Calendar

- **Fri 8th August**
  - Musica Viva 2 pm
  - Letter Day – Yr 6 Fundraiser
- **Thurs 14th August**
  - Starstruck Afternoon Tea
- **Tues 19th August**
  - K/1 Port Stephens Library
- **Fri 22nd August**
  - Bookweek Parade 2:30 pm

Lost Property

There are lots of jumpers in Mrs Mahony’s office. If your child has lost one please come and have a look. If they are still there on Friday 15th August they will be put in the second hand clothing pool.

Chickenpox

We have had a reported case of chickenpox in the school.

Year 6 Fundraiser - Reminder

Tomorrow, Friday 8th August our Year 6 are holding another fundraiser. Their information is as follows:

“As one of our year six fundraisers we will be having a letter day. We will allocate a letter to each year and the students choose something starting with that letter to dress up as. It will be a gold coin donation contributing towards the year six’s gift to the school.” **Lucy and Tom**

Book Week Parade - Reminder

On Friday 22nd August we are having a “character dressup” parade to celebrate Book Week. Students need to wear school uniform to school, but bring a costume to change into for the parade which starts at 2:30pm. For the parade, each child is asked to dress as a character they know from a book. Please come along and share in the fun of celebrating Book Week. We are also having a book fair where families will be able to purchase a book (or two) to celebrate Book Week. The books will be supplied by McDonalds Bookshop in Maitland.

Rotary Talent Quest

On 31st August, Paterson Rotary are planning the Rotary Spring Fair. At the fair, they are planning a Talent Quest. They will run the talent quest between 11-1pm. The stage will be approx the depth of a truck platform i.e. approx. 8 feet or 2.4m and between 20ft and 40ft wide (6m-12m). As well as having individual prizes for each participant, there is a $500 prize for the winning school also on offer. If you wish to be a part of this Talent Quest, please contact Mr Sheppard who can then pass on your nomination to the Paterson Rotary.
Zone Athletics Carnival
Our children performed beautifully at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, with all children cheering enthusiastically as each student strived their best across the finishing line in the running races. Our school can be enormously proud of how our children represent the school, themselves and their families. Tom B. did very well qualifying for the Regional Carnival at Glendale on the 29th August in 3 events. These are the 11 yrs High Jump, Long Jump and 200 metres. Well done Tom and good luck at the next level.

Morris Gleitzman Talk
On Wednesday, 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 went to the Maitland Library to listen to the renowned Australian Author (he immigrated to Australia in 1969), Morris Gleitzman, speak about his books and writing skills. He was very informative and inspirational. If you are interested, have a look at his website (which also reflects his humorous character) —just google Morris Gleitzman.

Public Speaking
We have had a number of children participating in the Hunter Central Coast Public speaking Competition this week. They are: Joel and Tilly (Stage 1) at Irrawang P.S., and Amy and Lucy (Stage 3) at East Maitland P.S. Congratulations to these children for representing our school at this level. Tilly and Joel have already competed, and although not reaching the next stage, did themselves proud with their presentations. Good luck to Amy and Lucy for their speeches tomorrow.

Starstruck Afternoon Tea
We are planning to have a thankyou Afternoon Tea for all Starstruck Children next Thursday afternoon, 14th August, from 3.15 pm. This is a thankyou to all the parents who assisted us through this time, and to Cassie for coaching and inspiring the children to perform so well. It is an informal occasion, with the afternoon tea arranged in the lunch area, for parents and participating children, so we would like you to drop in and share this time with us.

K/1 Reports
Mrs Bath has returned this week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for the next 3 weeks). As a result of her leave, her reports will be handed out this Friday.

Canberra Excursion
Our 4/5/6 excursion to Canberra is getting closer—it’s only 4 weeks away. Please ensure that you keep up your payments for this excursion, as would need all fees paid by Monday 25th August (we leave on Tuesday 2nd September).

Leaps and Bounds Speech Pathology
Attached to the newsletter is a letter from the Leaps and Bounds Speech Pathologists from Charlestown, offering their services for a screening assessment for all children in Kindergarten and Year 1. This assessment looks at a child’s developing speech sounds, as well as their comprehension, use of language and early literacy skills. They are offering this assessment for $35 per child. If we can get enough children who want to have a speech assessment they will come to our school, so if you are interested, please complete the attached expression of interest form.

K/1 Library Excursion
On Tuesday 19th August K/1 are celebrating bookweek by attending the new Port Stephens Library. The session will include fun activities based on the "Connect to Reading" theme for Children’s Book Week. The students will be travelling by bus leaving school at 9.15am, please make sure you are at school on time. We will be sharing the bus with Mount Kanwary Public School. The cost of the excursion is $6.00.
K/1 Library Excursion

I give permission for my child / ren ............................................................... to travel by bus to Port Stephens Library, Raymond Terrace on Tuesday 19th August. I understand that there is a cost of $6.00 per student.

