I enjoyed a very pleasant surprise on Tuesday morning when a group of very clever Kinder students came to my office to read to me. I was highly impressed with their reading skills and decided to ask them to read their stories to Mr Scanlan’s class. To Maggie, Tayah, Natasha and Soraya Thank you very much. You made my day and I’m looking forward to the next visit!

We have been extremely impressed with our new Kinder students. Mrs Hanks and Miss Webster have their classes operating superbly; it is a pleasure to know quickly our Kinder students have adapted to class and school routines.

Assembly : New Families / Kinder Parents Afternoon Tea

Our next awards assembly will be held this coming Friday. The assembly will feature a brief promotional video about our economy presented by 3 / 4F. There will also be lots of awards presented to our students. I would also like to invite the parents / carers of our new Kinder students to come to an afternoon tea prior to the commencement of the assembly. I would also like to invite parents of any new family to our school to the afternoon tea as well. The brief get together is our way of welcoming you to our school and hopefully you will be able to meet other families in our school community. Please come along and join us; the afternoon tea will commence at 1.30pm in readiness for our assembly which will start at 2.15pm.

Student Banking : New accounts

If you would like to open a school banking account for your child so that they can participate in Student Banking Commonwealth Bank please bring your drivers license and child’s birth certificate along to the Assembly / Welcome afternoon tea on Friday. Nicki Shepherd, our Student Banking co-ordinator, will be here to open student accounts and help streamline this new account process (normally account opening via the school can take 4 weeks).

Induction Assembly : Last Friday morning our 2014 library monitors, house captains and school captains and vice-captains were presented with their respective badges at our Leadership Assembly. Riley McGaw, Darcy McDonald, Chloey Lyndsay, Katelyn Lockwood, Georgia Ward and Molly Worthington were announced as our library monitors while Alex Gakovic and Tahlia Grant (Sturt ), Lauren Arbuckle and Johnny Whalan (Hume ), Shakira Frazer and Will Tarrant (Oxley ) and Ethan Callingham and Riley McGaw (Eyre) were announced as our house captains. Our vice captains, Katelyn Lockwood and Cooper Studdert, along with captains, Molly Worthington and Thomas Forbes, were similarly acknowledged. Parents of our leaders were asked to present the respective badges to students. Congratulations to all elected leaders; we are very fortunate to have such a talented and capable group of students represent our school. Thank you also to our parents who supported our ceremony.

Parent / Teacher Meetings : Thank you to the large group of parents and carers who attended our parent and teacher meetings last Wednesday afternoon. Hopefully you are now armed with useful information about the workings of your child’s classroom. It is important that the lines of communication between school and home are open and days such as these help develop the relationship.

Maitland High Visit : Mr Tim Weston, Principal of Maitland High School, will visit our school on Tuesday morning at 9.15am to speak to our senior students about high school. Mr Weston will provide a brief overview of planned upcoming transition activities and he will be accompanied by students from the school who will speak from a student’s perspective. I would also like to invite parents of our senior students to attend the session. The meeting will be held in our school’s library.

Usage Agreements : Today each student will bring home their annual Usage Agreement form. It is imperative that this form be completed and returned to your class teacher ASAP to allow students to participate in school programs. Should you require information about any of the items please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

School Photos : Just a reminder that this Wednesday is school photo day and the following day is our swimming carnival. Information about both events have been sent home. Please contact the school if further clarification is required. - Peter Edmonds
CLASS REQUIREMENTS
FOR 2014

Payments are now overdue - lessons have commenced in class from these resources.

These lists have been included on the “Notes and Info” tab of the school’s website.

The School Contribution has also been kept at $1 per week or $40 for the year—per child.

Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated as all funds from the school contribution are spent on class resources for our students.

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P & C Meeting Survey

A survey relating to the timing of P&C meetings has been sent home on behalf of the P&C Committee today.

Please complete this survey and return to your child’s teacher by Friday 28th February 2014.

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Canteen News

Week 4 - Term 1, 2014

Monday 17.2.14 Lisa Simmonds-Webb, Sally Godwin
Tuesday 18.2.14 Kerrie Wilesmith, Kylie Brand
Wed 19.2.14 Kim Tull, Beth Campbell
Thurs 20.2.14 Swimming Carnival...Jodi Lovell
Friday 21.2.14 Marney Winter, Roslyn Hay

Week 5 - Term 1, 2014

Monday 24.2.14 Jo Kennedy, Nicole Hanson
Tuesday 25.2.14 Belinda Duffey, Natalie Carpenter
Wed 26.2.14 Natalie Hutton, Prue Wolfe
Thurs 27.2.14 Mel Anderson, Tammy Gakovic
Friday 28.2.14 Louise Vercoe, Nicole Hanson

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STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE - Please return to class teacher

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

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

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

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

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SCHOOL SECURITY - 1300 880 021
Economy News

The Economy is preparing for a grand re-opening on Monday 24th February.

To introduce this program to the school community for 2014, a short film explaining the Economy and its many ventures will premiere at the assembly on Friday 21st February. Many thanks go to the talented students of 3/4F for their participation and to Kate, our resident film-maker, for her effort and expertise.

At that assembly, I will be announcing the winner of our bank book cover design competition and presenting that talented student with a cheque for $(P)1000. The entries received so far are exceptional and the judges' decision will be extremely difficult.

Our list of recyclables has undergone some changes and the 2014 version will be included in the newsletter and available on the school website.

Please Note: The Economy is no longer able to accept newspapers.

In anticipation of our Economy auctions, I would appreciate donations of items suitable for auction prizes. Toys, books, drink bottles, games and balls have all been the focus of spirited bidding at previous assemblies. If you can assist, please see Mrs Fincher. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

Clean Up Australia Day

Morpeth Public School has registered as a clean-up site for 2014. The students and staff will work together to tidy our grounds on Friday 28th February. On that day, we ask students to bring a pair of gloves and to make sure they have a hat and sunscreen.

Waterwatch

The students from 3/4F have been learning the testing procedures required to monitor PH levels, available phosphate and turbidity in the Hunter River. Our first on-site testing at Queens Wharf will take place on Wednesday 26th February. Testing sessions will occur each month and parents and caregivers are very welcome to join us for this activity.

If you have any questions regarding Economy operations, or would like to assist, please do not hesitate to contact me. Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator

A second hand book sale of non-fiction books, recently culled from the library, will be held on Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st of February. All books will be 20c each and proceeds will go to
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