IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3
- 19/10 – Whole School Assembly

Week 4
- 26/10 – Whole School Assembly
- 26/10-28/10 – Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 5
- 29/10 – Last day for Calendar Art orders
- 29/10 – Kinder 2016 Orientation 9.15am
- 29/10 – Music Count Us In 12.30pm
- 29/10 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 30/10 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

Week 5
- 02/11 – Whole School Assembly
- 02/11 – Special Band Concert for Yr 2 & Yr 3 10.10am
- 02/11 – Getting Started 9.30am
- 03/11 – School Spec Rehearsal – Sydney
- 03/11 – Buddy Training Year 5 students 11.30am
- 03/11-4/11 – Year 4 Camp
- 05/11 – Art Gallery 2.15pm
- 07/11 – Aerobics Spring Challenge 10am

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE
- Year 4 Camp – Overdue
- Year 5 Camp - Overdue
- School Spectacular Accommodation

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 3 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Joint Problem Solving with the P&C
At last week’s P&C meeting both traffic and pedestrian issues were discussed. In working together with P&C members, we are already on track to try and help resolve some of the concerns that were raised.

We were fortunate to have a representative from Lake Macquarie City Council inspect traffic, parking and pedestrian movements during school drop off this week. Whilst parking issues in the 5 minute drop off zone were still witnessed, generally most people complied. Council will be conducting random inspections so we encourage you to familiarise yourself with the drop off and pick up zone rules.

I am pleased to advise that in coming weeks Council will be conducting some routine maintenance work on the pedestrian verge on the eastern side of Floraville Road. Council will be removing some overhanging branches and will attempt to level out the gravel footpath by removing some of the larger rocks and exposed tree roots.

I am also pleased to advise that Council has allocated funds in the 2016/2017 budget to install a footpath that extends from Nyanda Avenue to a new pedestrian refuge crossing off Floraville Road to be roughly installed halfway between Nyanda Avenue and Chevron Close.

In the 2017/2018 Council budget, funds have been allocated to extend the asphalt pedestrian surface on the eastern side of Floraville Road from where it currently finishes to approximately where the guardrail starts. It is very pleasing that both of these works have been scheduled by Council.

Council will be looking at what further road improvements can be undertaken on Floraville Road outside of the school and we look forward to working with Council for the betterment of the school and the safety of our students.

Notification of Student Absences
Over the past two days the school has undergone an audit by a DoE auditor. One area identified for improvement is following up on explanations for student absences.

A reminder that parents/carers are to ensure their children attend school each day and that it is a legal requirement to explain all student absences. Partial absences (arriving late or leaving early) also require an explanation. An explanation needs to be provided to the school within 7 days. The explanation is best given by writing a letter or via the School App notification tool.

The school is legally required to seek verbal or written advice from parents/carers within 2 days (after the 7 days has elapsed) regarding unexplained full or part day absences.

State Athletics Carnival Results
Congratulations to Ruby Jones (100m – 12th), Riley Gardner (100m – 14th) and Wil Botham (high jump – 12th) at the recent NSW PSSA State Carnival. Great effort!

Great Aussie Bush Camp
Year 5 are in for loads of fun when they venture away next week to Great Aussie Bush Camp. Enjoy the experience and we look forward to a full report on your return.

Calendar Art Orders
A reminder that your child’s calendar art is currently available for viewing at their classroom. All orders need to be placed via the school office no later than 3pm on Thursday 29th October.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

Thought for the Week
“Nobody can hurt me without my permission.” - Mahatma Gandhi
This week’s virtue is PEACEFULNESS

Peacefulness is being calm inside. Take time for daily reflection and gratitude. Solve conflicts so everyone wins. Be a peacemaker. Peace is giving up the love of power for the love of power. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart.

SPORT NEWS

Primary Sport

Great start to Primary Sport last Friday! We had beautiful sunny weather, however quite a few children were without hats. Please make sure your child is coming to school with a school hat so that they can participate in sport.

If your child is doing Water Polo or Water Fun & Safety please make sure they come to school on Friday with their swimmers, towel and wearing sunscreen.

State Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to Wil Botham, Riley Gardner and Ruby Jones for representing the Hunter Region at the State Athletics Carnival last Wednesday and Thursday at Homebush. Wil came 12th in High Jump, Riley came 18th in 100m and Ruby came 12th in 100m.

Well done, you should be extremely proud of your achievements. We are!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Specialty Group Photograph Orders

Special Group Photographs are on display at the school office. They can be ordered on-line through Newcastle School Portraits. The details are below:

LIBRARY NEWS

Literacy Pro Encouragement

Earlier this term, all primary students as well as infants students who use the Literacy Pro reading program set themselves a Literacy Pro points reading goal to achieve by the end of Week 5. So far, the response from students has been amazing. It’s fantastic seeing such a positive attitude toward reading. It would be great if all students could be encouraged to read at home (Monday to Thursday for 20 to 30 minutes at a minimum) and also complete the quizzes on the Literacy Pro website. Of course, there is always the option to complete the quizzes here at school. If you need your child’s logon details or any further information regarding Literacy Pro, please don’t hesitate to contact me. My email address is: Louise.Southward@det.nsw.edu.au

Literacy Pro Reading Award

Congratulations to Makenzi Harvey who was the recipient of the Literacy Pro Reading Award. Congratulations on earning over 65 Literacy points since the end of August.

P&C NEWS

A reminder that Calendar Art orders are due by next Thursday 29th October. After seeing many of the artworks that the children have produced we are sure you will be very impressed with your Calendar Art orders for 2015. Bookclub is due by this Friday 23rd October.

CANTEEN NEWS

COMING UP

Kindergarten 2016 Parent Morning Tea

New Menu for 2015/16

Thank you BBQ for all classes for Ring Pull donations

Volunteers Needed

Helpers are still desperately needed on our canteen roster for the following days: Mondays – 2/11, 9/11, 30/11, 7/12. Thursdays - 29/10, 26/11.

If you can help with any or all of these could you please see Margaret our Canteen Supervisor.

Roster

Thursday 22/10 – Narelle Masson, Lee-Anne Lentfer, Sandy Green, Sally Brown
Friday 23/10 – Simone Pasovski, Chris Rapp, Toni Roberts, Kim Toll (am)
Monday 26/10 – Kellie Christian, Jo Fletcher, Sally Face
Tuesday 27/10 – Katrina Halls, Meredith Wright, Neridah Jackson, Lisa Wardle
Wednesday 28/10 – Sharon Robertson, Louise Grozdanovski, Peta-Maree McCormick, Renee McCormick

BANKING NEWS

Banking Champions – KB

School Banking is every Thursday

UNIFORM NEWS

SALE RACK: Several items are on sale in the uniform shop. Come into the uniform shop and grab a bargain. Sports shirts, shorts, pants, microfiber jackets and more.

Order now for 2016 - Lay-by is available

The uniform shop will NOT BE open on the pupil free day prior to school starting in 2016. The first day the uniform shop will be open is Wednesday 3rd February (first day of school is Thursday 28th January). Please start to consider what you may need for next year and order now. Lay-by is available, order now and collect by Wednesday 16th December to be ready for 2016.

Uniform Shop is open Wednesday’s 2.30-3.15pm