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No Wrap Day
Next Wednesday, 22nd October is a No-Wrap Day at school. On these days, the entire community works together to completely eliminate any packaging materials being used to bring food to school. In theory, we should be able to spend the whole day without putting any paper, plastic, foil or commercial packets in the garbage bin. The only waste we produce at school on this day should be food scraps. Hints to make it easy on no-wrap day include cooking biscuits and slices at home instead of buying them; instead of buying smaller, individually wrapped items, buy bigger packets of food and put small amounts into washable containers (this is cheaper, too); sending fresh fruit and vegies instead of packets of snack foods (fresh foods are usually healthier choices). Please try to support this day – there is an immense amount of learning for the students about environmental responsibility and financial literacy.

Civic Theatre – Pete the Sheep - Reminder
On Tuesday, 21st October K/1 and 1/2/3 (and the first 3 students from year 4 with their signed permission notes in) will be attending the “Pete the Sheep” show being shown at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle. This show is outlined on the Civic Theatre website as follows-

“A very sheepish, brand new musical based on the quirky and quintessentially Australian picture book.

Based on the picture book by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley.

Shaun is the new sheep shearer in Shaggy Gully. While the other shearsers have sheep dogs to help them, Shaun has Pete, a sheep-sheep! Rejected, they open their own Shearing Salon for woolly clients who delight in Shaun’s styling prowess.

This hilarious musical comedy explores the challenges and rewards of being an individual and honouring your own spirit and strength whilst working with the flock.”

We have booked a coach to take us to and from Newcastle leaving school at 11.15 a.m. and leaving Newcastle around 1.30 p.m. The total cost of the excursion is $25, comprising of $15 per ticket and $10 coach fare. Students will need to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch, recess and water. A very small bag to carry their food would be great as there is not a great deal of storage space at the Civic for school bags.

Learning together in Harmony

16 October 2014
Poetry in 4/5/6  
Years 4/5 and 6 have been writing four and five line poems with Ms Hamer. A couple of the poems they created are at the end of the newsletter.

Narratives in 1/2/3  
*The Thinkers* have been writing narratives. Each story had to have an element relating to food as part of the story. Phoebe’s story is attached to the end of the Newsletter.

School Photos - Reminder  
An individual envelope was sent home with each child last week. These envelopes need to be returned with correct money before photo day, Monday, 20th October (Week 3, Term 4). Please return envelope even if you aren’t buying any photos. If you would like a family photo taken, envelopes are available in the office.

Horse Sports Day  
Our Horse Sports day was postponed due to the inclement weather. We have rescheduled the day to Wednesday, 5th November. If you are able to assist on this day, please see Pat Lannen or Fiona Lawrence from the P&C. Alison in the office will also assist you.

Kindergarten Orientation  
Our new Kinders for next year had their first day at “Big School” on Tuesday and the second day today (Thursday). Around 7 students are attending next year, a small intake but quite helpful with our numbers, allowing for three classes next year, a K/1; 2/3 and a 4/5/6. The children settled in well, having great support from the Year 5 students and Mrs Gale, our learning Support Officer. Ms Bath (Tuesday) and Mrs Bird (Thursday) did very well organising activities for our new students which engaged them for their morning period.

Uniform Order  
Orders and payments need to be returned no later than Thursday 30th November to allow uniforms to be returned before the end of the year.

Swimming School  
Our Swimming School continues tomorrow so all children are to remember their swimming gear including C-shirts. **We do ask that all children wear the school c-shirt each week, whether they are inside or outside. These are available for ordering in the office.** I had some comments from the Swimming staff last week about how impressive these shirts have been in the three years we have attended Lakeside Pool. The red and white C-shirts are easy to identify and look quite impressive; aside from providing protection from the sun and keeping children warm in the colder water. This also forms a part of our “Sun Protection” policy at our school.

Choir at the Riverlights Festival  
I was extremely proud of our choir (only 12 children were able to attend) who sang at the Riverlights Festival in Maitland last Saturday. They sang beautifully. I would also like to thank Ms Hamer for all her time and effort in teaching the children, and all the parents who took the time to be there on Saturday.

