Dear Parents and Carers,

**Pencil Values Award System**

Congratulations to the students who have been working hard throughout the year to achieve their certificates and pencils. Indeed, some students are beginning to be rewarded with their badge which is an accomplishment across all five pencil values. I anticipate a number of students who are deserving of their badge will be recognised at assemblies in the coming weeks.

At last night’s P&C meeting a few questions regarding the current award system were raised and discussed. Questions have also been raised by school staff at our staff meetings throughout recent years. Both the school staff and P&C are looking to improve on the current pencil award system and we are seeking proposals from our community.

If you have any suggestions about improving the award system I would appreciate your input. Any proposals would be welcomed via email to floraville.p-school@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 25th November.

At P&C we decided the best way forward was to schedule a community consultation forum on Tuesday 1st December at 6.30pm in which proposals could be shared and discussed. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Year 5 School Leadership for 2016**

Well done to all of the Year 5 students who sought nomination for a school leadership position next year. The voting results were very close and we now have our 16 candidates (8 girls and 8 boys) who are eligible for selection. The 8 girls moving forward are: Alana Bradshaw, Jessica Croese, Zara Eles, Kasidi Eshman, Ellli Hooper, Emma Mantle, Lara Moore and Annabelle Morrow. The 8 boys moving forward are: Croese, Z

**Remembrance Day**

Today we all paused to recognise Remembrance Day with a respectful and significant service under our Cola. Thank you to our school leaders for hosting this important event.

Today all students received a special Gallipoli centenary medal. The medals were a result of a grant made through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program, with the medallions project being coordinated by the Pelican RSL sub-branch in the Shortland electorate. The medallions were distributed to schoolchildren in our local schools on the eastern side of Lake Macquarie. The front of the medallion features Simpson and his donkey helping a wounded soldier, and on the back are the words ‘courage, mateship, endurance and sacrifice’.

**Thank you Canteen**

Thank you to our canteen volunteers who today provided every student with a sausage sizzle in appreciation of collecting ring pull tabs. The ring pull tabs go to Ronald McDonald House and this year together we collected thousands. This day was our nominated Red Day in the canteen for this term.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that the school canteen would be trialling an online ordering system. The equipment arrived yesterday and the Flexischools program will begin operating soon. A flyer will be sent home with “how to” details in the very near future.

**Thank you Parent and Community Donations**

Our Kindergarten staff were hugely appreciative of the many morning tea donations which were forthcoming on Monday morning. Your generosity was very much valued by all. Thank you again to the canteen staff for co-ordinating.

**Volunteer Procedures**

As mentioned in a recent Brief we will be trialling a new electronic sign in system for all volunteers. Office and teaching staff will assist you in the new procedures during the trial period. Your co-operation in assisting us with executing these procedures in the coming weeks will be appreciated.

**Yellow Day in Support of Cancer Council**

Tomorrow (Thursday 12th November) is an out of uniform day. Students are encouraged to wear yellow and bring in a gold coin donation to help raise money for the Cancer Council. This is an initiative of our Year 6 Eventarian group with a special mention to Ewan Mackenzie for his initiative towards the proposal. A separate note will be sent home today with further information.

**Selectee High School Process for 2017**

An email was received this week reminding us that online applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017 opened on Tuesday 13 October 2015 and will remain open until 10:00 pm on Monday 16 November 2015. Parents who intend to apply but have not yet done so should apply as a matter of urgency as late applications are not possible. All parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement. There are no paper applications.

**Opal Card for School Travel 2016**

A School Opal card will be provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. To be eligible, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from school. For K-2 students there is no minimum distance. For Year 3-6 1.6km straight line or 2.3km walking distance.

Most students won't need to apply as it will be sent to school automatically at the beginning of the 2016 school year. However, if your child is moving from Year 2 to 3 or from Year 6 to 7 they will need to

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Week 6**
- 12/11 – Cancer Council Fundraiser 9am

**Week 7**
- 16/11 – Whole school assembly 2.20pm
- 16/11 – BHS Getting Started 9.30am
- 18/11 – School Leadership 2016 Speeches & Voting
- 18/11-20/11 – Lunch time disco 1.30pm

**Week 8**
- 23/11 – Whole School assembly 2.20pm
- 23/11 – Puberty & Friendship Year 6 11:30am
- 23/11 – Getting Stared 9.30am
- 23/11-28/11 – Swim Scheme 10.30am
- 24/11 – Kinder Connections Picnic 5.30pm
- 25/11-28/11 – School Spectacular
- 26/11 – Infants Assembly 2.15pm
- 27/11 – Primary Assembly 12.20pm

**REMINDER OF MONEY DUE**
- School Spectacular Accommodation
- Puberty & Friendship Talk - $5
- Swim Scheme Year 2 - $60

**RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE WEEK 6 TERM 4**

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apply. Any new applicants will need to apply too. Further information and applications can be found at transport.nsw.info/school-students.

