

# Newsletter

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## P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am**. If the weather is nice we will meet under the Cola on the long table.

Please bring some biscuits or slice to share.

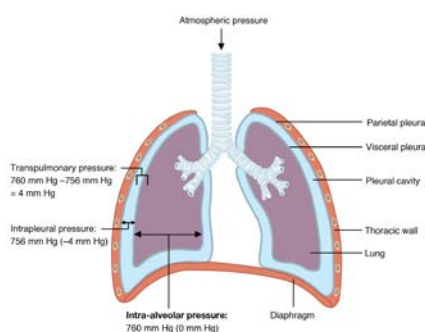
## Desperate for Used Umbrellas



We are looking for umbrellas that people have no use for anymore. Please donate your umbrella to the school and we will put it to good use. Any size or colour is fine. Thank you for your support. You will see your umbrella again in Education Week.

## Asthma Awareness

Students were given a special lesson on asthma today. This is part of the Health Syllabus and raises awareness for all. The lesson was delivered by a specialist from the Asthma Foundation.



## Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Up's

Please be mindful of the hours school operates. **Teachers are NOT on morning duty until 8.30am**. A few students have been arriving as early as **8.10am**. This means sometimes teachers are doing a 45 minute duty in the morning instead of their preparation work for the day. Also some parents think it is **alright to be consistently 15 to 20 minutes late every day**. This time is spent on preparation for your children and over the past four weeks this time has been spent just standing around WAITING every afternoon.

## Zone Cricket Trials

Good luck to Naomi at the zone cricket trials today. We have some very good young cricketers coming up through the ranks.

## Newcastle Herald Newspaper Competition

Our students have entered the above newspaper competition. We will create a publication for the Newcastle Herald and it will be printed on **22<sup>nd</sup>, October 2015**. Our brief is – **'Here to Stay'** and we wish to connect with the wider community to develop our articles. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in this project please get them to contact Mrs Bray. Watch out for more news about this.



### **Kindergarten Best Start Reports**

Parents of all Kindergarten students will receive their child's Best Start Report on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please look out for this.

### **Kindergarten Photos**

The Mercury took a photograph of our new Kindergarten students last week. Look out for this in the newspaper.

*Ms Phelps* - PRINCIPAL

### **Young Leaders' Day**

Year 5 and 6 students went to the Young Leaders' Day at Thornton Public School on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Thornton, Beresfield, Woodberry, Blackhill and Tarro Public schools as well as Francis Greenway High School were there. We watched some motivational videos where we learned that one person can make a difference. We saw Joel Howlett the magician. He was funny and told us that action is the key to success. He also showed us some awesome magic tricks. Manuela Oliveira and her dance team performed for us then spoke to us about the importance of team work and supporting your friends. Anna Weatherup told us to follow our dreams and not to give up. She said it can be hard work, but that makes success even more rewarding. We participated in a team building workshop where groups had to try and make the tallest, free standing straw tower. That was lots of fun. We learned a lot about leadership and we really enjoyed the day.

By Tayisha, Nic, Jai, James, Lauchlan and Blake.



### **Clean Up Australia Day**

Our school grounds should be looking especially tidy after the students cleaned up our school grounds last Friday afternoon for Clean Up Australia Day.

Well done, boys and girls!



## Sport News

All the best to Naomi, who is at the Hunter girls' PSSA cricket trials at Rutherford today. We also wish Nic well for the PSSA Rugby League Trials this Wednesday at Raymond Terrace.

Congratulations to James & Nic who were selected to progress to the Regional Cricket Trials in September. Well done!

Our in-school Cross Country run will be on this Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. The Cross Country run will be conducted as part of our school sport. Students have been practising their long-distance running during their weekly fitness sessions. Some students will be selected to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country on 27<sup>th</sup> March, based on their time taken to run the course. Good luck to everyone!

**Athletics Carnival** - the Small Schools' Athletics Carnival will be on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, with a back-up date of Wednesday, 1st April. A note about the carnival will come home when further information becomes available.

