Parent / Teacher Meetings

Just a brief reminder about this coming Wednesday afternoon’s parent and teacher meetings. The meetings will be held over two sessions in your child’s classroom. The sessions will allow teachers to provide an outline of routines, procedures, classroom requirements and upcoming term events. The first session will commence at 3:30pm and will be repeated at 4:00pm and will cater for parents with more than one child. Please note that Mr Scanlan, will be holding one meeting at 3:30pm and another at 6:30pm that will focus primarily on technology use in his room. He will not be holding a 4:00pm session.

Kindergarten Photos

We were visited by a photographer from Maitland Mercury today. The photographer took photos of our kinder students for an upcoming feature that will appear in the newspaper. The Mercury is a great supporter of schools in the area and their kindergarten feature is another example of the way in which they promote our students and public schools in general. A copy of the edition will be sent home with all kinder students – at this stage we have not been informed of the publishing date.

House Captain Elections

We will be holding elections for house captains tomorrow. All year 6 students, who are not members of our leadership team (captains or vice-captains) are eligible for election. The elections will take place in classrooms tomorrow afternoon during house meetings. On Friday afternoon, in what will be a special assembly, our leaders elect will be presented with their badges. First official duty of our leaders will be to lead their respective houses at our upcoming swimming carnival in week 4 (Tuesday of next week).

Mr Hamilton Returns

On behalf of our school community I would like to welcome back Mr Hamilton, who returns from a brief period of long service leave. I would also like to thank Mr Comick, who replaced Mr Hamilton during the opening weeks of term.

Mr Scanlan—Technology Information Session

As previously mentioned, Mr Scanlan, our Assistant Principal 3-6 and year 5 teacher, is running an ongoing trial of technology in his room. He is asking students in his class to bring i devices (iPads, iPods touches, Android tablets and Netbooks etc) from home with the view of using the devices as learning tools. To assist with the trial, Mr Scanlan will be holding an information session for parents regarding the effective and acceptable use of the technology in our school. I urge all interested parents, especially those of students in years 5 and 6, to attend the session at 6:30pm on Wednesday evening.

Scripture

Our Scripture lessons for term 1 will commence on Thursday of week 5. Our scripture teachers will conduct the 30 minute lessons in home class rooms with sessions held at 1:10pm (years K-2) and 1:40pm (years 3-6).

Medical Information

Please inform your child’s teacher or Mrs Touzell if your child has a medical condition that requires specific management during school time. It is important that our school has a clear and current medical plan to effectively and safely support your child’s needs. Please be sure to check current details held by the school and update where necessary.

Active After School Care

Our very popular AASC program starts today. This term we will be holding classes for TaeKwonDo (Mondays) and Netball (Wednesdays).

Guitar and Drum lessons

Just a brief reminder that we are also offering excellent guitar and drum tuition again this year, with lessons starting in week 4. We are fortunate to have two highly qualified teachers in Jeremy and Col and our students, who are involved, will be given fantastic instruction. Lessons are $10 per session and all equipment (including guitars) is supplied. If you would like your child to be involved, please contact Suze in the office as lessons commence next Thursday (week).

Swimming Carnival and Textbook Payments

A reminder that all payments for textbooks and swimming carnival need to be finalised this week.

If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please contact me - Peter Edmonds
AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Students in years 3-6 have the opportunity enter the **2013 Australian Schools Competitions**. The Australasian Schools Competitions are the largest external schools assessment programs available in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region. They provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. Students who participate will each receive a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, identifying the skill tested in each question and highlighting student strengths and weaknesses.

The competitions are offered in the subject areas of:

- Computer skills
- Science
- Mathematics
- Spelling
- Writing
- English

If you would like your child to enter, please indicate which competition/s on the form below and return to your child’s class teacher. Entry forms must be returned to school before the competition closing entry date and please include payment to cover the cost of the competition.

Students entering competitions will receive a reminder two days prior to the competition sitting date.

*Jane Fincher - ICAS Co-ordinator*

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**Australian Schools Competitions**

**Entry Form 2013**

Students name: ____________________________________________________ Class __________________

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** Entries cannot be submitted until payment has been made.
Canteen News

**Week 3 - Term 1, 2013**
Monday 11.2.13  Jo Kennedy, Sharyn Watson  
Tuesday 12.2.13  Kelly Mate, Belinda Duffey  
Wed 13.02.13  Prue Wolfe, Aileen Robb  
Thurs 14.2.13  Tracey Baker, Natalie Carpenter  
Friday 15.2.13  Liz Roffey, Diana McGough

**Week 4 - Term 1, 2013**
Monday 18.2.13  Jane Burn, Kellie Upton  
Tuesday 19.2.13  CANTEEN CLOSED :Swimming Carnival  
Wed 20.2.13  Jodi Lovell, Vanessa McGill  
Thurs 21.2.13  Maiva Metcalf, Matt van de Scheur  
Friday 22.2.13  Tanya Piggott, Fiona Emmett

In the event that your child is absent from school, feel free to use the form below. This can be copied as many times as necessary.

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**STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE** - Please return to class teacher

CHILD’S NAME: ........................................................................................................... CLASS: .................................................................

Absence Dates: ................................................................................................................

Reason for Absence: ......................................................................................................

Parent Name: ..................................................................................................................

Parent Signature: .................................................. Date: ...........................................................................

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GUITAR & DRUM LESSONS
Last week to enrol for Term 1
PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE FOR A PARTICIPATION NOTE

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Volunteers needed
Please contact the Canteen Committee if you are able to help

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Student Banking starts this week
For new accounts please visit your local Commonwealth Bank or get an application form from the school office.
Please note that applications through the bank are instant whereas processing through the School Office will take one month.
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