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**NO CANTEEN TOMORROW**

Drums
Drum lessons will be on Monday (30th March), next week because of Good Friday.

Horse Sports
If you would like an entry for any of the following horse sports please see Mrs Mahony.
Scone District Horse Sports – Monday 4th May, entry closes Thursday 2nd April
Singleton Horse Sports – Friday 22nd May, entry closes Friday 1st May
Cessnock Horse Sports – Friday 12th June, entry closes Friday 23rd May.
** Please get your entries in at least 3 days before they close to allow the school to prepare cheque and post.

Sad News
We offer Ms Hamer our sincere condolences as her father passed away on Tuesday afternoon. His funeral will be held at the Beresfield Crematorium next Wednesday at 11.30 am.

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

Easter Hat Parade - Reminder
Easter Hat Parade is on the last day of term, next Thursday 2nd 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. 4/5/6 students will be making their hat on Wednesday 1st April in class. Please make sure you bring in any Easter decorations on the day. The P&C have also organised an Easter Egg raffle for Thursday afternoon, donations for prizes and any raffle tickets need to be returned to school by Tuesday, 30th March.

Drop off/ Parking
It has come to my attention that we have had a number of parents and grandparents dropping off their children in the morning WITHOUT bringing them into the playground. With the set up with our parking, this can be very dangerous as other cars go by. We do expect all children to be dropped off and picked up from within our playground boundaries. **If you have grandparents or friends dropping off or picking up your children, please ensure they know how this procedure works at our school. As a grandparent myself, we don’t always know these expectations at school.** Please be vigilant with this matter as we don’t want any accidents to occur. It has also been reported to me that a number of cars entering our school parking area in the morning, have not been observing the speed limit. Again, this can be very dangerous.
Zone Cross Country-reminder
The Zone Cross Country is being held at Tocal tomorrow, 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.
Cakes and Slices are also required and they can be dropped off to the canteen 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.

Our Zone Cross Country Representatives are as follows:
Girls 8/9: Marni, Lily C., Keeley and Katelin
Boys 8/9: Seth D., Joel, Fred and Zac
Girls 10: Zoe, Grace
Boys 10: Lachlan, Oscar, Kyan and Connor
Girls 11: Kimberley, Gabby, Sophie and Rachael
Boys 11: Michael, Kane
Girls 12: Amy, Georgia and Chelsie
Boys 12: Asher, Tom and Jesse
Congratulations and good luck tomorrow to all runners.
All competitors are to report to Mrs Wallington at Tocal by 9.30. The walk the course starts at 9.45 with the first event at 10.30 am. I will be there for the day, assisting the P&C at the canteen, so I am available if you have any questions.

Maitland Learning Community Performing Arts Festival
This is happening on Thursday, 30th April at 6:30 pm. The choir and the Jump Rope team will be performing. The hall has a maximum capacity and we therefore have to limit tickets to two/family.
Donation for the tickets is $5/ticket. Could you please contact Alison to let us know whether your family will need one or two tickets. Sales will have to be on a first in basis.

Star Struck
Our first Star Struck practice will be on Thursday, 23rd April from 3.15-4.15 with Cassie. We will outline the full program of practices and rehearsals next week.

Anzac Day
We will be holding an Anzac Day Service at school on the first Friday back, from 11.00 – 11.30. All parents are welcome to attend. Our school will also again participate in the Anzac Day March being held at Morpeth on Saturday, 25th April from 10.45 am. Since this is the 100th Anniversary of Anzac Day, it is very important that we commemorate this important day—each class will be talking about it during their first week back at school.

Student Council
Our Student Council met for the third time this year today and the following points were brought up:
-many children are swinging on tree branches;
-some children are putting their mouths onto the bubblers when drinking;
-some children are not cooperating in the 4/5/6 classroom before school (8.00 – 8.45)—this is a reminder that any child who arrives at school before 8.45, must report to the 4/5/6 room and do something quietly, not run around—if they cannot follow these rules, they cannot arrive to school before 8.45;
-our scarecrow needs revitalising;
-we need to organise some more Year 6 fundraisers (which we have done and will advertise to everyone closer to these dates);
-we need to check our sports equipment and all icy cups need to be returned each day.
They have much more to discuss, so we will reconvene next Monday at 11.00. These leaders are doing a really good job so far this year, demonstrating some pleasing leadership skills. As our School Captain Asher said, “if anyone sees anything happen in the playground that is unacceptable, they need to report that incident as it happens—not two weeks later!”

