IMPORTANT DATES

**Week 11:**
- 11/4 – Art Gallery.
- 12/4 – Hunter Soccer, Netball, Hockey Trials.

**Dates to Remember:**
- 25/4 - Anzac Day March
- 2/5 – School Anzac Day Ceremony 10.30am under the COLA
- 29-30/4-Pupil Free Days/Staff Development Day
- **Students return Wednesday 1st May.**
- 13/5- Hunter Life Education starts
- 14-15-16/5 NAPLAN

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- Lexile Reading $6.00 – Due now. Year 2 and new students Years 3 – 6.
- Kinder Cooking - $8.00.
- Band Fees.
- Aerobics Training - $20.00.
- Term 2 Netball - $49.00.
- ICAS Exams.
- Hunter Region Hockey Trials 11/4

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

As this is the final week of Term 1, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and support. We have had a very busy and successful start to the year and I look forward to this continuing into Term 2 and beyond.

I would like to remind everyone that this term concludes on Friday 12th April and students return for Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

All NSW DEC schools begin next term with two school development days to enable staff to spend time on planning for the implementation of our new syllabus documents, commencing with English in 2014. The staff will be at school Monday (29th April) and Tuesday (30th) however these are pupil free days and students return on the Wednesday.

**ANZAC Day**

Thank you to those families who have responded regarding attendance at the Belmont ANZAC Day march and service during the holidays. Of course everyone is welcome to attend whether or not you have sent an RSVP. These were simply so we could provide the local RSL with an anticipated number of representatives that would be attending from our school.

We are expecting a strong representation at the ANZAC Day March through Belmont. Students wishing to attend should wear full school uniform and assemble in the car park of the Gunyah Hotel at 9:00am. The RSL provide a soft drink and packet of chips for all our students who attend.

**Staffing News**

I would like to congratulate Mrs Roach who has recently been appointed permanently to our school. Mrs Roach is an outstanding teacher and has made a significant contribution to our school since she has been working here as a temporary staff member and as relieving Assistant Principal. We are very pleased to welcome her to our permanent staff.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back and ready for a busy Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

Thank you.

D. Robson
Principal

**Thought for the Week**

*Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me.*

~Carol Burnett

**VIRTUES EDUCATION**

This week’s virtue is RESPECT.

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others with dignity and honour the rules of our family, school and nation. Respect yourself, and others will respect you.

**BANKING CHAMPIONS – 2/3J**

**ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE TERM – 5/6G**

**STARSTRUCK 2013**

Congratulations to the 16 students in the senior choir, and the 16 students in the boys vocal group who have been successful in auditioning, and will now perform in Starstruck. They will join our dance group of 16 students in the June performances at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Congratulations also to Travis Richmond who has been successful in auditioning as a featured artist, and will perform as part of the junior backing vocal ensemble.

We wish them all the best of luck!
STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE
Envelopes have been distributed to all families in the hope that Floraville families can support this worthy cause. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT.
During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support.
This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.
Please enclose a gold coin donation and return the envelope to school by Friday 17th of May. Everyone who supports this cause is eligible to be included in the draw for a $4000 holiday to the destination of your choice.

LUNCH WRAP WINNERS
Alana Cross – 2C “The Chilli Wrap”
Could our 2 lucky winners please see Margaret at the canteen. CONGRATULATIONS.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Mitchell Chung, James Collins, Sophia Rickards, Kaden Pinfold, Haydn Burns, Blair Christian and Julia Collins who have all completed the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This brings our total for students completing this year’s Challenge to 16.
A special mention again to Jamie King of Year 1 who has now read 120 Premier’s Reading Challenge books this year.
Lexile Legend
This week’s Lexile Legend is Isabella Halpin of 3/4O who has earned over 100 Lexile points this year. Congratulations Isabella.
Lexile Awards
Congratulations to 3/4O and 3H who received Class Lexile Awards at last week’s assembly. A special mention to 3/4O who have received the Class Award at every Primary assembly this year. This is a fantastic team effort.
Congratulations also to Emma Mantle, Robert Nolan, Anna Hughes, Logan Wonser, Harrison Kitching and Chloe Hancock who all received Blue Star Awards (25 Lexile points) and Riley Gardner who received a Red Star Award (50 Lexile points) at last week’s assembly.
Book Fair
Thank you for your support during our Book Fair this week.

SPORTS NEWS
Seeking Sponsorship for Sports Uniforms
We have 4 school soccer teams and 4 school netball teams that play every Friday in Terms 2 and 3 and we would like to order new uniforms. In the past, family businesses have sponsored our team uniforms which gave them an advertisement on the uniform. Once again, to subsidise the cost for our school, we are seeking business sponsorship. If you are interested, or you know someone who may be, please contact our school office to express your interest. Your consideration is truly appreciated and more details will be available next term once we have evaluated quotes from a range of uniform providers.

Term 2 Primary Sport
Congratulations to the students who have made it into the Macquarie Cup soccer and netball teams and our Windale Cup Rugby League team. All other students will participate in free rotational sports held at school and Marks Oval next term.
T-Ball Gala Day
Unfortunately the T-Ball Gala day was cancelled due to wet weather last Wednesday. The organisers have informed us that they hope to reschedule the gala day, but it may not be able to fit into the Eastlakes PSSA sporting calendar until Term 4. We will send new notes to those students as soon as we know the details.

Hunter Trials
We are very excited to have the following students going to Hunter PSSA trials this Friday:
Hockey: Ky Willott, Mitchell Dicks, Jet Randall, Leto Oxenham, Joshua Redding
Netball: Sophie Tabrett
Good luck!
Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

Congratulations to our Cross Country Medalists
P & C
To everyone enjoy and have a safe School holidays, thank you for your support throughout Term 1. Please remember the ANZAC day march from the Gunyah Hotel, lets keep up our great representation on the day. Thank you to the parents that attended the P and C meeting last night. The P and C last night confirmed a decision to discontinue the payments made to Sports representatives, the school P and C feel that the association is here to support the whole school. Early next term should see the installation of the new playground equipment. Within the coming months there will be a presentation from school photographers, so that the school community can decide on the best product available.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment books will once again be available for purchase through our school. The books are still $60.00 each and $12.00 from each book sold is donated to the school. If you have any enquiries please contact Vicki McCudden 0407-457785.