Maitland High School have changed the dates of the Year 5 visits from Term 1 to Term 3 please remove these from the calendar sent home last week.

**Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival- on Monday**
On Monday 18th February our 3-6 students (and some Year 2 students who turn 8 this year, and can swim 50m) will attend the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival being held at Beresfield Pool. The carnival starts at 9.30 am so we ask all students to be there so we can mark the roll. All children attending the carnival are expected to participate in the age events or novelty races. Mr Sheppard and Ms Hamer will supervise the students.

Each family needs to make their own arrangements with transport—everyone is to meet the teachers at Beresfield pool. The school c-shirts are to be worn for the day
Our cheer squad may bring red and white plastic streamers only.

A canteen will be operated by the pool staff and it is best if lunch is ordered in the morning. A paper bag, with correct money, Name and School are to be placed in our school’s tub on the day (menu and order form attached). Cost of pool entry is $2.60 each for students. Parents are required to pay for themselves on entry to the pool. Please return the permission note, and $2.60 per child, as soon as possible.

The program for the day is as follows:

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All these times are a guide only.

**Vision Screening**
Kindergarten students are being given the opportunity for a FREE vision screening. Permission notes were sent home yesterday please return them to school before Wednesday 27th February if you would like your child screened.
Car Parking
Port Stephens Council visited our school again on Tuesday to reassess our parking situation in front of the school. As we all know, it is very difficult obtaining a safe car park after school. As mentioned last week, everyone needs to be vigilant and very careful when parking as the space available is very limited. Please do not cross the grass when parking.

Dungog High School Information Evening
Dungog High School would like to invite students and Parents of Years 5 and 6 to an information evening on Wednesday 27th February at 5.30. The event will be held at the school and will provide guests with a tour of the school, information about what the High School has to offer students and provide information about the enrolment process.
A free sausage sizzle will be on offer.
Please RSVP by Monday 25th February to Mrs Denise McKinna on 49923022.

Class Meetings
This year each class will be organising class meetings to explain how “each class works” and to clarify some understanding about expectations from each teacher. It is also an opportunity for all families to ask questions so everyone better understands the education of their own child at our school. The meetings for each class are being held at 3.15pm on the following days;
1/2/3 (Ms Hamer) Wednesday 13th February (yesterday)
4/5/6 (Mr Sheppard) Tuesday 19th February
K/1 (Ms Bath) Wednesday 27th February

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C Meeting for 2013 was held yesterday in the School Library. As a result our P&C Executive for 2013 is:
President: Pat Lannen
Secretary: Di Murphy
Treasurer: Fiona Lawrence
Vice President: Debbie Clement
Canteen Manager: Melisa Smith

UNIFORM ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

Yrs 5&6 Kids Connection
Years 5 and 6 had their 2nd “Kids Connection” lesson yesterday, an Interrelate program focusing on interpersonal relationships. They have one more session next week.

Book Club Orders
All orders and money needs to be returned to the school by tomorrow 15th February 2013.

Iona P&C Welcome BBQ 2013
Thank you to everyone who joined in our Welcome BBQ last Friday night. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the night, getting to know each other.

Star Struck
Congratulations to our Star Struck troupe:-
Oscar D, Jesse, Hillary, Shyla, Layla, Amy, Emma, Luci B, Gabriel, Lachlan, Georgia, Ty, Bailea, Nyah, Chelsie, Liam and Grace.
We will be practising on Friday 15th Feb, 22nd Feb, 1st March and Tuesday 5th March from 8.00 am in readiness for our audition in a couple of weeks’ time. Breakfast will be provided for our Star Struck troupe after the rehearsal. Cassie is again coaching the children—we have 6 boys in our team this year, who will join the many boys from around the Region in the Schools’ performance at the end of term 2.

Guitar / Piano / Recorder Lessons-reminder
We have around 21 children participating in our music lessons. It is wonderful to see this program continuing, thanks to the continued efforts and support from Ms Hamer. Those involved, please ensure you are ready—Keyboard on Tuesday and Guitar and Recorder on Thursday. For those students who having piano and guitar lessons your payment is now due. Please place money in an envelope with your name and music lesson on it and leave with Mrs Mahony who will pass it onto the appropriate teacher.

Ice Cream Containers
Miss Bath is after ice-cream containers for use in her classroom. All shapes and sizes gratefully accepted.
**Soccer Years 3-4**

Years 3 and 4 have been invited to play in a soccer gala day on Friday 15th March at Gresford. The expression of interest needs to be returned to school no later than Thursday 21st February to allow us to register.

**Tocal Field Days**

Tocal Field Days is looking for contestants for the 2013 Bake or Burn competition. There is a special category this year for under 12’s and they can participate in groups of 2 or 3. They can have a parent or caregiver on stage with them to give them guidance and support. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and participate in this local event. Entry forms available in the school office.