Harmony Day
We had a great day last Friday celebrating Harmony Day. We would like to sincerely thank Mr Zsabo, Mrs Chang, Mr and Mrs Hughes and Mrs Bayley for organising each activity as we now know more about England, Taiwan, South Africa and Hungary.
Term 2
All students return on Tuesday, 21st April next term. The staff return on Monday, 20th April for their Staff Development Day. We will be attending Morpeth P.S. for the morning session where each school will be presenting a short presentation about our “what makes our school so special!” We will also work through the new Performance and Development Framework procedures with all staff. After lunch, we will return to school where we will have a 30 minute presentation about a new resource we have purchased about Benchmark Reading Assessment, with Ms Hamer also presenting a short presentation about Grammar, as she is currently undertaking a course about the teaching of grammar. The teachers will use the last session, preparing for the new school term.

Leila—congratulations
Last Friday, Leila received an award from the Governor general, in Sydney, for her excellent “Say No to Bullying” poster. Well done Leila!

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
We also had a great day yesterday at Woodberry Oval participating in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. All the children were fantastic, achieving the best they could. If there was an overall points score trophy, we would have won it, which shows how well the children did. Our relay teams all did exceptionally well. I will publicise all the results as soon as I receive them, suffice to say we have plenty of time before the Zone Athletics Carnival, which is planned for Week 3 Term 3, Friday 31st July. I would also like to sincerely thank everyone for assisting us throughout the day, especially setting up and packing up the tent. I have also received a number of reports that the canteen on the day were very impressed with our children’s manners throughout the day—they singled our school out as all the children used “pleases and thankyou’s” all the time. We certainly love to hear that! I received an email from Tarro P.S. this morning—it read as follows:

“Yesterday turned out to be a great day, the results are as follows:

Outright winner IONA
Handicap Winner MARTINS CREEK
CHAMPIONS FOR 2015 are:
Junior Girl Dakota Robertson Black Hill
Junior Boy Griffin Buckley Mt Kanwary
11 yrs Girl Isabella Jennings Black Hill
11 yrs Boy Jack Graham Glen William
Senior Girl Georgia Lidbury Iona
Senior Boy Jayden Cassar Glen William
I will post the medals out to you before the end of the term.
Congratulations to all students on your behaviour and manners, well done. We will also send out a list of all primary tabloid events and results before the end of the term.”

Leila receiving her Interrelate Anti Bullying Poster Competition Award from His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DFSC (Retd), Governor of NSW.—on Friday
Merit Awards were presented in:

K/1
Lydia for being an enthusiastic participant in discussion
Shaleea for displaying great leadership skills in class
Abenet for having a fantastic attitude towards your learning
Lily for having a great attitude towards your learning
Spencer for having a lovely attitude towards learning

2/3
Jona for working well in all class activities
Sophie S for great work in narrative writing
Madyson for working independently in class
Fang-Chiao for working well in maths
Aria for great narrative writing
Marni D for persisting with art activities
Riley for taking his time to create neat artwork

4/5/6
Zoe for pleasing effort with discussion writing
Gabby for creativeness with writing
Kimberley for continuing to excel with writing
Leila for beautifully written narrative
Chelsie for offering assistance to all class members including teachers

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Fang-Chiao for being persist with all school activities

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Chelsie for being a responsible and reliable school leader

Library Award
Tom for reading silently in the library

Environmental Award
Kimberley for being eager to help in environmental groups

Healthy Food Award
Leila for eating a variety of healthy food

Birthdays:
Zac turned 9 on 18th March
Connor turned 10 on 24th March
Sophie S turns 8 on 30th March
Abigail turns 6 on 3rd April

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
Monday 30th March 3.15 – 4.00
Tuesday 31st March 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
Wednesday 1st April 8.30 – 10.00

4/5/6
Mr Sheppard
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.

The simplest way
...to make pineapple sorbet.

On a hot summer’s afternoon, there’s nothing better than a refreshing sorbet! Why not make it yourself? It’s easy, cheap and fun!

Ingredients
440g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen

Method
Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scraped down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-6 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, if desired.

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Eat It To Beat It
Lovedale Long Lunch
2015
School Social Fundraiser

Date: Sunday 17th 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 21st April 2015
Any enquiries see Kim Proctor