Calendar

Week 11 – 3 Way
Fri 12th April
Conferences K/1 + 1/2/3
Library Excursion 4/5/6
School Anzac Service 3pm
Last Day of Term

Mon 29th April
Staff Development Day

Tues 30th April
Staff Development Day

Wed 1st May
Students return for Term 2

ThinkUKnow
We have booked a video conference for parents on Thursday 16th May at 5:00pm. It runs for approximately one hour. It is a 60-75 minute presentation on how parents can keep youth safe online followed by a Q&A session.

Whether you are a new parent or a grandparent, care for kids or anything in between, this presentation will prepare you with the basics to keep youth safe online.

ThinkUKnow is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through primary and secondary schools across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

ThinkUKnow has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn & Datacom.

The 60-75 minute presentation, which includes time for Q&A, is delivered by two accredited volunteers paired together to take advantage of both law enforcement and industry-specific skills and knowledge. We use PowerPoint with real life case studies and videos to assist in getting the message across.

It is never too early, or too late, to prepare yourself for the online world. In this session you will learn about technologies children are using, their benefits and their threats. Most importantly, if things do go wrong we teach you where to go so you are not alone.

John Marsden Library Excursion
On Friday 12th April 4/5/6 will be visiting the Maitland Town Hall to listen to the famous author, John Marsden who has written such books as “Tomorrow, When the World Began” which was filmed locally.

The presentation runs from 1:30 to 2:30pm. We will be travelling by private transport for this event, so we will need parents to help transport the students. We will leave school at 1:00 and will return in time for the school ANZAC ceremony at 3:00pm. Parents are welcome to stay for the presentation (we may not have seats) or they could take the opportunity to go for a coffee in Maitland to fill in the time. Cost for the event is $5.50 per student. Could you please complete the permission slip at the end of the newsletter, including whether or not you can assist with transport on the day?

Anzac Day - Reminder
We will again be participating in the Anzac Day March at Morpeth, on Thursday 25th April.

This is in the second week of the holidays so we would like most families to attend and represent our school at the march, in honour of all the fallen soldiers that Anzac Day commemorates.

We are to assemble at Campbell’s Store, Cnr Tank and Swan Streets at 10.45am. The march will begin at 11.00am, proceeding down Swan St to the War Memorial for an 11.15am service.

All children attending are to wear their full school uniform (summer as it is usually warm). Everyone needs to meet me, Mr Sheppard, at this venue. We hope to see a large roll up, as we have done over the last few years!
Lovedale Long Lunch
Payment for Lovedale Long Lunch tickets now due. Payments are to be made to the school office by Friday 5th April.

Staff Development days next term
All children will return to school next term on Wednesday 1st May. (I know it’s an early notice but I’d like you to have a chance to organise your family). On Monday 29th April, we will be having our staff development day at school, whilst Tuesday 30th April has been gazetted for all schools to look at the new National Curricula. Our Local Management Group (LMG) will be meeting at Morpeth P.S. that day reviewing the new English Curriculum which is to be introduced next year.

3 Way Conferences - Reminder
Please see Mrs Mahony to make your appointment with the teachers.

**Years 1/2/3 –**
**Ms Hamer**

- **Friday 5/4** 8:00 – 9:00, 3:15 – 4.30
- **Monday 8/4** 3:15 – 4:30
- **Tuesday 9/4** 8:00 – 9:00, 3:15 – 4:15
- **Wednesday 10/4** 8:00 – 11:15, 3:15 - 4:15
- **Thursday 11/4** 8:00 – 8:45, 3:15 - 4:15

**Years K/1-**
**Thursday 11/4** 8.30 – 3.00

**Years 4/5/6 -**
- **Thursday 9th May** 8.00 – 4.00
- **Friday 10th May** 8.00 – 4.00

**Easter Raffle**
Congratulations to our winners:-
1st Vicki Anderson
2nd Alison Mahony
3rd Sheppard Grandkids
Raini Waton X 2, Isabella Hughes X 3, Sophie Anderson, Ruth Jones X 2, Nyah Moore, Alysha Tully, McLaughlin, Grace Lawrence, Will Proctor, Summerville X 2, Christine Jones, Sophie Dunlop X 2, Seth Dawson, Denise Bath, Debbie Collins, Corey Smith
John Marsden Library Excursion – 4/5/6 Only

I give permission for my child / children …………………………………………………………………….. to travel by private vehicle to Maitland Town Hall on Friday 12th April to listen to John Marsden. I have enclosed $5.50 per child for the cost of the excursion.

☐ I am able to assist with transport and can take ☐ additional children.

☐ My Child will require transport

Signed: ___________________________________________    Date: _________________________
Please find enclosed the Stewart House donation envelope. For a small donation of $2.00 your student will have a chance to win a $4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY. The sealed envelopes should be returned to school before Stewart House Day, Friday 10th May 2013. All entries have to be returned to Stewart House by Friday 24th May 2013.

3 EASY STEPS FOR STUDENTS

STEP 1... Take home the envelope and write your name, address, telephone number and school.
STEP 2... Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it up.
STEP 3... Return the envelope to your teacher.

Important Information
The winning entry for the $4,000 family holiday to a destination of choice (brokered through JC Travel Professionals) will be drawn on Friday 24th May 2013 at 1.00pm. The winner will be contacted by phone and mail as soon as possible after 1.00pm. The winner’s name will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald.
Full terms and conditions for this competition are available on our website: www.stewarthouse.org.au Donations sent to Stewart House: will be credited to your school’s total yearly donation figure and will be published in the Stewart House Annual Report (if more than $200).

Expression of Interest – Dubbo / Bathurst / Katoomba Camp

My child / children ..........................................................will be attending the 4/5/6 camp to Dubbo / Bathurst / Katoomba between 16th September – 18th September 2013. I understand that there is a $350 (per child) cost involved.

..........................................................would also like to attend and I understand there will be an additional cost of $395.00 per adult.

Signed:............................................ parent / guardian Date:.....................
CAPTURING DAIRYING IN THE HUNTER

Hunter Dairy Development Group’s Digital Photography Competition

Up to $100 in prize money is up for grabs if taking photos of cows and all things dairy is your style. Your photos could be displayed at the upcoming Tocal Field Days (3rd, 4th & 5th May) as part of this year’s “Dairy Feature”.

In an effort to promote and celebrate dairying in the Hunter Region the HDDG is running a competition with prize money in three categories:

1. Open – farmers, members of the general public
2. High School Students
3. Primary School Students

The HDDG is a farmer driven group conducting research and development in the interest of the local dairy industry with support from Dairy NSW. It covers an area from Tamworth to Dubbo and the Upper and Lower Hunter.

Entries to be submitted by the 24th April 2013 and are limited to 2 images per person and are to be in jpeg/jpeg format. They can be emailed to hddg@pacific.net.au

For further information, contact Sheena on 0427 434 412.

Entry forms available from school office.
My Home

My house is number 6.