**NDIS Information**
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

You can find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting their information stand between 9.30 and 4pm at Lake Macquarie Fair (Mt Hutton) on Wednesday 25th November or Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you,
Jenny White
Relieving Principal

**Thought for the Week**
“Where words fail, music speaks.” – Hans Christian Anderson

**ASSEMBLY CLASS OF THE WEEK – 4C**
This week’s virtue is IDEALISM
When you have ideals, you really care about what is right and meaningful in life. You follow your beliefs. You don’t just accept things the way they are. You make a difference. Idealists dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible.

**SPORT NEWS**
**Primary Sport**
Sport is going really well of a Friday but please remember to bring your drink bottles and your Asthma Puffer if required.

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**
**Kindergarten 2016 Orientation**
The Kindergarten 2016 Orientation process is almost complete. The children have visited the school a number of times to find out where the Library, canteen, assembly hall and play areas are and to meet the Kindergarten teachers. We hope that they feel more comfortable and relaxed about coming to school next year as they know what some of the teachers look like and where the important places in the school can be found. Thank you to the current Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Southward (who has allowed the new children to borrow books already), all teachers for their flexibility, P&C, canteen workers, uniform shop ladies and the fantastic office staff who all help to make the process run smoothly. The Year 5 buddies are very excited about helping the Kindies and with their teachers will make name badges to allow us all to identify the new students by name early next year. Our last get-together will be a Kinder Connections picnic held on the Flat on Tuesday 24th November. This picnic allows 2015 Kinder families to be more comfortable about their son or daughter starting school.

Please remember to RSVP if you have your invitation to this event.

**Cancer Council Annual Fundraiser**
A reminder that tomorrow is our annual cancer council fundraiser organised by Year 6. Please bring a gold coin donation. In return for their donation students will be allowed to come to school out of uniform. Sensible, sun safe clothing and closed in shoes please. (No singlets, thongs etc.)

Hopefully we raise enough money to cover our daffodil mural. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

**Postcards Needed**
2A need postcards from a variety of places Australia wide. If you have any unwanted postcards (unwritten on) that can be donated, they will be gratefully accepted. Please send to 2A or the office.

Thank you Mrs Adams

**The Water Catchers Competition**
Please head to www.thewatercatchers.com.au and watch our submission in this year’s competition. You will need to click on ‘Gallery’ to view the contenders. We are asking you to vote for us in the hope to take out a prize again this year. The children were challenged to write a script to explain how water gets to our taps. Porscha Graham of 6P captured the selector’s attention with her script ‘The Water God’. We hope you enjoy watching and that you vote for us.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
**Literacy Pro**
Congratulations to all students who worked so hard to reach their Literacy Pro reading goal. Hopefully you actually enjoyed the reading too.

**Overdue Books**
Overdue notes are being sent out weekly. Please return overdue books or see Mrs Southward if there is a problem.

**P&C NEWS**
The P&C would like to say a big thank you to Emily Screen, who has organised the Entertainment Book fundraiser this year. At the beginning of the year Emily stepped up to organise the Entertainment books and has done a great job. Her help is very much appreciated.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
**COMING UP**
Infants Sports Carnival – Friday 20th November – volunteers needed for school canteen & for sports carnival canteen to be run at Marks Oval. Please see Margaret if you can help!

**Kindergarten 2016 Morning Tea**
A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Kindergarten morning tea, from cooking/baking our lovely goodies to serving our new kinder parents/carers, we had many wonderful comments, THANK YOU 😊

**NEW 2015/16 CANTEEN MENU**
Last week we mentioned our new menu with updated items & pricing changes would come home with the newsletter this week but unfortunately we have had to postpone the release of this for a later date. We will keep you posted!

**Roster**
Thursday 12/11 – Alison Maddocks, Suzanne Halpin, Trish Oakey, Nicole Hooper (am)
Friday 13/11 – Amanda Jackson, Megan Garland, Kate Lonergan, Kristie Davies, Sarah-Jane Crofts
Monday 16/11 – Rachael Searle, Jenny Davies, Amanda Jackson
Tuesday 17/11 – Michelle Ponman, Tracey Aspinall, Susan Moloney
Wednesday 18/11 – Kay Gibson, Meeghan Nicholson, Christine Mitford, Kylie Face

**BANKING NEWS**
**Banking Champions – 1N**
School Banking is every Thursday.

**UNIFORM NEWS**
Order now for 2016 - Lay-by is available.
The uniform shop will NOT be open on the pupil free day prior to school starting 2016. The first open day will be 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 Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.15 pm.