Signed: ........................................................................................................... Date: ..................................
Please make note of the following future dates: -

8th August  **Tomorrow**  – Due date for paver fundraiser. The cost will be $40 per paver. This is a chance to leave a lasting reference to your time with the school. If families find they may not be able to afford the cost, please see either myself or Daryl.

9th September  **P&C meeting**  – 6:30pm (NB this is a Tuesday night)

12th September  **School Disco**  – 6:30pm til 9:00pm. This will be a fancy dress night, with an open theme. Come in any outfit you choose. Parents are encouraged to dress up as well.

19th September  **Walkathon**

15th October  **Iona School Horse Sports**  – This is our major fundraiser. To be held on a Wednesday at the Maitland Polocrosse grounds. Further information on how you can help will be sent out on future dates. We are giving everyone plenty of notice to keep the date free if you want to be involved.

Thanks
Pat Lannen
ABOUT FACE CELEBRATION
YOU'RE INVITED!
1 - 2pm | Sunday 24 August
at Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Everyone welcome especially artists and their school mates, family, friends and teachers.

EXHIBITION DATES: 22 AUGUST - 2 NOVEMBER 2014
PUBLIC PROGRAMS:
COME | VIEW | PARTICIPATE

UPSTAIRS: IN THE ART FACTORY | Artist in Residence Rachel Milne
Visit artist-in-residence Rachel Milne painting a series of self-portraits upstairs in the Art Factory 11am-3pm on these 8 days: Friday 22 to Sunday 24 August, Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 August and Sunday 31 August.
Group bookings available (maximum 20) to participate in art activities set out in the exhibition space, or watch Rachel paint, in 30 - 60 minute sessions.
All activities are FREE. Bookings are only necessary for groups to work in the exhibition space for an extended period. For all bookings and enquiries please email artgallery@maitland.nsw.gov.au or call 4934 9859.

DOWNSTAIRS: IN THE ART FACTORY | about FACE artworks
by forty-nine students from twenty-five local schools
Students, teachers and visitors are invited to view the exhibition. Activities available for K-10 students.

P O O C H  P I C N I C & ABOUT FACE
A fun Sunday
at Maitland Regional Art Gallery
11am - 2pm | Sunday 24 August 2014

SPECIAL ART SUNDAY WITH POOCH PICNIC | 11 AM - 12 NOON
Come celebrate the return of Patch Boy in the gallery garden!
Bring your pooch (on a leash: don’t forget the doggy bags) and your picnic basket and blanket for special pooch-inspired Art Sunday activities.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE IN GALLERY GARDEN | 12 NOON - 1 PM
(gold coin donation)

SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF ABOUT FACE | 1 PM - 2 PM
About FACE artists, their friends, families, school mates and teachers are warmly invited. There will be an official welcome at 1:30pm in the gallery.

FREE EVENT | BOOKINGS REQUIRED | EVERYONE WELCOME
In the event of wet weather the Pooch Party and sausage sizzle will be cancelled.

MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY
20 High St, Maitland, NSW 2320 (02) 4934 9859 | catalogue artwork: Gilles and May Schifman, Bothness, 2011, MRA Collection

NSW Education & Communities
Dear Principal,

Recent studies have found that 8-9% of children, particularly young children, have speech or language difficulties. This, in turn, has important implications for a child’s evolving social and academic skills, as well as further speech and language development. Early assessment and intervention is recognised as the most effective and economic way to address children’s communication difficulties.

In recognition of this prevalence, Leaps and Bounds Speech Pathology would like to extend a screening assessment service to the children in Kindergarten and Year One at your school. This assessment will look at a child’s developing speech sounds, as well as their comprehension, use of language and early literacy skills (if required).

As part of this special service, Leaps & Bounds will offer screening assessments for $35 per child. This represents a substantial saving on the usual cost of assessment, and is deductible from any further assessment we may provide in the future. Payment must be provided on the scheduled day of screening in order for screenings to proceed.

Individualised assessments can also be conducted in clinic at our Charlestown clinic and satellite clinic at Wamers Bay. A schedule of fees for these individualised assessments has been attached to provide to parents.

If you would like more information or would like to book a Speech Pathologist to conduct screening assessments at your school, please call our Office on 49 422480.

Kind Regards,

The Leaps and Bounds Team
Leaps and Bounds Speech Pathology Charlestown

Speech Pathology

I would be interested in my child /ren .......................................................... having a speech pathology assessment. I understand that there is a $35 fee involved.

Signed: .......................................................... Date: ..........................................

7 August 2014
SINGLE NAME PAVER: $40
Your donation of $40 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your association with the school. The paver will be permanently installed in the school grounds proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

ENGRAVING DETAILS
Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 14 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.)

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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque to:

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Our Donation

Offer closes on Friday 8th August