Term 2 Newsletter ~ 14th May, 2015

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Principal’s Message

We have had a smooth start at last to Term 2 with kinder but colder weather and the big wet drying out at last. Some of our families are still affected by road closures and property restoration. Our science excursion planned for 25th May, to the quarry at Torryburn has been postponed as the quarry is being used to assist in road repair. This will be rescheduled for a later date. Thank you to all who generously supported the Flood Appeal. There were certainly those much worse off than ourselves.

Now that our grounds have dried out we are able to reschedule our sporting activities planned to commence at the beginning of the term. Sporting exchange visits for Years 5 and 6 will commence this Friday with Martins Creek and Gresford schools visiting Dungog for friendly games and skill development in Football & Touch. These visits will continue fortnightly throughout the term with our school visiting neighbouring schools and hosting other schools. This program is aimed at supporting the transition of our children to high school and has been organised by the Dungog Community of Schools.

We are also participating in a federally funded ‘Sporting Schools Program’ which follows on from the great opportunities provided by the Active After School Sports Program. We have engaged a specialist coach who will work with children on their athletics skills leading up to the athletics carnival on 5th June. These sessions will be delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays for the whole school. Because of the timetabling, our Friday assembly will be moved to 10.30am with parents always welcome. We are also looking forward to a Gala Sports Day for Year 5/6 to be held at Dungog High on 17th June.

Thanks to all who supported the Mothers Day stall held last week. It was our most successful yet with proceeds going to support our literacy programs across the school. Special thanks to Mrs. Carter for her excellent organisation and to Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Crouch who assisted with setting up the stall. Children were delighted with their gifts and we hope mums were too.

We have received many comments and letters of congratulations and thanks for the Anzac Ceremony staged at school recently. The ceremony showcased our school to the wider community and beyond, and has been recorded through the wonderful photographs of Julie Hartigan and a movie, nearing completion, put together by Mr. Taylor and his class. We will show this to the parent community when it has been completed.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students worked hard this week to complete their NAPLAN assessments. All students worked conscientiously in the weeks leading up to the assessment. Primary students participated in 2 video conferences which focused on narrative and persuasive writing in preparation for the writing component of the test. Results should be available in September.

We now have a large number of students signed up for school banking. Thanks to the efforts of Bec Spinks, assisted by Catherine Smith, children will be able to learn about the importance of saving. This is an area not always addressed in our current society. Bank day will be each Thursday and children will give their bank books to their teacher first thing in the morning and the ladies will complete the transactions for the children. Should you wish your child to be involved, please phone the office for details.

Professional learning for teachers has been in the area of literacy this fortnight.

Kind regards,

Pauline

“Be kinder than is necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.”
Stewart House

Stewart House envelopes went home recently and are now due.

Just by filling out the envelope and placing $2 in it you have a chance to win a $4,000 holiday.

All envelopes need to be back to the school by tomorrow Friday 15th May.

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Your local store is located at
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Cnr New England Hwy & Thornton Rd
Phone 4966 1700

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?

You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: NDIS Community Conversation

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will begin its roll out in the Maitland area commencing 1 July 2015. It supports people up to the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability.

Want to know more then this Session is for you!

Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: Free - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Monday 25 May 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 20 May 2015

For more information or to register contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
The Chooks are back!

School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank is now available every Thursday. So start saving now!

Cold Weather Clothing
As the cold weather is upon us please ensure that all jumpers and coats are clearly labelled. We are also giving out a number of jumpers each morning to children who are arriving at school in just a short sleeved shirt. To prevent illnesses, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the colder weather.

Dates for your Diary

MAY
Fri 15th - Naplan Years 3 & 5 (catch up day)
- 5 & 6 Sports Day @ Dungog
- P & C meeting
- Stewart House envelopes due
- Assembly new time 10.30am
Thu 21st - School Banking
Fri 29th - Years 5&6 Sport Day @ Gresford

JUNE
Thur 4th - Athletics Field Events
- School Banking
Friday 5th - Athletic Carnival
at Gresford Sporting Complex
Thu 11th - School Banking
Fri 12th - Years 5 & 6 Sports Day @ Dungog

School Planning Snippets
Our school plan for 2015-2017 and Annual School Report for 2014 have now been placed on the school’s website. Should you require a hard copy of either document, please phone the office.
**Awards**

**School Merits**

- K/1 - Acacia Glavin & Ebony Simpson
- 1/2 - Daniel Craig & Harrison Sellens
- 3/4 - Ella Osmond & Jack Hill
- 5/6 - Hayden Gardiner & Brooklyn Bidner

**Good Listener Award**

- Toby Mead, Jack Hill, Ebony Simpson, Ryan Skolyszewski

**Sports Award**

- Mary Briggs
- Hayden Wilson
- Ewen Mitchell
- Jack Hill

**Library Award**

- Verity Spinks
- William Thiecke

**Spelling Champions**

- Mary Briggs
- Shaelyn Crouch
- Oscar Wyvill
- Paige McFadyen
- Billy Huckstadt
- Toby Mead

**Values**

- Respect
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Sustainability
- Service