## Harmony Day

We will celebrate Harmony Day at Millers Forest Public School on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Families are invited to our Harmony Day Assembly at 9:00am under the shade cloth. Students can wear orange clothes to school on the day and will participate in Harmony Day activities in class. Check out the P&C's lunch order menu for the special Harmony Day Lunch order for \$5. The Harmony Day message is Everyone Belongs.

*Mrs Bray* – 3/6 Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

## Numeracy & Literacy Workshop

Mr Egan will be conducting a Numeracy and Literacy workshop for parents on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March from 2:00pm to 2.45pm.

This workshop is designed to help parents support their children's learning. All parents and caregivers are most welcome.

*Mr Egan* - Instructional Leader/Deputy Principal

## Art / Library News

Welcome to the new school year and to all of our new students.

Friday is Art and Library day and it is helpful for students to have a few items. A library bag for borrowing ( 2 week loan), a paint shirt for art (an old T-Shirt is fine) and textas are helpful for Primary students.

We will have lots of fun creating this year!

*Ms Merrilees* – Art/Library Teacher

## *Important Dates to Remember*

<b>PSSA Rugby League Trials</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>P &amp; C Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 9:00am
<b>Numeracy &amp; Literacy Workshop</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015 2:00 – 2:45pm
<b>In-School Cross Country</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>Harmony Day Celebrations</b>	<b>Friday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>Young Leaders Day Year 6</b>	<b>Monday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2015
<b>Small Schools Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>Zone Cross Country</b>	<b>Friday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>Backup Date – Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2015
<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2015

## *Assembly Awards*

<b>Week 4 – Term 1</b>	
<b>Principals Awards</b>	<b>Jai</b> – Fantastic leadership. <b>Nic</b> – Great math’s teaching.
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	<b>James</b> – Always showing respect to others.
<b>Kindergarten Award</b>	<b>Isaac</b> – Outstanding reading.
<b>Year 1 Award</b>	<b>Eddie</b> – Being a sensible and reliable class member.
<b>Year 2 Award</b>	<b>Chloe</b> – Always using her learning time effectively.
<b>Primary Award 1</b>	<b>Naomi</b> – A wonderful effort at the swimming carnival.
<b>Primary Award 2</b>	<b>Nic</b> – Fantastic results at the swimming carnival.
<b>Playground Award</b>	<b>Imogen</b> – Keeping our playground tidy.
<b>Fitness Award</b>	<b>Naomi</b> – Helping others during fitness.
<b>TREE of the WEEK</b>	<b>Kaiden – Congratulations...</b>
	

## *Assembly Awards*

<b>Week 5 – Term 1</b>	
<b>Principals Awards</b>	<b>Riley</b> – Improved engagement in class. <b>Matty</b> – Great computer reading test.
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	<b>Ally</b> – Always willing to help others.
<b>Kindergarten Award</b>	<b>Michael</b> – Great improvement in his reading.
<b>Year 1 Award</b>	<b>Mason</b> – Being a terrific independent learner.
<b>Year 2 Award</b>	<b>Charlotte</b> – Always trying her best in everything she does.
<b>Primary Award 1</b>	<b>Oliver</b> – Trying his best in all activities.
<b>Primary Award 2</b>	<b>Jai</b> – An awesome effort at Young Leaders Day.
<b>Playground Award</b>	<b>Mason</b> – Cleaning up our playground.
<b>Fitness Award</b>	<b>Oliver</b> – Hard work in fitness.
<b>TREE of the WEEK</b>	<b>Evan – Congratulations...</b>
	



New long day care centre now open in East Maitland!!

### Vacancies Available

- \* 59 place centre
- \* Air conditioned playrooms
- \* Homely environment
- \* Spacious outdoor environment
- \* Qualified, experienced and professional staff
- \* Latest educational resources
- \* All meals are provided, nutritionally balanced and prepared on site
- \* Nappies and linen provided

Catering for children aged 6 weeks to 6 years

Vacancies available for all age groups

Visit [www.fieldsendelc.com.au](http://www.fieldsendelc.com.au) for more information or call Tamara on 49 337976