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**Pie Drive Order**

Delivery of pies will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April NOT Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April as previously advised.

**Working With Children Check - Reminder**

As of June 15<sup>th</sup> last year, all people working with children in schools in any capacity need to have a Working With Children Check before being allowed to take on class reading roles, canteen help or any activity in which our children are involved. It is a free check, so please see Alison in the office to have your paper work done and cleared as soon as possible.

**School Cross Country - Friday**

We will be holding our School Cross Country event at Albion Farm, for all students, this Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend AND PARTICIPATE so you had better get into some serious training so you can run with your children. We will be selecting our children to represent our school at the **Maitland Zone Cross Country Carnival** being held at Tocal on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Other sport dates are:

- **Zone Winter Sports Trials** - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March for hockey, soccer and netball
- **Small Schools Athletics Carnival** - Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at Woodberry

**Small Schools Athletics Carnival**

We are once again joining other small schools at the athletics carnival at Woodberry oval on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This is the oval directly behind Francis Greenway High School. We would like all students to meet us at Woodberry Oval by 8.45 am ready to participate at 9.00 am sharp. **Families are asked to organise their own transport for the day (all students from K-6 are expected to participate on the day).**

The activities will start at 9.00 with all children rotating around the many different activities. The 5, 6 & 7 year olds will have their activities separate to the 8,9,10,11 & 12 year old students. All children will wear a name tag, the colour of their group (for younger students), with their age printed on it. Canteen facilities will be available on the day. Please ensure the children take the following: Sunscreen, (wear) school sports uniform, something warm in case it gets cool, rain coats (be prepared as our weather has been rather changeable of late), recess, lunch and water.

**Star Struck**

We received confirmation yesterday that we got into Star Struck!! Mrs Mahony is attending the Star Struck meeting on Thursday and will have some information regarding rehearsal and performance dates.

**Easter Hat Parade - Reminder**

Easter Hat Parade is on the last day of term, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.00pm. Hats will be made at school. If children wish to bring extra materials in, they may. Pre-Schoolers are also welcome to join in the parade with a hat bought from home.
Young Leader’s Day in Sydney
On Monday 23rd March, our Year 6 leaders will be attending the Young Leaders’ Conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. They will be leaving school, by car, at 6.00 am with Mrs Bird and Mrs Murphy, before catching a train from Morisset. They should return by 6.00 pm. At the conference they will listen to 3 main speakers—Bindi Irwin; Mike Baird (NSW premier) and Dylan Parker & Bryce Norton (Paper Plane Pilots). They should be inspired about how these very successful people achieved in their lives.

On the same day (from 12.00) Ms Bath and I will be attending a “Performance and Development Framework Meeting” (a mandatory workshop) in Maitland.

Parent Volunteers - Reminder
All volunteers must sign in at the office before proceeding to the classroom or canteen.

Strategic Planning Day
Next Thursday, Ms Hamer and I will be finalising our 3 Year Strategic Plan, by having a strategic planning day here at school during the day.

Cybercrime
Last Friday I attended a Principal’s Forum at Maitland Police Station and one of the items for discussion was cybercrime, which also involves cyber-bullying. They outlined a website that has some excellent resources. “Cybercrime includes crimes directed at computers or other devices (such as hacking) and crimes where computers or other devices are integral to the offence (such as online scams and fraud). Common types of cybercrime include online scams and fraud, identity theft, attacks on computer systems and illegal or prohibited online content.” In this computer age, we all have to be very vigilant with our computer usage. The website is: www.acorn.gov.au

Uniform
Orders and money need to be in by Monday 23rd March to allow for delivery before end of term.

Zone Cross Country-reminder
The Zone Cross Country is being held at Tocal on Friday, 27th March. Iona P&C is catering this event.
To try and combat the heat, this year’s event is starting at 9:45am instead of 2:00pm. Bacon & Egg rolls are being served from 9:30am, so we would like some support from this time. Alternatively you may be able to help on Thursday afternoon preparing sandwiches, wraps or bagging lollies. Cakes and Slices are also required and they can be dropped off to the canteen either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the P&C so if you can help out in anyway please see Lucy or Pat.