**Birthdays:**

Cameron turned 10 on 1st January
Linden turned 8 on 4th January
Marni turned 6 on 14th January
Tom B turned 10 on 17th January
Mike turned 9 on 19th January
Alison turned 11 on 29th January
Chelsie turned 10 on 29th January
Cohen turned 8 on 5th February
Archie turned 5 on 7th February
Raini turned 6 on 9th February

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**Awards**

**Merit Awards** were presented in:-

K/1
- Fred for being a fantastic classroom helper
- Keeley for being a quiet worker
- Marni for being a great helper in the classroom
- Seth J for working well in class
- Riley for trying hard in art

1/2/3
- Cohen for preserving with tasks
- Felix for great work in writing
- Oscar H for demonstrating a mature attitude to his school work
- Kimberley for being very supportive to younger peers
- Phoebe good listening during art activities

4/5/6
- Luci B for great leadership during science
- Victoria for excellent classroom leadership
- Harry for excellent support with computers
- Emma for excellent leadership as school captain

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**

Eaden for helping kinders settle in

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**

Sophie D for being very supportive of younger students

**Library Award**

Fred for showing kinders where everything is

**Environmental Award**

Brodie for being very helpful in the vegetable garden

**Healthy Food Award**

Clinton for always being polite
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NEW COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: SCOTT PARSONS
TREASURER: GEOFF WIGHTMAN
SECRETARY: KYLIE PARSONS

REGISTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2013
At Matraville City Bowling Club

Tuesday 5th February 3:30pm till 5:30pm
Saturday 9th February 1pm till 3pm
Tuesday 12th February 5:30pm till 7:30pm
Sunday 17th February 10am till 1pm

Registration Fees
U5 – U7 $70
U8 – U11 $90
U12 – U18 $120
Adults $230

Also there are Games fees to pay every week:

Small Sided Games U5 to U7...
Small Sided Games U8 to U11...
Combined Association U11 to U18...
Adult Teams...

If games are washed out you don’t pay. If you can’t play you don’t play.

New Players receive Shirts & Socks

Returning Players Receive Socks

Under 6’s & 7’s also Receive Shin Pads & Soccer Ball

Secretory 0423 361 736
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LARGS PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRIVIA NIGHT!

22ND MARCH 2013 7PM
LARGS SCHOOL OF ARTS

TICKETS FOR SALE AT LARGS PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE

TABLES OF 10 - $10 PER HEAD.

B.Y.O NIBBLES AND ALCOHOL
(NO CHILDREN UNDER 18)

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO
ESTABLISH WI-FI AND THE PURCHASE IPADS FOR CLASS USE.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!
Newsletter

The .................................................family would like to receive their newsletter by Email, our email address is:-________________ ____________________

☐ Paper Copy
☐ I will read direct from the website

Signed:_______________________  Date:_____________________ 

Small Schools Swimming Carnival 2013

Permission Note

I give permission for my child / ren........................................................ to attend the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} February 2013 at the Beresfield Swimming Centre. I understand that transport will be by private vehicle.

☐ I have enclosed $2.60 per child for pool entry.

I am able to help with time keeping  ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Signed .....................................................................Date...................

Years 3 & 4 Soccer

My Child ................................................................. would like to play in the 5 aside gala day at Gresford on Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March.

Signed:  __________________________________________
P&C News

The annual general meeting was held yesterday and was well attended by some of our parents. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of new faces.

All positions were declared open and the following parents were accepted into positions: -

President: - Pat Lannen
Vice President: - Debbie Clement
Secretary: - Di Murphy
Assistant Secretary: - Karen Irwin
Treasurer: - Fiona Lawrence
Uniform Co-ordinator: - Nicole Crossland
Canteen Manager: - Mel Smith

We all look forward to working together and with the school community over the coming year.

The monthly meeting was held immediately afterwards and the following were some of the issues discussed: -

Tickets for the Easter raffle will be sent out over the coming weeks, along with a request to families for a donation of prizes for the draw. This will be drawn on Thursday March 28th.

Daryl and I met with a representative from Port Stephens Council on Tuesday to discuss the condition of the car park. Whilst no immediate commitment was made, we were advised that Paterson Rd was likely to be rehabilitated next financial year and the car park issue should be addressed then. Further representation will be made to our local member Robyn Parker and the Education Dept. In the meantime could all parents please be mindful to park efficiently to enable as many cars as possible to use the area. Please take care if parking across the road, although this is discouraged. Also be aware that the area in front of the hall (along the yellow line) is a no stopping/no parking area, do so at your own peril!!!

Next meeting will be held Wednesday April 3rd at 2.00pm

Pat Lannen
P&C President