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Principal's Message

Happy Holidays: I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and happy Easter break and school holiday. Remember teachers return on Monday, 20 April and students return the following day, Tuesday 21 April. At the end of the that first week on Friday, 24 April we will be having our special ANZAC assembly at 2.15pm in the school hall. On ANZAC day we encourage students to gather, with full school uniform, at the Knitting Circle, East Seaham for the community ANZAC march and ceremony. Times for this will be published in our Term Two, week one newsletter.

Easter Hat Parade: Today we saw some fabulous Easter hats at our parade. Thanks to those who got involved and added to the spirit of the day. Well done to raffle winners and a huge



Thank you to Tanya McNaughton and her P&C team for organising the raffle and the fantastic prizes.

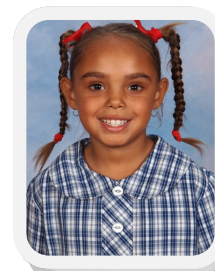
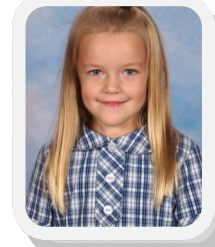
AIM High: AIM High is a program run by the Newcastle University. This year again Year Six and their families are invited to "Discover Uni Day" on Friday 1 May. A new initiative this year is the "Careers through Science" program for Year Four students. On Tuesdays, 5th, 12th and 19th May Science sessions will be taught here at school by the University "AIM High" school partners. There are four sessions in total (two on the 19 May) running for one hour each.

P&C Athon: Thank you to Kerri McCaw for her coordination of the P&C Athon last Thursday. It was another great success for both the P&C and our school. Thank you to all staff members and



Dates For Diaries

Tuesday 21 April School Commences for Students for Term 2
Friday 24 April School ANZAC Assembly
Friday 1 May Discover Uni Day
Monday 18 May GATS Info Evening HRHS
27&28 May Sydney Overnighter 3-4
Wednesday 27 May GATS Test 9.30-10.30
Wednesday 17 June Dungog Sports Gala Day
Friday 26 June Last Day for Term 2
Tuesday 14 July School Commences for Students for Term 3
Tuesday 8 September Grossmann Yr 7 Orientation
Friday 18 September Last Day of Term 3
Tuesday 6 October School Commences for Term 4
Tuesday 3 November Surf Safe Yrs 4-6
Tuesday 17 November Grossmann Parent Info Evening
24-27 November Canberra Years 5-6
Wednesday 16 December Last day for Students
Thursday 3 December Presentation Day & Night



Students return to school Tuesday 21 April

Due to enrolled children's life threatening Anaphylactic Allergic reactions to all nuts and peanut products, we would like to encourage families not to send these products to school with their children. These include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars or any products containing any type of nuts. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Canteen Roster

P&C News: The P&C movie night has been postponed until late May or early June. A new date will be confirmed next term.

A-thon update: A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the A-thon and helped arrange the activities. A fun afternoon was had by everyone.

The A-thon has raised \$2900 which will be put towards the fencing that is required along the school boundary to stop balls going out onto the road and continuing our support of the schools iPad and other technology programs.

Congratulations to the following students who are the stage winners for raising the most money:

Stage 1: Marlee Penfold

Stage 2: Shaun Bolt

Stage 3: Connor McCumstie

They have all won a tablet for their fund-raising efforts.

For all the students who raised over \$15 you will receive an ice-block voucher to use at the canteen in Term 2.

By Kerri McCaw



Tuesday 21 April Sandra Batchelor
Wednesday 22 April Bree Batchelor Sandra Batchelor
Thursday 23 April Peta Salter
Friday 24 April Volunteers Needed
Monday 27 April Sandra Batchelor Bree Batchelor

Canteen Roster will be forwarded home week 1 of next term

Health Alert: We have had a reported case of Scarlet Fever with one of our students at school. Scarlet Fever is caused by an infection with group A streptococcus bacteria. The bacteria makes a toxin (poison) that can cause the scarlet-coloured rash from which this illness gets its name. Symptoms of Scarlet Fever include, a rash that looks like a bad sunburn with tiny bumps and it may itch. The rash usually appears first on the neck and face, often leaving a clear unaffected area round the mouth. It spreads to the chest and back, then to the rest of the body. Aside from the rash, there are usually other symptoms that help to confirm a diagnosis including reddened sore throat, fever and swollen glands. Please contact your doctor for further details if concerned.

