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Canteen Roster

Please remember to have your lunch order in by Wednesday afternoon to allow time to purchase all the fresh ingredients. Please write your child’s name and class on the bag.

This Week: Ruth Kim & Jody
Next Week: Ruth Kim & Leah

No normal canteen on Friday 4th March. Sausage sizzle only. $2.50 for 1 sausage sandwich and ice block or $4.50 for 2 sausage sandwiches and an ice-block. Parent volunteers free. Please complete order form at the end of the newsletter and return with payment by Wednesday 2nd March.

Young Leader’s Day on Monday

Our Stage 3 children, Years 5 and 6, will be in Sydney on Monday, attending the Young Leader’s Conference at the Sydney Olympic Park. We will be leaving school at 6.00am and should arrive back at school by 5.30 pm. It is always an enjoyable and memorable day for all students, and parents alike.

Forest Working Bee/School’s Cleanup Day

On Friday, 4th March (Week 6) we will be participating in the School’s Clean-up day, as a part of Clean up Australia Day. The children will be cleaning up around the school (K-4) with Yrs 5 and 6 cleaning up along Paterson Road. (The attached permission note needs to be handed in before leaving the school grounds). We will then record our results and analysing the types of rubbish found. All children will need gloves for the day.

We have also organised our Forest Working Bee for that day, which will be followed by a BBQ for the workers. We ask for as many volunteers as possible to assist us regenerate our forest area, so badly damaged in last year’s floods and this January’s flooding as well. Trailers, whipper snippers, chainsaws, wheelbarrows… are all needed as we will be planting, laying mulch, trimming trees, cleaning up broken branches etc. We would like to start the day around 9.00 am, and with “many hands making light work!” we should be finished in a few hours. Please let me know if you can help, so we can organise the day appropriately.

Welcome BBQ report

It was great to see so many families represented at our Welcome BBQ on Friday night. We started at 6.00 pm with all families making their way home by 8.30 pm. It was wonderful to catch up with all families, especially some of our new Iona school families.
**Zone Swimming Carnival Results**

We had 15 children participate in the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, and as usual they participated very enthusiastically, representing our school wonderfully well. We had one student, Kimberley, qualify in breast stroke, for the Regional Carnival being held at the Maitland Pool on Thursday, 3rd March. Lily just missed out despite finishing second but she didn’t qualify on times. I would like to thank Mrs Debbie Clement for acting as our school manager for the day—she did a wonderful job. I would also like to thank all parents who transported their children to the pool, and supported our children throughout the day.

**Hunter Wetlands Excursion**

On Friday, 11th March, all children, K-6, will be participating in an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands in Shortland. We will be leaving school, by bus, at 9.00 am, and should return back to school by 3.00 pm. The children will be participating in the following programs: Stage 3: Rivers and Wetlands; Stages 1 and 2: Living Things, Life Cycles and Habitat. The Stage 3 program description is: Powerpoint introduction; water quality testing, adaptations of pond animals, classification of pond animals, biodiversity of pond animals and birds, and features of a wetland landscape. The Stages 1 and 2 program descriptions is: powerpoint introduction, discovery activities, dipnetting, the visitor’s centre (live and static displays of wetland animals) and a wetland walk (walk to view birdlife on outer ponds.). The cost for the excursion is $17.50. Hats, sunscreen, comfortable “covered” walking shoes, insect repellent, and own recess, lunch and water will be needed. **Our Friday “Sports Uniform” is to be worn.** Please complete the permission note, which was sent home today, and return as soon as possible.