Three Way Conferences – Reminder/some changes
As mentioned last week, our 3 Way Conferences are scheduled for the next few weeks. The 3 way conference times for each class are listed below-
The timetable is as follows-(please consider leaving the more popular times in the morning and afternoon for those families who are unable to get here throughout the day)

Years 2/3 – Ms Hamer
Tuesday 24th March 8:00 - 8:45;
Thursday 26th March 8.00 - 8.30; 9.45 – 10.45
Tuesday 31st March 8.00 – 8.45
Wednesday 1st April 8:00 – 8:45; 3:15 – 4:00
Thursday 2nd April 8:00 – 8:30, 9:30 – 10.45

Years K/1-
Ms Bath/Mrs Bird
Friday 20th March 8.30 – 9.00; 10.45 – 11.15
Wednesday 18th March 8.30 – 10.00
Friday 27th March 8.30 – 9.00; 10.45 – 11.15
Wednesday 1st April 8.30 – 10.00

4/5/6
Mr Sheppard
Thursday, 26th March 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 3.00
Wednesday 1st April 8.00 – 9.00; 12.00 – 4.00

Other times by arrangement
Please see or ring Mrs Mahony in the office to book in your time. If you wish to make arrangements for times not mentioned above, please see your classroom teacher.
**Awards Week 6**

**Merit Awards** were presented in:-

**K/1**
- **Rocco** for being a responsible member of our class
- **Jessica** for working well in all class activities
- **Abigail** for working well in class and being a responsible learner
- **Tasmyn** for making pleasing progress towards your reading goals
- **Duke** for being a responsible member of our class
- **David** for being a happy, thoughtful and kind class member

**2/3**
- **Phoebe** for experimenting confidently in art
- **Felix** for consistent effort to achieve his goals
- **Katelin** for working well in all class activities
- **Isabella H** for working well in maths activities
- **Riley** for starting to take responsibility for managing his time

**4/5/6**
- **Asher** for an accomplished well written narrative “When the Clock Ticks”
- **Linden** for trying hard for improvement and excellence
- **Oscar** for commitment to his learning
- **Zac** for outstanding effort in all class work
- **Sofie** for trying hard to complete all maths tasks

**Peer Nominated Citizenship Award**
- **Mike** for being kind and caring in PE

**Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award**
- **Georgia** for demonstrating leadership by being caring and considerate of others

**Library Award**
- **Joel** for being a consistent reader and always borrowing a library book

**Environmental Award**
- **Katelin** for being an enthusiastic helper in environmental groups

**Healthy Food Award**
- **Ty** for always using his manners

**Birthdays:**
- Marni J turned 5 on 1st March
- Madeline turned 6 on 3rd March

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way**

...to make a healthy afternoon tea.

Try these simple ideas for making snacks that will satisfy even the fussiest eater...

- **Home made hot chips**
  Slice potatoes into thin discs, and arrange on a baking tray sprayed lightly with olive oil. Grill until golden, and serve with a small amount of tomato sauce.

- **Bite sized fruit with yoghurt**
  It’s a fact—kids are more likely to eat fruit when it is cut up into small pieces. Try serving some diced fruit with some reduced-fat yoghurt. It’s a winner.

- **Vegie sticks**
  These are so easy to prepare and make a super healthy afternoon tea. Try cutting up some carrot or celery sticks and serving them with hummus.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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**Lovedale Long Lunch 2015**

**School Social Fundraiser**

- **Date:** Sunday 17\(^{th}\) May 2015
- **Cost:** $100
  - Includes entry into all venues, bus, food, wine, entertainment and a donation to the school.
- **Payment:** can be made at the school office
- **RSVP:** Tuesday 21\(^{st}\) April 2015

Any enquiries see Kim Proctor

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**Hunter Valley Dance Centre**

www.huntervalleydancecentre.com.au

- Accepting mid term and Term 2 enrolments
- Classes for children from 3yrs to Adults
- Early Childhood & Pre-school Dance
- Ballet, Jazz & Modern
- Adult Ballet & Stretch classes

Classes held at Largs, East Maitland & Maitland

Enquiries: 49334752 or 0407108898
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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: .................................................................