**Calendar**

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**Horse Sports**
If you would like an entry for any of the following horse sports please see Mrs Mahony.
Singleton Horse Sports – Friday 22\(^{nd}\) May, entry closes Friday 1\(^{st}\) May
Cessnock Horse Sports – Friday 12\(^{th}\) June, entry closes Friday 23\(^{rd}\) May. **This is Starstruck performance day.**
**Please get your entries in at least 5 days before they close to allow the school to prepare cheque and post.**

**Term 2**
All students return on Tuesday, 21\(^{st}\) April next term. The staff return on Monday, 20\(^{th}\) 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 “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 delivering a short presentation about Grammar, as she is currently undertaking a course about the teaching of grammar. The teachers will use the last session, to prepare for the new school term. **All students return on Tuesday, 21\(^{st}\) April.**

**Maitland Learning Community Performing Arts Festival - Reminder**
This is happening on Thursday, 30\(^{th}\) 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.

**Anzac Day - Reminder**
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, 25\(^{th}\) April from 10.45 am. Since this is the 100\(^{th}\) 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.

**School Council Meeting Report**
At our School Council Meeting on Tuesday afternoon we discussed the following: we reviewed the Annual School Report for 2014 (it will be available to read from our School Website early next term); we reviewed our School Management Plan for 2015-2017; and we discussed our school parking problems once again.

**Happy Holidays**
On behalf of the whole school staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holidays, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 2.
Paterson/Allyn River Brochure Competition
Earlier this term class 4/5/6 participated in a brochure competition about how we can protect our local waterways. Mrs Jane Lloyd-Jones and her staff from the Hunter Catchment judged these brochures with the following results:
1st: Leila
2nd: Zac
3rd: Kimberley
Highly Commended: Asher and Georgia
The following photo of our winners was taken on Tuesday.

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

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- **Reduced-fat dairy**: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.
- **Lean protein**: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein, and a great source of fibre too!
- **Water or milk**: Water or reduced-fat milk are the best drink choices for the lunch box.

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4th Annual Estuary Family Festival

Free activities for all ages.

Sunday, April 19, 10am-3pm
Kooralgong Wetlands, Ash Island

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www.hunter.lss.nsw.gov.au

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