From The Principal

Our first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held tonight Tuesday 10 February at 7 pm in the staffroom. This is the accepted forum at which to raise and discuss general school matters and when some important decisions are made to support all students. We look forward to seeing some new faces this year at P & C.

Our PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday 17 February at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that permission notes, money and lunch orders are returned as soon as possible. Lunch orders must be in by this Thursday 12 February. Students in Kinder to Year 2 will remain at school and enjoy some ‘water activities without getting wet’. Sounds interesting.

It was very pleasing to see so many families at our Parent Information Night and P&C Welcome Barbecue last Thursday.

I trust that you were able to gain a clear outline of class routines, expectations, excursions and events and an overview of units and topics to be treated throughout the year. We have some very exciting and adventurous excursions planned for this year and as soon as we are able to confirm bookings and prices, we will arrange a planning schedule to assist families with budgeting.

Our weekly multi-sport and team-building program delivered by the Sports In Schools Australia is running very smoothly with great activities and unique pieces of equipment.

This is a great program and the SISA staff bring along many pieces of equipment that we cannot normally access. Thank you to all those families who have returned notes and money.

During the day, the school gates are closed to ensure that all of our students are safe and that risks are minimised. At present, we need to be extra vigilant with closing the gates, including the staff car park gates, to manage the safety of some of our younger students. We do ask that, if the gate was closed when you came upon it, then please close the gate once you have passed through. If in doubt, please close the gate.

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Representative Councillors for Term 1 who will be led by our school leaders, Amy and Saskia. The new SRC members are Lucy, Isabella, Charlotte H, Alec and Jacob B.

Regards,

Graeme
**Dates to Remember**

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**Canteen News**

Healthy and Hamburger are two words you don’t find together very often. Except if you’re talking about our Cheese Burger and Works Burger. When we submitted the recipe to the Good for Kids team they declared them to be “green” items. With a freshly cooked 100% beef patty from Paterson Butchery and loaded up with salad on a soft burger bun these burgers are deliciously healthy and will fill the hungriest of tummies! Add a juice or bottled water for a super healthy lunch time meal.

A big thank you to Sian, Belinda, Heidi and Penny for your time filling those hungry tummies last week. Your help and support is always appreciated.

Emma Maslen. Ph 0411342935

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**Attendance at School**

Regular attendance at school is important for students to be able to reach their potential. The school is required to record the reason for any absences. Students are only to be absent when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.

If your child is sick you can notify us via the Skoolbag Ap, telephone us, or send a note in when your child returns to school.

You can download the Ap on Apple or Android devices— simply visit your Apple Store or Google Play Store and search for “Vacy Skoolbag”

Thank you

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL Years 3-6**

Please note that our annual swimming carnival is on Tuesday 17th February at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. The Carnival is for those in Years 3-6 and those children turning 8 this year who can swim in formal events.

Please note that everyone in years 3-6 are expected to attend. Permission notes and the payment of $11 are due to be returned by Monday 16th February. The cost of $11 covers the bus and pool entry.

If your child would like to order lunch from the pool on the day of the carnival, lunch order forms need to be returned to school by this Thursday 12th February so we can get them to the pool in time for them to order their stock. Unfortunately the pool has advised that any orders received after Thursday cannot be filled. Thank you.
No Hat, No Play
The school has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy in line with the Cancer Council’s SunSmart policy that students who do not have a hat to wear during play periods are to stay under the shade of the COLA. Now is a good time to check that your child has their hat, labelled with their name either at school or packed in their bag each day.
Hats are available through the school’s clothing pool and orders can be made at the office.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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Maitland Football Club & PRD Nationwide
Matt Thompson Football Skills Clinic

Maitland Football Club in conjunction with PRD Nationwide is pleased to be involved with the introduction of a Football Skills Clinic under the guidance of former Socceroo and Jets Captain Matt Thompson. Training squads will be limited to 20 players per age group to allow one-on-one coaching with Matt. The program cost is $155 and includes a training shirt, signed football and personalised coaching with Matt.

Venue & Dates;
Maitland (Cooks Square Park)
- Consecutive Mondays:
  February 16th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th & 16th
- Consecutive Wednesdays:
  Feb 18th, 25th, March 4th, 11th & 18th

Age Groups;
Under 10/11 – 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm.
Under 12/13 – 6 pm to 7 pm.
Under 14/15 – 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.

To register for the clinic, please visit the Maitland Football website - maitlandfc.com.au
Payment of the $155 course fee by PayPal on our website will secure your registration.

Dungog Rugby League Club
NSW CUP CAMP 2015...
Dungog Junior Rugby League are excited to announce the Wyong Roos will be providing a training session for all registered players on Friday the 13th February at Bennett Park.
The Wyong Roos will arrive at Bennett Park at around 3.30pm.
They then will have a training session of their own for all to look at and take notes, and see how the Top Grade Players train.
At 5.30 til 6.15pm all Registered players will then be trained by the Wyong Roos in appropriate Aged Groups, at the completion of this there will be a BBQ for all to attend with the Wyong Roos leaving Bennett park at approx. 7.30pm.

REGISTRATION DAY....
After the huge success of yesterday’s Registration Day we will be holding another on Saturday the 7th February 2015 at Dungog RSL Club from 10.00am to 2.00pm.
Dungog Junior Rugby League are still looking for kids from the ages of 5 to 17 to join our club.
We are offering for the Season 2015 that anyone registering to play JRL for the first time will receive free Registration to our club.
Please feel free to contact Lindy Hunt on 04298255470 if you have any questions.
We will be having a lot of Merchandise on sale as well.
Our Head Gears should have arrived also the sale of all last years jerseys.
So come along and join this great club and help make 2015 our Year.

2015 SEASON WINTER COMP SOCCER Register Now!

Play with the ‘Scorpions’ Under 6’s to All Age Men’s & Women’s
New players and beginners are always welcome!

Information / sign –on sessions: for new and returning players will be held at:-

VACY - Wednesday 11th February at Vacy School of Arts Hall - 3.15pm to 5.30pm
GRESFORD - Friday 13th February - 3.15pm to 5.30pm
Registration fees: 6-7 years $70 8-11 years $90 12-18 years $105 All Age $205
*SPECIAL LIMITED OFFER*
Under 6’s and Under 7’s pay no registration fee if they sign-up before February 28th - save over $70
includes free training ball & shin pads

For more information or help contact: Damien Crouch on 0413 305961 or Fitz Woller on 4938 5386ah 0419275760 or email the club: gresfordvacyfc@outlook.com

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