Community News: Expression of Interest for Drama Classes at Seaham. We have a fantastic opportunity to have two outstanding Drama Teachers teach drama at Seaham in term two. Lell and Guil are a wife-husband team who taught drama and directed the Maitland Junior Repertory for the past few years. They have produced and directed some excellent children's productions such as the Wizard of Oz and the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. They are currently producing a musical "SEUSSICAL" which will be playing in Maitland, Newcastle and Dungog. Lell and Guil are asking for expressions of interest for students to attend drama classes on Wednesday afternoons between 3.15pm-4.30pm. Classes will take place at Seaham School Hall. Classes will be \$160 per student for the ten week term payable to the tutors on a per term basis. Classes would start the first Wednesday back, April 22. There would be both infants and primary groups. A minimum of 30 students would be required for the classes to run. If your child is interested, can you please text your name and the number of children you would like to attend to Guil 0424 701 647.

Assembly Awards from 25 March 2015

K/1L: Caleb Buckland, Jadah Brown, Taleah Cameron and Matilda Roberts.	2/3R: Torin McIntosh, Allana Johnson, Maclean Davis and Isabella Broad.	1A: Mikalah Hancock, Jack Woodbine, Jackson Grono and Ryan Edwards.	5/6B: Clare Moroney, Jordan Flynn, Rhianna Brooker and Emily Williams.
K/1S: Lachlan Hall, Jack Moroney, Talan Jackson	4M: Rebecca Drew, Jesse Turner, Veronica Nunan and	2/3J: Jack Lees, Max Leggett, Kanye Knox and Sophie Halls.	5/6D: Charlie Grainger, Maddison Johnson, Madolyn McNaughton and Hayden

Easter Raffle Winners: Harrison Roberts, Caz Walker, Rebecca Renshaw, D Wood, Max Stapleton, Robyn Russell, Alex Murphy, Michelle Thompson, Brylee Brown, Drew Family, Narelle Philips, Karen Codrington, Susan Chandler, Jocelyn Black, Caleb Buckland and Lynda Cope.

Newsletter Briefs

Sporting News: Yesterday, 1 April, Bridie Holloway and I (Rhianna Brooker) travelled to Stephenson Park, Mayfield West to take part in the Hunter Soccer Trials. We played four games each to show off our skills. Unfortunately we didn't make it into the Hunter Team. Hopefully next year I will be able to make it into the team. **By Rhianna Brooker**

Yesterday, 1 April, I went to Newcastle netball courts to compete in the Hunter Netball Trials. There were a lot of good netball players. I played eight games and they were a lot of fun. I didn't get in, but it was a good day. **By Dallas Johnson**

Zone Cross Country: Last Friday 27 March, 2015, forty five students attended the Zone Cross Country at Lakeside Sporting Fields. Congratulations to all the students who competed. They all did very well. Of particular mention are four students who will go onto Regional Cross Country. They are Sam Codrington and Amber Sullivan who came first in their races and Dallas Johnson and Harrison Roberts who came sixth in their races. We wish them the best of luck at the next level. A big thank you to all the families who transported their children and especially to those parents who took other students with them. It was a great day! **By Mrs Millburn and Mrs Johns.**

Athletics Carnival: Yesterday, students from Years 2 – 6 attended the

Athletics Carnival at Raymond Terrace. We had beautiful weather and the day ran well. The winning house was Dixon. I would like to thank everyone involved in running the carnival, especially staff and parent helpers. Without your help, the carnival cannot run. Well done to all



students for their sportsmanship and behaviour. I will publish full results from the carnival next term. **Tara Dybell**

Gardening News: A group of lovely volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia spent most of the day at our school on Tuesday (31/3) planting bushtucker plants around the grounds. They really enjoyed contributing to and being part of our wonderful school. The plants selected are a variety of Native Ginger, Tea Trees and Lillipillies. We are looking forward to seeing the fruits of our labour and learning more about bushtucker in the future.



Thanks to all the volunteers for all of their time and effort and Conservation Volunteers Australia for organising the day. **By: Deb Bowman**

Easter reading: Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now? Find out more: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

April school holidays: Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

Parent-teacher interviews: Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews>

School calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>



Thank you to everyone who made the day possible and successful



Thank you to Kerri McCaw for her photos from yesterday's athletics carnival.



2015 Athletics Carnival





What a fantastic Easter hat parade today. Thank you to each and every family who helped make the afternoon one of colour, fun and enjoyment. Congratulations to our stage winners for most effort, most colourful and most enthusiastic.