PRINCIPAL’S NEWS AND VIEWS

Bus Travel—As has been communicated in recent newsletters, the bus route through Raworth has recently changed. I have spoken to a number of parents about the changes and, worryingly, many have mentioned that one of their major concerns is not the route change, but the speed at which cars are travelling through the estate. I would suggest that parents contact the police if there are drivers who are blatantly disregarding road rules. The safety of all students is of paramount concern, and it is the responsibility of all. I would also like to ask our parents to reinforce general road safety rules with their children. On 6 May (Tuesday of week 2 / Term 2) our school will be holding a road safety day. A parent workshop will also be held at 2:30 pm on the day.

Zone Cross Country Trial—Congratulations to the 32 runners who attended the Zone Cross Country carnival on Thursday. The carnival, held at TOCAL, attracted athletes from schools in the wider Maitland area and is a major event on the sports calendar. Coordinating teacher, Mrs Petersen, was extremely impressed with the attitude, effort and behaviour of our runners. Congratulations to year 5 students, Memphis Jordan and Jed Anderson who have been selected to represent Maitland Zone at the upcoming Regional carnival. Well done to all involved with special thanks to our parent helpers who kindly assisted with transport and moral support.

Young Leaders’ Day—Last Monday our student leaders attended the annual Young Leaders’ Day in Sydney. The feedback from the day was extremely positive and I’m sure it will be a day to remember for all who witnessed the inspiring speakers.

Counsellor Day Change—As from term 2 our counsellor Ms O’Brien, will be working at our school on Wednesdays instead of her current Thursdays. I was informed today by our District Guidance Officer, Mrs Jude Hamilton, that the change will take place beginning week 1 of next term.

P and C—Thank you to the parents who attended this morning’s P and C meeting. The committee is trialling day time meetings and attendance at today’s meeting would certainly suggest that the change has been positive with new members in attendance. The meeting was also extremely productive with lots of new and innovative ideas floated for discussion.

Easter Hat Parade—On Friday our school will be holding an Easter Hat Parade. Starting at 11 am in the MPC, we would like to invite parents, carers and friends of the school to join us on the day. I have also heard a rumour that the Easter Bunny may be making a special visit to the school to see our students and their creative hats. At the conclusion of the parade, students and family members will be able to share a picnic lunch under the COLA. During this time the P&C will announce the winners of the fantastic raffle prizes. Tickets will be sold for the Easter Hamper raffle before and for the duration of the parade. Thank you to all families who have contributed to the raffle by donating Easter eggs.

Steve Simpson Cup—We have been informed this morning that the Steve Simpson Cup, scheduled for Howpark in Singleton tomorrow, has been postponed. The recent rain has made the ground unplayable.

Interrelate—Just a reminder that Interrelate will be held at the school tomorrow evening. Two sessions have been scheduled; 6 pm and 7:15 pm.

Social Skills—Social skills reports will be sent home to families on Thursday of this week. The report will detail the performance of students in areas including attitude, commitment to work and behaviour.

ANZAC Parade in Morpeth—On Friday 25 April, Morpeth ANZAC Committee has invited our school to be involved in the march through the main street of Morpeth. In the past the march has been extremely well attended and we hope to once again be well-represented on the day. Our student leaders will have specific roles in the performance of students in areas including attitude, commitment to work and behaviour. Congratulations to year 5 students, Memphis Jordan and Jed Anderson who have been selected to represent Maitland Zone at the upcoming Regional carnival. Well done to all involved with special thanks to our parent helpers who kindly assisted with transport and moral support.

First day of term 2—I would like to thank all members of our school community for their contributions and commitment to our school during term 1. Your generosity is exceptional and, as a staff, we are extremely grateful for your support. School will resume for students on Tuesday 29 April.

Peter Edmonds
CANTERBURY PS NEWS

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 5TH MAY 2014 at 9.30am
in the school Library

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE
The P&C are currently asking for Easter Egg donations for the Easter Hat Parade Hamper.
Tickets will be sold at the Hat parade with prizes being drawn after the picnic lunch.
All donations can be left at the Canteen

UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Uniforms are now in stock for orders.
The Uniform Shop now has a new email for contact with Uniform Co-ordinator Jodi.
morpethpsuniforms@gmail.com
Orders can now be emailed to this address - See Jodi for details

TERM 1 DISCO
Thank you to all the parents who assisted and made our disco a great success.
We raised over $1270

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Anyone wishing to donate items to the Mothers Day stall
Please leave them at the Canteen.
Additional items will allow for grandmother gifts - Thanks in advance
The stall will be help at school on Friday 9th May 2014

Canteen News

Week 11 - Term 1, 2014
Monday 7.4.14 Sally Godwin, Jason Newby
Tuesday 8.4.14 Belinda Duffey, Kylie Brand
Wed 9.4.14 Louise Vercoe, Emma Wilkes
Thurs 10.4.14 Bronwyn O’Dwyer, Fiona Emmett
Friday 11.4.14

Week 1 - Term 2, 2014
Monday 31.3.14 SDD—No students
Tuesday 1.4.14 Petah McGaw, Jodi Lovell
Wed 2.4.14 Belinda Duffey, Natalie Hutton
Thurs 3.4.14 Kellie Upton, Natalie Carpenter
Friday 4.4.14 Melissa Armer, Nicole Hanson

COUNTRY FAIR MEETING
All interested parents are invited to attend the next meeting about our Country Fair.
The meeting is being held at
THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL - MORPETH
Monday 12th May at 7pm

WEBSITE
The Canteen Committee require help on the following dates in term 2:
May - 15, 16 & 26
June - 2, 4 and 17 and July 3

TEA & COFFEE FOR SALE AT THE EASTER HAT PARADE

Due to changes in the Healthy Canteen Menu, large Wobblie’s are no longer allowed in the Canteen and White wings no longer make school approved Choc chip cookies. Term 2 roster is currently being finalised and will be sent home THIS week.
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.

**STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE**

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

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

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

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

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

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**SAVE THE DATES**

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**ECONOMY NEWS**

*Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator*

**Banking:** Many students have begun recycling or working in the gardens and Economy office and have been paid by cheque. To deposit these cheques, all students from years 3-6 MUST visit the bank and complete a deposit slip. Our friendly bankers are happy to assist any students who are new to the Economy. The bankers process cheques for all students K-2. Please remember, you MUST have a bank book to begin saving and to be eligible to bid at auctions. Forms are available from the Economy office.

**Auctions:** Congratulations to our lucky auction winners from Friday’s assembly Emilia Goldsmith (2/3L), Maysen Tull (1/2T) and Heath Kennerson (KH).

Students from years 3-6 MUST have deposited all cheques into their Economy bank account by the Thursday before the assembly for the funds to appear in their bank account. The outright auction prize will be awarded to the highest bidder. All students with an account balance of $(P) 50 or more will be eligible for the lucky draw.

I would like to thank those parents who have donated prizes so far. These items have attracted keen interest and spirited bidding from the students. Further donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding Economy operations, or would like to assist, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Notes sent home last week had the incorrect activities listed on the cover sheet. Activities for next term are:

**Monday:** Tae Kwon Do  **Wednesday:** Gymnastics

Students who have not participated this year will have priority when placements are given.

*The program begins in Week 2.*

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**PERMISSION NOTES:**

Lots of things are happening at this end of the term so we have included a list of permission notes that have previously been sent home to help parents keep on top of school activities.

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