Professional Learning  
Next Thursday, 23rd October, Ms Bath will be attending an ARCO course (Anti-Racism Contact Officer). Ms Hamer and I will be spending the day planning our School English Policy for 2015, following the new English Policy. Ms Tully and Mrs Bird will be here to cover the classes that day.

Public speaking made easier.
Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)
Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches.


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:
Kim Boettcher, The Aged care Rights Service


Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: Free - Includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Wednesday 29 October 2014

RSVP: Friday 24 October 2014

For more information or to Register Contact HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter on: 4921 4995 or 1300 887 776 or Email: Education.Carers@health.nsw.gov.au (We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

Sydney Bus Trip to Birkenhead Point Outlet Shopping & Lunch @ Napoli In Bocca Restaurant Haberfield (inc. lunch)
23rd November 2014

$85.00 per person (full payment required on booking)

20 seats available

Depart: Paterson Friendly Grocer 7:30am
Return: 6pm

Contact Radha Homes, Radha@apoetic.com.au or 49365091 to book your seat
All money to be paid with the attached receipt by cash or cheque to the Club’s PO Box as above

Bus Trip Payment

Name _______________________________ I would like to buy _______ Seats
Amount Paid ________________________ Ph:

Thank you for supporting your local Netball Club.
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $67 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02
A Quatrain - Lollies

Lollies, delightful when you nibble,
Disappear slowly, invisible.
Too many, you may dribble,
So amazing, delectable.

Jesse 13-10-14

QUATRAIN

Waddling by go the chooks,
Pecking, scratching always chucking,
Then carefully, left she looks,
A handsome rooster, proud and brrking.

Leila
Once there was a boy called Jamie. He was about 11 years old and lived with his father. His mother was rich, so she didn’t have to work, so when his father was away on business, Jamie stayed with his mum.

Jamie had a bad habit of stealing chocolates from his mother. One day, when his dad was on business, his mother had a talk with him. “You must stop getting chocolates down from the cupboard,” said Jamie’s mum.

“Well, have you realised that hiding all the chocolates in your golden box and hiding your golden box in the golden cupboard with the golden chair right next to it (Jamie’s mum loved the colour gold) where the vegies are kept won’t stop me?” said Jamie. Jamie’s mum didn’t know what to say next.

“Well, you’re saying I should think of a different way to stop you stealing from your poor mother!” said Jamie’s mum.

“Well, actually, you’re rich,” said Jamie.

“The meeting is over,” said Jamie’s mum.

“Sure, but can I go to Lola’s house?” asked Jamie.

“Fine, but be back in time for your dad to pick you up,” said his mother as she headed upstairs.

“OK,” echoed through the marble hallway.

As Jamie was walking, he was thinking whether his mum would try another way to stop him stealing chocolates. She was doing exactly that. Soon, when she was eating a custard tart, she thought of something. “What if I stop buying chocolates?” she asked herself. She started singing, “I am a genius, I am a genius, I am a genius!” She kept repeating it.

Meanwhile, Jamie was playing cards with his friend, Lola. “I win!” said Lola proudly.
“But you always win,” complained Jamie.

“I’ve been studying,” said Lola.

“What? Cards?” said Jamie.

“Yes. Unlike you! All you have been doing is playing computer games at your mum’s house,” said Lola.

“I’d better go,” said Jamie. “My mum would be looking for me.”

“I bet you are just going home to play computer games,” said Lola. Jamie glared at Lola as he opened the front door to leave.

When Jamie reached his mother’s mansion, his father was waiting for him. “Time to go, Bro!” said Jamie’s dad.

“Bye, Cedric,” said Jamie’s mum.

“Bye, Sybille. Hop in the car, Jamie,” said Jamie’s dad.

“Bye, Cedric,” said Jamie’s mum. So they left.

“I just can’t last that long without chocolates,” thought Jamie’s mum. You see, she was quite a fan of chocolates, too. So she decided that it was good to have a chocolate eater in the family. The end.

Phoebe, Year 2.
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**PARENT HELPER SHIRTS ORDERED ON REQUEST.**  
**HATS, SPORT SHIRTS & SPORT SHORT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE OFFICE.**  
**CASH OR CHQ (PAYABLE TO IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C)**  

**CHILDS NAME:**  

16 October 2014