



Our mission is to provide children with...

- a love of learning
- a pride in achievement
- a respect for themselves and others

...in a safe and happy environment

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2013 Calendar

TERM 4	WEEK 2	Activity/Event
Monday	14 October	Swimming Scheme starts
Tuesday	15 October	
Wednesday	16 October	Stage 3 Transition
Thursday	17 October	Stage 3 Transition
Friday	18 October	Girls Cricket v Denman

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NAPLAN

Today with the newsletter we will be sending home students NAPLAN reports with students in Years 3 and 5. The student reports outline how each student performed in the NAPLAN assessment earlier in the year. If parents and caregivers have any questions or would like to discuss their child's report please give us a call and make an appointment.

We are very pleased with the growth our students have demonstrated in NAPLAN this year. Students from Years 3 to 5 and from Years 5 to 7 have demonstrated above State average growth in a number of areas. Many of the achievement targets we have set for this year were around NAPLAN results meeting or exceeding expected growth and in three of four areas we exceeded our targets. In the one area that we did not quite get there we were very, very close.

NSW Primary Principals Association Annual Conference

Next week I will be attending the NSW PPA Annual Conference and will not be at school from Tuesday to Friday. Mr Debenham will be Relieving Principal for this period of time.

2014 Organisation

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program begins soon as we welcome 60 new students to our school. We are also beginning to plan for students transitioning from one class to the next and to organise the class structures for 2014. If your family details have changed or you are leaving our school please let us know.

We have identified almost 70 students who we will be doing some additional transition planning for. It is likely that we will need to make contact with families to support this process.

CLASS NEWS:

Kindergarten Interviews

All Kindergarten staff are offering interviews in the next fortnight for parents. Notes were sent out last week. Please return these completed forms to your teacher. Contact your class teacher for more details.

KF are looking for any empty and clean containers they can use for their pretend shop.

Mrs Payne's performing arts groups are starting this week. Once you pay for your recorder you can take it home. Recorders are \$7 and are to be paid for at the office and collected from Mrs Payne during recorder group. If you are in the recorder or drumming group could you please supply your own A4 folder for the music.

KC Welcome back to term 4. KC has been setting up shop in the classroom and all food boxes are welcome in our shop. The children will be enjoying the shop as well as learning about coins and dollars and meeting their and others needs in the beginning of this term. Any one is welcome to our shop.

KB This is an exciting Term for KB. We have just helped in designing invitations for the new Kindergarten students for 2014 and we have been practising our running for our Sports Day.

3R Mr Rees has recently has some minor health concerns, in the interim we have had casual staff replacing him and the students have all coped beautifully adjusting back into their routines very quickly. Well done 3R!

3/4D has started to explore the enchanted world of the Giant Kelp Forests of Tasmania in our new book "The Hidden Forest" written by Jeannie Baker. We have also started our investigation of food and services and healthy eating.

4T has welcomed Mrs Habiba to our classroom this week. Mrs Habiba is an Intern from Queensland University of Technology and will be visiting for 6 weeks of this term. Mrs Habiba will be focussing on maths and our Science Unit – Investigating Food Products and Venues.

4-5K is excited about our learning this term. We are looking at NAPLAN passages and learning how to write persuasive texts in literacy. Our Science unit is Investigating Foods so we will be conducting experiments on food products. In HSIE we are looking at who will buy and looking at how products are bought and sold. In PDHPE we are finding out about healthy foods. Homework was handed out on Monday.

5-6P has been busy learning all the background information and vocabulary for our new text this term, the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We are also having lots of fun with Robyn on Thursdays during our dance lessons.

6A Welcome back 6A to term 4. It is a very exciting term where we have jammed the term with lots of exciting adventures. We are currently working really hard learning about Canberra, especially about Australia's Federation and the importance of it on our culture. Our Canberra excursion is in just under 2 weeks!!

Library News

We currently have another box from the Australian Museum. The display is set up in the Library. This term the display is on Dinosaurs, a theme that sparks the interest of all children.

What is each stage studying in Library in term 4?

Early Stage 1 - being read quality literature with associated activities

Stage 1 - Celebrations (H.S.I.E. unit)

Stage 2 - Who will buy? (H.S.I.E. unit)

Stage 3 - Weeks 1-3 Canberra

Maitland Regional Art Gallery Face Exhibition

Samantha Brown, Sienna McInnes and Rohan Baker-Wade were successful in having their artwork exhibited in the Face Exhibition at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. The competition was open to all K-10 students from the Hunter and Central Coast Public Schools so we congratulate them on this wonderful achievement.



Gardening Club will begin tomorrow and notes were given out yesterday. No gardening on October 30th or November 13th.

Still looking for any parents who would like to be involved with the vege patch at school.

Back to Basics Cooking Please return notes about data collection permission as soon as possible to Mrs Kelly. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2014

Our orientation family BBQ is on Wednesday, October 30th at 5pm until 7pm. Please make sure that you have put your child's name down for enrolment in Kindergarten



2014 at the office. There will be a second mail out to all families with information about orientation at the end of this week.

SPORTING NEWS:

On Thursday, 19th September the boys' and girls' touch football teams travelled to Maitland Park Sports Grounds to take part in the NSW and Maitland Touch Associations - Touch Football Gala Day.

Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship and were extremely competitive on the day winning all their games in terrific style. Well done to all students involved and thank you to parents for their help with transport to and from the ground on the day.



Active after School Sport has now been filled. Students who have been included will have received a confirmation letter. Basketball begins Week 3 (next week) on Tuesdays. AFL began last week. Times are from 3:15 to 4:15pm.

P&C News

****LEAD SMENCILS****

As a fundraiser for our P&C, we will be selling lead smencils from outside the hall each morning before school from Thursday next week. Each smencil will cost \$2.00.



For further information on what a smencil is go to www.smencils.com.au

2014 Bus Passes

If your child is currently in Year 2 and has a bus pass, they will need to reapply for Year 3. Forms available at the office.

Found

If you have lost a key, please contact the school office as one was handed in last Friday that was found in the school grounds.

A wallet that was found last term at the William Street Bus Stop has also been handed into the office.

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to increase your vegies

90% of adults in your area don't eat enough vegies! We should aim for 5 serves each and every day!

Here's some easy tips to help you out...

Eat vegetables as a snack throughout the day

- Try vegie sticks with low fat dip like guacamole or salsa, or vegie pancakes - mix creamed corn, grated zucchini or carrot into pikelet batter before cooking.

Decrease the meat in your meals + add more vegies

- For a family of four all you need is 400g of lean meat, fish or poultry per meal. Top up with extra veg. Hint: chickpeas, lentils + beans are great fillers!

Add vegies to all your meals

- Meals that are easy to add extra veg to are casseroles, stir-fries, pizzas, even the humble omelette!

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	Monday	Tuesday
Maitland Park (Church Hall)	6 - 7:30pm	6 - 7:30pm
Maitland Grossman High School		4 - 5pm

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thornton Public School	6 - 7:30pm	6 - 7:30pm	
Telarah Public School			4 - 5pm

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