Welcome to Week 8

Only a couple of weeks to go until Easter, it seems to come quicker each year. On the last day of school prior to the short Easter break (Thursday 28th March), our school will be holding some activities to celebrate Easter.

We will be starting with the P&C’s sausage sizzle at 1pm, where you can purchase a sausage sandwich for $2 and a cold drink for $1. If any student is not interested in purchasing a sausage sandwich could you please ensure they bring something else to eat from home.

The afternoon will continue with fun and games and face painting, ending with an Easter egg hunt and Easter Hat parade. We’d like all parents to join us, along with grandparents and brothers and sisters, wearing an Easter Hat ready for the parade.

I’m sure you are all aware of our lower student numbers this year and as mentioned in a previous edition of our school’s newsletter, our school must maintain an enrolment of a minimum 26 students to retain two full time teachers. The DEC formulates its staffing allocation, both teaching and office staff, depending on student numbers at each school. This is the same entitlement ratio for each and every school. As our current enrolment remains at 22, Mrs Kristy Cant has been transferred to a new school effective at the commencement of Term 2.

Mrs Cant has done an exceptional job with our Infants class while at our school and I’m sure her new school will be very glad to have her join their staff. While I’m certain she’s sad to be leaving us, I’m sure she’s also eager to begin a new phase of her teaching career.

Our school will effectively become one class from the commencement of term 2, Kinder to Year 6. I will be the primary teacher, along with a part time teacher 3 days a week. During these days our part time teacher and I will team teach.

This will allow us to work specifically with small groups of students throughout the day, working on specific learning needs and extending learning for those students who are ready for enrichment work.

Regrettably, Mrs Kristen Carmody will also be leaving us at the end of term 1 due to family commitments. I, along with the children will miss her. I’m sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has contributed to the school and hope she rejoins us when time permits.

I’d like to welcome Mr Matthew Orr to our school commencing in Term 2. Mr Orr is a very experienced teacher, with experience in both big and small schools and he is looking forward to joining our team. Mr Orr most recently taught at Kitchener PS and brings many skills and expertise to our school.
This is the second part of our Positive Behaviour Learning with a focus on our core value words. This week’s word is kindness. We’ve explored the many ways we can show each other that we care while at school. We had a lot of reward tickets in our ticket boxes this week. Well done to all of our students for achieving in all areas of work and play.

Congratulations to our lolly pop winners for the week, Clayton and Chelsea.

As mentioned before, please feel free to visit and speak with us about any ideas you may have, and let’s all work together to keep our school one of the best small schools in the Hunter.

Till next week,
Donna Stackman

Cake Raffle
Each year the Student Council conducts a cake raffle every Friday as a fundraiser. Raffle tickets are 50cents (with a maximum of 4 tickets per person). The winner is announced during Friday morning assembly. This has been a wonderful fund raiser for many, many years and despite a late start this year, should continue to be.

A big thank you to those people who responded so quickly to our request. As a result, the roster (on the next page) has been drawn up for the rest of Term 1 and Term 2. Anyone else can still participate if they wish. Just let the school office know.

Facts about the Dairy Industry
Milk has significant amounts of vitamin A and B vitamins such as thiamine, riboflavin and nicotinic acid. It also contains vitamin B12.

Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly

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## School Calendar

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### Cake Roster 2013

#### Term 1

- Friday 22nd March: Leanne Bidner
- Friday 29th March: No cake (Good Friday)
- Friday 5th April: Jeni Bos
- Friday 12th April: Julie Elbourn

#### Term 2

- Friday 3rd May: Bec Hamlin
- Friday 10th May: Emily Lambkin
- Friday 17th May: Kylie Peel
- Friday 24th May: Sarah Williams
- Friday 31st May: Robyn Cramp
- Friday 7th June: Leanne Bidner
- Friday 14th June: No cake (Athletics Carn)
- Friday 21st June: Jeni Bos
- Friday 28th June: Julie Elbourn

### BOOK CLUB - REMINDER

Brochures have been sent home. Could all orders and money please be returned by **Wednesday 20th March 2013**.

### PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The PRC is under way and all students have been given a reading log to keep track of their progress. There are now some tubs of books in the library with coloured sticker dots on the back of them to indicate that they are part of the PRC.

The sticker dot colours are:-

- **PURPLE K - 2**
- **GREEN 3 - 4**
- **RED 5 - 6**

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**Friends, Fun & Sun**

Celebrate Seniors Week at Broke

10am Friday, 22 March 2013
at Broke Hall

Fully catered
Pamper stations
Live entertainment
Displays and activities
Aust Govt Mobile Office

Contact Cynthia Mulholland on 6578 7215
for more information

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC**
~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

FOR CHILDREN TURNING 9 - 12 YEARS IN 2013

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who
would like to build confidence, develop teamwork
and further enhance your skills?
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

**ALSO OFFERING**
AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAM IN 2013
~ Registrations open December 18 ~

For children turning 9-12 in 2013
(only 10 places available per age group)

**COME ONE COME ALL!!**
FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT!!

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**Singleton Junior Rugby**

Come along and Try Rugby

Home Ground: Allan Bull Reserve

Contact: Jodie Vaughan singletonjuniorga@hotmail.com

Age Groups: U7’s, U8’s, U9’s, U10’s, U14’s

Registration: Please contact via the email address above.

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**Tavern Roster - Term 1 2013**

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**Jerry's Plains Community Dance**

**DATE:** Saturday, 27th April 2013
**TIME:** 7PM til Midnight
**BAND:** MOJO
**COST:** $20 Family or $15 Single Ticket

Please bring your own food and drink

Tickets available from:-
- Kaye 65 764168
- Jeannie 65 764328
- Robyn 0423 416069
- Helen 0408 433249

**COME ONE COME ALL!! FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT!!**
NEWS FROM THE INFANTS ROOM

Week 8! WOW!
Welcome to another fabulous week in K/1/2.

Last week we revised whole number and addition facts in maths. This week we will be having fun with patterns. Students have been looking at foods and categorising them according to whether they are a need or a want. It has been fun to hear some of the discussion at eating time - they really know their stuff!

Last week we also had fun when we painted without paint brushes. There were some wonderful creations made from painting with flowers and sticks, toothbrushes and cotton buds!

We are looking forward to 4 more weeks of fun together! Have a happy week!
Mrs Cant and Ms Carmody :)

NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY ROOM

Jerrys ROCKS: KINDNESS
This week we continue to learn about CARING. What does this mean and how do we do it? We continue to explore this and discuss ways in which we can show ways in which we care, for each other, for our families and for our school.
Our Primary class participated in a video conference with the Opportunity Class of Rutherford Public School last week and lots of questions were asked back and forth. This week both classes will be creating a multi-media presentation, showing each other their school and classrooms. On Friday our students toured our school, taking photos to show Rutherford students the different points of interest. Students will be creating a presentation with voice overs to show during the presentation. The Primary class are looking forward to indentifying the differences between a big school of almost 700 students and their small school of 22 students. They’re sure that their school is the much better one to be a member of, and I’ve got to agree.
Easter Bonnet Parade
Plus Silks Markets

When: Monday 1st April 2013
Where: Muswellbrook Race Club
Time: After Race 3

Gold Coin Donation to the Hari Singh Fund
Chocolates and cash prizes to be won

Australia's First
Coloured Commemorative Coin!
LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation
the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this groundbreaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.

The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

All funds raised go to support our RSL's and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

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Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $3 per coin.

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