



Principal's Message



Thank you to all our parents, carers, bus drivers and escorts for your support in keeping our driveway safe. This is a very busy space and our systems are working well with your support.

Yesterday a survey was sent home for families to fill out in regards to our new Individual Learning Plan (ILP) process, reporting format and P&C. This information helps us to improve practice and better support your child. Please return your survey as soon as possible.

We are currently **updating our enrolment information** for all students across the school. The information you provide us with in relation to your occupation and education, in our new finance system, is crucial to the allocation of additional equity funding. *These details are the details are used for the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) which dictates the amount of extra equity funding the school receives.* Out of date or incomplete data may result in inaccurate funding levels. To ensure our data is up to date I will be sending home a letter next week for parents to update these details, please tick the group that best describes your current occupation status. If you have retired or stopped work in the past year please choose group five. For further information or assistance in completing the information please contact me at school.

Regards
Belinda Ryan
Principal

School Fees

\$100 per year or \$25 per term.
Please contact the office for more information.

Friends News

AGM

Our AGM is planned for Thursday 13th March, 2014 at 3.15pm in school staffroom. We invite all parents to attend. Afternoon tea will be available.

Easter Egg Raffle

We will be making Easter hampers out of donated Easter eggs and goodies and raffling over the next few weeks - tickets will go home shortly - if families and staff could donate Easter eggs and Easter items it would be wonderful!

Bunnings BBQ - Kotara

Saturday 12th April, 2014 from 8am - 4pm. Staff and parents welcome to come along - or pop in and buy a sausage sandwich.

Charity Golf Day – Merewether Golf Club

Friday 7th November, 2014 - details to follow later.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Friends Committee

Diary Dates - Term 1

Week 7

Monday, March 10th	Year 7 Immunisations
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Week 10

Thursday, April 3rd	Swag of Instruments Performance
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Clean Up Australia Day Activities

Students at Middle School have 'done their bit' for 2014 Clean Up Australia Day. Despite stormy weather on Friday some classes were able to help clean up rubbish and recyclables and on other recent days when they did their Community Access excursion walks to Waratah shops.

Our regular volunteer, Dot, helped Class 3 students as they actively pointed out litter along the journey.

Class 5 students were also very vigilant and picked up a variety of rubbish observing that many people can be lazy and irresponsible by not putting their rubbish in the bin.

Students practised sun safety and personal hygiene safety by wearing their hats, sunscreen and gloves or allowing an adult to pick up litter.

On a daily basis, students are encouraged to be responsible for their own rubbish at school and we have a whole school Recycling Program in operation.

Students from Classes 1, 3 and 6 have been participating in classroom lessons about Recycling and other uses for recyclable products.

As part of their learning about recycling, Class 3 made a wonderful scarecrow to enter into the Newcastle Show. He (Nike) was made completely from recycled items and carried the message about how important and easy it is to 'recycle right'. Their entry won some prizes for Jake, Jackson H, Finn, Declan and Saxon and recognition of their efforts.



Well done Class 3, Liz and especially Lenore our Environmental Guru.

A photo page of students in action is attached.

We are planning a few fundraisers this year to help us reach our target of a new school bus as mentioned in our recent Friends Newsletter that was sent home last week.

Office News

Immunisations

Immunisations are this coming Monday, 10th March, if you have not returned the forms please send them in with your child on Monday morning.

Three doses of the vaccine are required for optimal protection. If your child misses out on the first dose/s they can start the course during the next visit.

School Uniforms

School uniforms have been ordered today. Hopefully they will arrive late next week or early week 8. Once they have arrived they will be sent home with your child.

Entertainment Books

Just a reminder that we will be selling the 2014/2015 Entertainment Book this year.

The official book launch is in March and the books should arrive sometime after that.

If you, family or friends are thinking of purchasing one this year, please keep the school in mind.

The school receives a commission from the sale of each book.

New Payment Options

The office now has the facility to accept payments by eftpos, Mastercard or VISA. If this option suits your lifestyle then please ring details through or send details in with your child. (These will be shredded once payment has been made). We have attached a payment slip if this helps.

Regards

Susan and Kristy

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New South Wales Community Forum Belmont 16' Sailing Club

The Parade, Belmont

Tuesday 1 April 2014

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

You are invited to:

- Hear detailed information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- Meet members of your local National Disability Insurance Agency team.
- Learn about becoming involved with the scheme.
- Ask questions.



To RSVP and for accessibility assistance, please call Jenny Richardson, by Monday 24 March 2014, on 02 49429248 or email jenny.richardson@ndis.gov.au.

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New South Wales Community Forum

East Maitland Bowling Club

Cnr New England & Banks Street, East Maitland

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

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New South Wales

Community Forum

Newcastle Jockey Club

Darling Street, Broadmeadow

Thursday 3 April 2014

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

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