**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 5**

Dear Parents,

**Kindergarten 2014**

Last night it was great to meet and welcome many of our new parents to school as we started our kindergarten orientation process for 2014. While we already have many students enrolled for next year it is important that any prospective families are included in our orientation program so that the transition to school for our new kindergarten students can be made as smooth as possible. Please spread the word to any prospective local families with school aged children for next year that they should contact us as soon as possible to enrol their child.

**No U-turns in Chevron**

The traffic congestion in Floraville Rd at pick-up and drop-off times is an ongoing issue. The practice of doing u-turns at the intersection of Chevron Cl has been a potential hazard and Lake Macquarie Council prohibited it. Double lines are in place and a “No U-Turns” sign has been erected. Please be aware of this, as it is enforceable and breaching it carries a significant fine.

**Illnesses**

There have been recent reports at school of cases of chicken pox and of impetigo (school sores), both of these illnesses are infectious and require students to stay away from school for a period of time. Further information about these illnesses can be found on the NSW Health website (http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/) or at www.schoolatoz.com.au.

**NEITA Award**

The National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEITA) is an annual award for inspirational teachers. This year our P&C has, on behalf of our school community, nominated two of our staff for this prestigious award in recognition of their contribution to the learning needs of our students. Congratulations to Miss Clarke and Mrs Gibson on their nominations and thank you to the P&C for their ongoing support of our teachers and school.

**Graffiti**

Over recent months the local area seems to have been the target for some persistent graffiti attacks. This type of graffiti detracts from the appearance of an area and is a significant social issue. Whenever school property is tagged with graffiti, it is cleaned promptly, but is often retagged again, only to be cleaned again and so on... Some local community properties have suffered ongoing attacks as well. At last night’s P&C meeting a suggestion was made to help this issue. I would like to congratulate the parents involved for their initiative in contacting council, obtaining graffiti removal kits and seeking support in removing this graffiti. Please keep your eyes open for opportunities to join them in their efforts to minimise the impact of this problem on the local community.

**School Uniform**

At last night’s school council and P&C meetings I sought the support of our parent body in reaffirming our uniform policy at school. On the whole, the standard of our school uniform is excellent and reflects very positively on our school and the students. However, school shoes are an area of concern. Our school uniform policy states clearly that acceptable shoes for both

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**This Week:**

- 15/08 – Debate V Booragul
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 16/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 16/08 – Windale Cup League 1pm
- 17/08 – Aerobics Nationals (Sat)

**Week 6:**

- 20/08 – Rugby League Mentoring Program
- 22/08 – Book Week Parade/Grandparent Day
- 23/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 23/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 23/08 – Windale Cup Netball 1pm

**Week 7:**

- 27/08 – Rugby League Mentoring Program
- 27/08 – Spelling Bee Finals Stage 2 and Stage 3
- 28/08 – Father’s Day Stall
- 28/08 – Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp-Year 5&6
- 28/08 – Year 5 Buddy Training at 11.30am
- 29/08 – K-2 Athletics Carnival
- 30/08 – Macquarie Cup Soccer 11.50am
- 30/08 – Macquarie Cup Netball 12pm
- 30/08 – Windale Cup Netball 1pm
- 30/08 – Hunter Athletics Carnival

**Week 8:**

- 02/09 – Yr 4 Wangat (Group 1)
- 03/09 – Yr 4 Wangat (Group 1)
- 04/09 – Yr 4 Wangat (Group 1 & 2)
- 04/09 – Kinder Orientation meet buddies
- 05/09 – Yr 4 Wangat (Group 2)
- 05/09 – Cricket Gala Day
- 06/09 – Yr 4 Wangat (Group 2)
- 06/09 – Soccer & Netball

**REMEMBER OF MONEY DUE**

- Aerobics Term 3 - $50.00
- Netball Term 3 - $63.00
- Year 3 Camp Toukley - $50.00 deposit overdue
- Year 4 Wangat Lodge - $60.00 deposit overdue
- School Spectacular Accomm - $50.00 deposit

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boys and girls (summer and winter) are “Black Shoes,” and for sports days “White Joggers” which included the predominantly white jogging/cross trainer style of sports shoe (no fluro). The recent trend of students wearing flouro shoes or shoes with flouro laces and patches detracts from the overall appearance of our school uniform and is not acceptable. Please support the school in our efforts to improve the standard of uniform by ensuring that your child is wearing the appropriate footwear to school.

D. Robson
Principal

Thought for the Week
Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.
~David Star Jordan

This week’s virtue is COMMITMENT

Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is deciding carefully what you want to do, and then giving it 100%, holding nothing back. You give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. You finish what you start. You keep your promises.

ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK - 6P

BANKING CHAMPIONS – 1NB & 4/5W

KINDERGARTEN 2014 ENROLMENTS
If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please see the office for an enrolment form. The transition to school process will begin soon which will enable a smooth start to Kindergarten for you and your child. Mrs Barclay is happy to answer any questions you may have.

2013 INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Come and share a glorious day watching your children proudly as they have fun participating in the Infants Sports Carnival.
Where: Marks Oval, Floraville
When: Thursday, 29th August from 9.30 am
The canteen will be running at the oval with hot food, cakes and drinks available. The coffee van will also be attending from 10am. Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy a picnic lunch supporting your children.

LIBRARY NEWS
We will be holding our Book Week/Grandparents Celebrations next week, Thursday 22nd August. Please refer to last week’s bulletin for details. This can also be found on the school website.
As part of our celebrations, we will also be holding another book fair which will be open on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to an end. Please have all entries entered by the end of August. Congratulations to Jessie Bradburn of Year 1, Mikayla Armstrong, Matthew Ayliffe and Danielle Griffiths of Year 6 who have completed this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Lexile Legend
This week’s Lexile Legend is Leah Wood of 4/5W. Congratulations Leah.

Lexile Awards
Last week’s Class Lexile Award went to 4/5W who managed to have 100% of their class participating in Lexile. This is a fantastic group effort.
Congratulations to Billie Richardson 3H and Jake Robertson 3/4O who received their Blue Lexile Award (25 points); Alyssa Payne 3/4O who received her Red Lexile Award (50 points); and Grace Kim 2H who received her Silver Star Award (250 points).

SPORT NEWS
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Carly Erich
Sports Coordinator

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