**Annual School Report Survey-reminder**

A “School Life” Survey which will be used as a part of our Annual School Report for 2015 was sent out a couple of weeks ago. The survey is rather open ended with written responses requested. Only those parents who were part of our school during 2015 will be given the survey. All survey responses are to be returned by Friday, 4th March so the School Council can collate the responses. **We have only 4 responses so far—please take the time to complete this survey as it is a vital part of our planning each year.**

![GIRL GUIDES](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

**WHERE:** St John the Baptist Hall, Cnr John & Church Street, Largs

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For more information about Girl Guides visit: [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

**Birthdays:**

Linden turned 11 on the 4th January  
Marni turned 9 on 14th January  
Sofia turned 8 on 18th January  
Abenet turned 8 on 8th February  
Sophie D turned 12 on 17th February
Awards Week 2

Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1/2
Marni for excellent effort in art
Bradlee
George for being a friendly classmate
Aliyah
Zoe
PBL - Ava for always being responsible when in the toilet area
2/3/4
Tilly for excellent effort in art
Sophia L for settling in well to a new school
Shaleea for enthusiasm and effort in all subject areas
Felix for always being willing to help others
Katelin for being a wonderful helper and role model to younger students
PBL – Keeley for always being sensible in the toilet area
5/6
Oscar for creative use of resources in art
Kane for excelling in his role as Sports Minister
Connor for excelling in his role as Sports Minister
Kimberley for presenting an excellent “Character & Me” task
PBL – Leila for being an excellent role model for PBL

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Brodi for always caring and interacting with all students including the new kinders

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Will for demonstrating leadership when helping set up art activities

Library Award
Zac for consistently reading quietly and borrowing a range of books

Environment Award
Isabella for always bringing back her ice cup

Healthy Food Award
Kimberley for having good manners and eating a variety of foods

PBL Award
Shaleea for always waiting quietly and patiently in the toilet block

Awards Week 4

Merit Awards were presented in:-
K/1/2
Ben for being a mature and sensible class member
Madeline for beautiful handwriting
George
Spencer for being a fantastic member of our class “we learn for each other”.
Caleb
Jacob
PBL - Bradlee for playing well in the playground
2/3/4
Tilly for having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning
Marni for always working hard in all school areas
Ashley for being a diligent and hard working class member
Shaleea for taking responsibility for her own learning
PBL – Katelin for being a safe, responsible and respectful member of our school community
5/6
Eaden for working diligently in all literacy activities
Oscar for presenting a creative “Character & Me”
Kyan for presenting a creative “Character & Me”
Grace for working hard with her “Chicago Fire” story

PBL – Lachlan for always playing games fairly

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Lachlan for always encouraging others in sport

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Oscar for being an excellent role model

Library Award
Riley for reading a variety of books

Environment Award
Lachlan for volunteering and doing lots of jobs in environmental groups

Healthy Food Award
Grace for having good manners and healthy food

PBL Award
Zoe C for always playing safely and cautiously on the equipment
STAGE 3 Clean-Up Australia Day Permission Note

My child, ................................., has permission to participate in Clean Up Australia Day outside the school grounds on Friday, 4th March. I understand he/she will be supervised by Mr Sheppard during this activity.

Signed:.................................................................

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

Family: ........................................................................................................

How many sausage Sandwiches? ............................................................

Paid $
P&C Fundraising BBQ – Clearance Sale, Saturday 27th February

Location: - 301 Tocal Rd, Mindaribba. (10km North of Maitland on Tocal Road, property on left hand side)

Beware of rail crossing when turning off Tocal Rd.

Please use extreme caution when crossing rail line. There are no signals or boom gate. This is particularly important when leaving property, as crossing is on a bend.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help. I cannot be there myself until later due to work commitments. Below is a list of helpers and your time slots. As you can see, we still need a couple of people from 10am. Any other help at other times would be greatly appreciated.

If you can or cannot help on the day then we need cakes, slices and biscuits to sell. These should be left at the canteen on Friday arvo. Alternatively, they should be taken out to the site on Saturday. Please could as many families as possible help with this. We have arranged a coffee van to be on site as well.

7am/8am – set up and start BBQ

Kim
Chris
Fiona L
Andy

10am

Deb
Ruth
Johnno

12pm

Libby
Gareth
Emma
Jay

2pm – clean up/pack up

Michelle
Pat

Thanks,
Pat Lannen

25 February 2016