Welcome
Mr Sam Winter will be with us for the next 3 weeks, working as a student teacher on Ms Hamer’s 2/3 class. Please make him welcome to our school community.

Drum Lesson - Reminder
As Col was sick on Friday 22nd May the lesson will be made-up on Monday 22nd June.

Interest Groups - Reminder
I am asking for expressions of interest from parents, grandparents, friends and any community members who have an artistic skill. This could be anything from sewing, painting, drawing, woodwork, collage, fabric design...anything! I am hoping to run ‘interest groups’ during Term 3 where you will be able to share this skill with a group of 6 students. This will hopefully run for 4 weeks (4 afternoons-probably Thursdays). Please discuss this with friends as it is a perfect opportunity for students to learn a new skill AND become familiar with the wider community. Anyone interested must have a current Working with Children check. If you are interested please see Ms Tully.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th June beginning at 6.00pm

Star Struck
Our Star Struck participation and performance is this week! A summary of the rest of this week’s events is as follows-

**Friday, 12th June** - Matinee Performance (Ms Tully); Friday night Performance (Ms Bath)
**Saturday, 13th June** - Matinee Performance (Mrs Bird); Night Performance (Ms Hamer)

Canteen - Reminder
Lunch orders need to be in by Wednesday afternoon at the latest. No late orders will be accepted.
Term 2 & 3 canteen roster is up on the fridge for volunteers. Volunteers are needed for tomorrow, 12th June, 19th June and all of Term 3.

Soccer V Paxton
Our School Soccer team is playing in the first round of the State Knockout Competition on Wednesday, 17th June against Paxton at Cessnock. A note has been sent home to those students playing.

School Council Meeting
We held a School Council Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting we discussed the following: our current Student Welfare Policy and Anti Bullying Policy; upcoming school events; support for various charities; and our School Presentation Night.

My Leave
As many of you know, I will be on leave from this Saturday, on an overseas holiday. Ms Hamer will be the relieving Principal in my absence. I will be returning at the end of Week 2 next term.
Mr Szabo’s Ballet classes
Throughout this term, Mr Szabo has been teaching all classes ballet. He has been doing this, free of charge, as a part of our P.E. program. He is asking all parents to attend a performance for each class on Tuesday, 23rd June in the Woodville Hall. K/1 at 9.15; 2/3 at 9.45 and 4/5/6 at 10.15. Please put this date into your diaries so you can see the skills that Mr Szabo has passed on to the children.

Peer Reading
On Wednesday, 4/5/6 worked with K/1 for part of the morning session, developing their reading skills in a peer reading activity. They read a book together and then illustrated parts of this book to show their understanding. This activity is called “Sketch to Stretch,” which is a part of our Focus on Reading program in 4/5/6 and 2/3. The following photos show some of the children working together.
Writing Workshops
We have attached a flier advertising some upcoming writing workshops. You will notice that some have already occurred but please take note of some which are planned for the future—‘Creative Writing for Young People” at Charlestown Library 9th July (School holidays) and East Maitland Library in August; “Creative Writing” at Toronto Library in September; “Memoir Writing” at Belmont Library in October and Maitland Library in August; “Marketing Your Book” at Cardiff Library in November; and some Writing Workshops at the East Maitland Library on the 3rd Friday of each month starting next week, 19th June.

Awards Week 7
Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1
Rocco for working hard and achieving good results with Mrs Gale
Spencer for working hard and achieving good results with Mrs Gale
Duke for working hard and achieving good results with Mrs Gale
Abenet for always being a reliable and responsible class member
Madeline for trying hard in art
2/3
Aria for being a mature and sensible class member
Riley for working independently in class
Zali for great work on writing a persuasive text
Fang-Chi for great work in writing
Katelin for great work in maths
Ashley for great work in maths
4/5/6
Amy for her improvement in maths
Mike for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Asher for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Tom for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Jesse for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Georgia for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Chelsie for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Amy for displaying excellent leadership skills for African Aid Day
Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Hillary for being a good participant and having a good attitude towards school life
Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Abenet for being a thoughtful and helpful school member
Healthy Food Award
Eliza for eating a variety of healthy food

Birthdays:–
Grace turned 10 on 9th June
Fred turns 9 tomorrow, 12th June
P & C News

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night has been postponed because several families already have engagements. We will be hosting the night in September, hopefully the 5th, which is a Saturday Night....we are just awaiting confirmation from The Woodville Hall Committee.

While there will be some fundraising for P&C during the evening, our objective is to organise and host an entertaining and amusing evening laden with games, competitions, music and of course trivia.

We will keep you posted.

MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 16 June at 6pm. If you are unable to come but would like to raise a matter please see any of the P&C committee. (Lucy, Pat, Mel, Nicole C and Michelle H)

We hope to see you there. 😃
# Flood and Storm Recovery Services Information Sheet

## Financial Assistance

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<td>Centrelink (Department of Human Services)</td>
<td>Disaster Recovery Allowance – to assist with short term income support payments. Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment – one off payment of $1000 for adults and $400 for children for those whose homes have been significantly damaged or destroyed, or for people who were injured.</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 22 66</td>
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<td>Disaster Welfare Services</td>
<td>Provide disaster relief grants to eligible individuals and families whose homes have been significantly damaged or destroyed. Provide assistance for those with limited financial resources and no insurance.</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 018 444</td>
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<td>NSW Rural Assistance Authority</td>
<td>Provide assistance with concessional rate loans to those unable to obtain assistance through other channels.</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 678 593</td>
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<td>Farm Household Support</td>
<td>Federal government Department of Human Services provides assistance to farmers and their families facing financial difficulties. Conditions apply.</td>
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## Legal Assistance and Consumer Services

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<td>Law Access NSW</td>
<td>To provide free legal advice on a broad range of issues including dealing with insurance companies, mortgage payments and tenancy advice.</td>
<td>Ph: 1300 888 529</td>
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<td>Legal Aid</td>
<td>Dedicated legal assistance for disaster affected residents.</td>
<td>Ph: 9219 5093</td>
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<td>NSW Fair Trading</td>
<td>Provide assistance and advice to consumers and business on fair and ethical practice.</td>
<td>Ph: 13 32 20</td>
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## Livestock and Animals

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<td>Department of Primary Industries</td>
<td>Provide assistance with livestock and other animals during the flood crisis.</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 814 647</td>
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<td>Family &amp; Community Services</td>
<td>Assistance with housing for those affected by the storm and flood.</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 486 746</td>
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<td>Rentstart Bond Assistance</td>
<td>financial assistance for eligible clients to help them set up or maintain a tenancy in the private rental market</td>
<td>Ph: 1300 468 746</td>
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### Business Assistance

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<td>Small business Assistance</td>
<td>Provide concessional rate loans to business who meet the eligibility.</td>
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### Health and Wellbeing

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<td>Provide access to local mental health services</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 201 123</td>
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<td>Australian Red Cross</td>
<td>Providing outreach (door knocking) ensuring that communities have current information on the services and support available to them and linking people with services</td>
<td>Ph: 1800 812 028</td>
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<tr>
<td>Salvation Army</td>
<td>To provide assistance to residents affected by the floods</td>
<td>Ph: 1300 363 622</td>
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### Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates & Drivers Licences

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<td>Services NSW</td>
<td>Services NSW will replace certificates and drivers licences at no cost to those affected by the floods</td>
<td>Ph: 137 788</td>
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### WorkCover Licences

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<td>WorkCover NSW</td>
<td>WorkCover will replace licences at no cost to those affected by the floods</td>
<td>Ph: 13 10 50</td>
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<td>Office of State Revenue</td>
<td>Motorists whose cars have been written off as a result of the floods, may be eligible for stamp duty relief on their replacement vehicles. Conditions apply.</td>
<td>Ph: 1300 139 814</td>
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### Online

- Social media, via local council channels, via @NSWJustice on Twitter, or by searching NSW Justice on Facebook

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**UON Community Festival**

**NEWCASTLE MUSEUM | Sunday 14 June, 10am-2pm**

Bring your family and friends to the Newcastle Museum for a day of music, hands-on science shows, face-painting, birthday cake and more!

For more information about this special community event visit [newcastle.edu.au/50years](http://newcastle.edu.au/50years)
**Writing for Children**


Cardiff Library
Thursday 23 April
10.00am – 3.00pm
$40

**Creative Writing for Young People**

Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at this relaxed and supportive workshop designed for young writers 12-18 years.

Charlestown Library
Thursday 9 July
10.00am – 4.00pm
$25

East Maitland Library
Thursday 6, 13, 20 and 27 August
4.00pm – 6.00pm
$40 for 4 sessions

**A Focus on Poetry**

Poems can function as energy pathways between the creative imagination of the writer and the reader. Find your voice in these powerful poetry workshops.

Newcastle Library
Saturday 2 May
10.00am – 2.00pm

Belmont Library
Saturday 9 May
10.00am – 2.00pm

Maitland Library
Saturday 16 May
10.00am – 2.00pm
$40 for 1 session
$65 for 2 sessions
$80 for 3 sessions

**Creative Writing**

Fire up your creativity and transform your ideas into words. Learn how to enrich your writing and develop your writing skills in a supportive learning environment.

2 week course
Toronto Library
Saturday 5 and 12 September
10.00am – 4.00pm
East Maitland Library
Friday 8 and 15 May
10.00am – 4.00pm
$80 for 2 sessions

**Memoir Writing**

Get the support and practical advice you need to record your life story. Learn skills to transform your experience into words and create a memoir that others want to read.

3 week course
Belmont Library
Tuesday 20, 27 October and Tuesday 3 November
5.30pm – 8.00pm
$90 for 3 sessions

2 week course
Maitland Library
Wednesday 22 and 29 August
10.00am – 2.00pm
$60 for 2 sessions

**Marketing Your Book**

Authors love what they have written. However many books simply aren’t bought or read. This workshop will introduce you to different promotional tools and ways to find the marketing strategy that is right for you. Refreshments supplied. BYD lunch.

Cardiff Library
Saturday 14 November
10.00am – 3.00pm
$40

**Writing Workshops**

Learn how to start writing and keep going.

East Maitland Library
3rd Friday of each month
10.00am – 1.00pm
Commencing 19 June
$50 for 6 sessions