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- **Thursday 29th May 2014**
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  - Maitland Art Gallery Excursion
- **Friday 6th June 2014**
  - Planet savers excursion - Yr 3 to 6
- **Monday 9th June 2014**
  - June Long Weekend - No school
- **Thursday 19th June 2014**
  - NEW DATE Athletics Carnival – All students
- **Thursday 26th June 2014**
  - NAIIDOC Week performance: No cost
- **Friday 27th June 2014**
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**Head Lice**: We have had a recent report of head lice in the school. Please monitor your child’s hair for symptoms and contact your local pharmacist for management advice—Peter Edmonds
**P & C NEWS**

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**Canteen News**

**Week 5 - Term 2, 2014**

- Monday 26.5.14: Kelly Mate, Sally Godwin
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- Wed 28.5.14: Natalie Hutton, Prue Wolfe
- Thurs 29.5.14: Jodi Lovell, Bronwyn O’Dwyer
- Friday 30.5.14: Louise / Rachel Perry, Melissa Armer

**Week 6 - Term 2, 2014**

- Monday 2.6.14: Sharyn Watson, Lainie Hopkins
- Tuesday 3.6.14: Kylie Brand, Jason Newby
- Wed 4.6.14: Kim Tull, Louise Vercoe
- Thurs 5.6.14: Mel Anderson, Kellie Upton
- Friday 6.6.14: Kath Formosa, Kristen Gadd

**WINTER ITEMS FOR THE CANTEEN MENU**

- Sweet and Sour chicken with rice - $2.50
- Fried Rice - $2.50
- Beef and Gravy roll - $3.00
- Chicken and Gravy roll - $3.00
- Chicken patty - $2
- Soup (Tomato & Pumpkin) - $1
- Bread roll - 50 cents

**P & C Email**

The P&C now have their own email address. Families who wish to receive a copy of the meeting minutes can do so by sending a request to the Secretary. Likewise if you would like to have something added to the agenda please feel free to email your request to the email address below.

morpethspandc@gmail.com

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

**THURSDAY 19TH JUNE 2014**

Smythe Field, Maitland
ECONOMY NEWS

Jane Fincher - Economy Co-ordinator

**Auction:** Last Friday saw some particularly spirited bidding for our main auction prize. Ryan Piggott from 2P won the day with an amazing final bid of $7,600(P). Winners of $50(P) lucky draws were Ella Bryant (1/2T), Anthony Burn (3/4F) and Ashtyn Grunsell (KW). Congratulations to our amazing auctioneers James, Patrick, Sharlotte and Caleb for conducting a very professional auction. There are currently over 120 students who are actively involved in the Economy program.

**Recycling:** Thank you to all those students who have brought in recycling items to the Economy. We appreciate it if students can count their items and ensure that bags are CLEARLY labelled with their name and class. Without this information, students will not be paid for their recycling.

**Go Green:** This initiative started by Eleody French and Grace Waring involves students caring for our school environment. For each play break that students assist, they will be paid $50(P). Well done to Eleody, Grace and all students involved.

A note from the counsellor:

Newcastle University Psychology Clinic is running a program designed to help children develop effective ways to respond to bullying behaviour. The program is designed for 9-12 year olds and their parents.

It will cover assertiveness skills, unwritten rules of friendship, practical strategies, communication, power dynamics and regulating emotions.

The program commences on the 30th May (an assessment is required prior to commencement). It will run 3:30 – 5pm on Fridays at University Psychology Clinic. The cost of the clinic is $85.

To refer your or for further information child please call 49215075.
Does your child order their lunch?

We now have re-useable lunch order bags available to purchase as part of a P & C fundraiser

Stickybeaks “Lunch Wallets” come in black with your choice of PINK, BLUE, GREEN, RED, YELLOW, GREY or PURPLE binding.

Whether it is daily, once a week or once a month, most children will get the opportunity to order their lunch. If this is your child, we would like you to consider purchasing a Stickybeaks Lunch Wallet.

Not only will you help the P & C raise much needed funds for our school, you will also be rewarded with the ease of using the lunch wallet along with helping to reduce our paper waste.

Keep and reuse the lunch order & name slips. They are available to print for FREE from the Stickybeaks website.

The lunch wallets fold flat, and have a separate zipper pocket to keep money separate from food and provide a re-usable bag for your child’s lunch.

*SAMPLES ARE IN THE CANTEEN FOR YOUR VIEWING*

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM AND MONEY BY THE 27TH MAY

LUNCH WALLETS ORDER FORM

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FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!
Ask for Jordan Manu

CALL 4932 3222 NOW!

LIMITED TIME ONLY!

KINDER 2015
Please contact the school office now to register your child for Kinder next year

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING
Email the P&C if you would like to reserve your copy now

The simplest way...
to use leftovers in the lunchbox

Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst cleaning out the fridge.

Your kids will love these tasty leftovers and their lunch box will be sure to come home empty.

Try some of these ideas:
- Cottage pie or spag bol sandwiches - both taste great on wholemeal bread
- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover vegies into a frittata
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Nutrition Snippet