Hibberd Sports Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Stocktake and Missing Books

Stocktake of the main part of our library is underway. Please be assured, if your child has a missing book and it has been returned to the school library, it will be found during this process. General borrowing has finished for this year with all books due back at the end of last week. If your child still has books at home, could you please encourage them to return them ASAP? Please keep in mind, Lexile Readers are encouraged to continue borrowing for Lexile purposes with a limit of 1 book at a time.

Lexile Legend

Congratulations to Brayden Woodyatt of Year 1 who was last week's Lexile Legend. You are doing an amazing job, keep it up.

Lexile Awards

Congratulations again to 5E and 3B who won the Class Lexile Awards at last week's Primary assembly.

Congratulations to Caleb Maclean, Porscha Graham and Harper Warren who all received Blue Star Awards (25 points).

Congratulations to Ethan Face Joshua Redding and Brayden Woodyatt who all received Red Star Awards (50 points).

Congratulations also to Grace Kim and Ethan Face who received Bronze Star Awards (100 points).

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster

- **Thurs 6/12** – Emma Foster, Danyell Glover, Sarah Osmotherly
- **Fri 7/12** – Kelly Woodger, Sonya Condon
- **Mon 10/12** – Rachael Searle, Jodie Jones, Lynette Aitken
- **Tues 11/12** – Debbie Shaw, Alison Maddocks, Kate Coveny
- **Wed 12/12** – Sharon Sweet, Vikki Shoesmith, Erica Pedonese

Valentine Netball Club will be holding multiple registration days for the 2013 season starting with a day in December. This will ensure all returning players and new players have ample opportunity to register and be part of a team. The dates and times for **Registration** will be:-

- **Saturday 15th December 9am to 12 noon**
- **Sunday 27th January 2pm to 5pm**
- **Wednesday 30th January 3:30pm to 6pm**
- **Saturday 2nd February 9am to 12noon**

Grading will then be held on **Saturday 16th February** for Under 11's and Intermediates and **Saturday 23rd February** for Under 10's and Under 12's. Both days will be held at Gateshead Indoor Sports Centre, Oakdale Road Gateshead. For registration this year, we have again put everything online that we can. Head to www.venc.com.au and click on the **REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS** link on the left hand side. In there you will see the registration form that is needed for ALL players from Funnet through to seniors. You will also see the Netball NSW registration form needed for all NEW registrations and a copy of the fees for the 2013 season. Print out the forms you need and bring them down to the clubhouse for registration.

School Holiday Fun.

There are lots of other fun activities on offer for the kids around the lake so make sure you:

- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with what's on offer;
- Keep an eye out for our new information features in the newspaper for cool ideas for the family;
- Go to www.lakemac.com.au for a full list of school holiday activities.

Kids Fishing Workshop

Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting, bag/size limits and ethical fishing practices. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years

For Bookings call: Jamie Burn Fisheries Education Officer P: 02 4980 9204 M: 0408 609 332 jamie.burns@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Venue: Thomas Halton Park Croudace Bay Eastern End of park, away from boat ramp

School Holiday Tuition

This summer Begin Bright Lake Macquarie will be offering Intensive School Readiness Programs, Text Type Writing Groups and Individual Tuition Sessions. Classes are designed for children 4- 12 years of age and are held at our Valentine Learning Centre. For more information visit our www.beginbright.com.au or call Jennet- 0448 0606 43.

Creative Writing Workshops

For young writers *learn how to get started and how to keep going Enjoy writing and reading brilliant stories* Held at Hunter Writers Centre, 90 Hunter St, Newcastle. 11 – 12 year olds Wednesday 23rd January 2013
13 – 14 year olds Thursday 24th January 2013
15 – 16 year olds Saturday 26th January 2013
10am – 2pm \$30 **Bookings Essential:** hunterwriterscentre@gmail.com

From 17 December 2012 visit your local library to collect your reading log. Record your reading, collect incentives and enter the draw to win an iPod or iPad mini. Visit www.summerreadingclub.org.au to join in the summer holiday fun at your library.

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