Principal’s Message

This has been the first time in a long, long time that Easter hasn’t fallen in the actual school holidays and it has everyone quite discombobulated (such an awesome word). We still have this week and next to go before the holidays start properly, that was just the preview.

Please be aware that students return from holidays on Wednesday 27th April (sounds so far away) with ANZAC day on the Monday (a separate note will go home next week with details for the dawn service) and teachers returning on the Tuesday for a professional development day.

Our professional learning day next term is working with the Lake Macquarie High School and other primary schools which make up the Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate (LMAC) to learn about and develop our strategy for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). STEM is going to be a big focus for our schools and our day will be working with different professionals in their field. If you have to come back from holidays a day before, it’s a pretty exciting day to come back for.

School Chaplain

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Yvette Tawse to our school as our School Chaplain. Yvette is currently with us on Mondays and Wednesdays and has a successful history in working with both mainstream and special education settings.

What does the Chaplain do? A school chaplain is here to support the emotional wellbeing of our whole school community – students, parents, carers, families and staff. At the moment Yvette is getting to know our school and it’s community. Next term we will be looking for Yvette to be leading programs that help support the emotional wellbeing of our community. Parents and community are free to talk to Yvette as it suits their needs. Yvette also has a range of contacts with other services that can support in the home too.

What the Chaplain does not do: A chaplain is not here to preach, convert or initiate any sort of religious teaching or debate. A chaplain respects the views and beliefs of the community and acts in the utmost respect to individuals.

Cross Country

It was great once again to join up with some of the other local schools for a joint cross country carnival, or as one kinder child put it “hot cross country.” (I liked that so much I’m now dubbing every cross country to be named so). The joint cross country really helps foster a whole school spirit.
LMBR / Skynet

Both myself and Mrs Bowtell have begun our hands-on training for the new finance / student administration system “LMBR” – as previously mentioned this is a big shift for administration, which changes virtually nothing for students.

From the 30th May, until the system goes live on June 14th we will be suspending financial transactions in the office to assist in the change-over, as we have to close bank accounts. Items like uniforms, will not be able to be purchased in this time.

Have a great week everyone

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

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Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day

Term 1 Week 10
Children can borrow this week but will need to return books by Wednesday. There are still a lot of books that are overdue so please continue to have a hunt around the house and return ASAP. I will be sending overdue notices out again this week and please disregard if you have already assured me that they have been lost forever.

Children are all doing really well with the Premiers Reading Challenge and I am really proud of their efforts. If you wish to help children, log on at home, remember to google search det student portal and have children enter their user name and password.

Mrs Hopton

Sports Polo’s

If you have not ordered our new sports polo as yet there are order forms in the office. You can either pay online via our school website or send in cash if preferred. The cost is $20 & sizing is the same as our maroon school polo’s.

School Payments

Payments for school purchases will not be processed between the 8th June and the 15th June as we will be transitioning over to our new system. Please review the note that was sent home in week 4.

Updated Student Details

Thank you to all parent/carers who have returned the Green Permission Forms. If for any reason your details change could you please contact the office to inform our staff.

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Chloe Randle  29th March
Bailey Convery  3rd April
Molly Hughes  5th
Cassidy-Jade Mosbey  6th
Isabelle Tibbetts  13th
Kayla Napper  14th
Damon Greensmith  20th
Sophie Rickards  20th
Alex Bates  21st
Jayde Williams  28th
Jordan Birrell  30th

P&C News

THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported the Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day. What a great day! Our fundraising from the Easter Raffle, Morning Tea and Bake sale raised $799.50 which will go back into School Resources. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Easter Raffle and Bake sale. A special THANK YOU also goes to the following local businesses for their very generous donations towards our Easter Raffle: Custom Espresso, Kmart

Term 1 Week 10
Speers Point Public School Parent Newsletter

Glendale, Woolworths Mt Hutton, Coles Glendale, Hunter Ice Skating Ring and Target Glendale.

**CANTEEN** – Opening 3 days/week from Term 2

From Term 2, the canteen will be opening 3 days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are able to extend our canteen days thanks to the overwhelming support from our volunteers.

**REMINDERS and UP COMING EVENTS**

**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS for 2016**

Thank you to the families who have already paid the School Contribution for 2016. These contributions enhance our ability to provide essential resources and supplies to our school and for all students. A number of families have said that they didn’t receive the original letter, so we are attaching it again to this newsletter for your attention and extended the due date to Friday, 8 April 2016.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL** – Friday, 6 May 2016

Our P&C has organised some amazing gifts for students to purchase for the special ladies in their lives. A variety of gifts will ranges from $1, $2, $3 and $5. We are also asking for help to set up and assist students with their selections. If you would be available to help with the stall, between 9 – 11am, please let us know as it would be greatly appreciated.

**SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL** – Wednesday, 4 May 2016

Our Canteen will be operating at the Sports Carnival. Pre-ordered forms for lunches will be coming home early next term. If you are available to assist in the canteen and with lunches on the day please let us know.

**NEXT P&C MEETING** – Tuesday, 3 May 2016

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 May at 6.30pm in the school hall. Please come and join us.

P&C Committee

**Canteen Roster**

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Thank you to all our Canteen volunteers for Term 1. Just a reminder that we provide your lunch for the day. **As of Term 2 we will be opening on Mondays.** If you have a free Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8.45am-1pm please fill in the canteen volunteer form attached to this newsletter or ring Kristy-Lee 0400 709 559 or Liz 0431 675 102

**Community News**

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*Term 1 Week 10*
Homework Support Group will meet up until 6th April. It has been a fantastic Term 1 and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 2 commencing on the 4th May. Form our Community Place we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school break.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids over a healthy weight to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence. **Term 2 program starting at Fassifern Public School Tuesday 26th April 4pm-6pm.**

**What is the Go4Fun program?**
Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)
Our canteen operates on a Monday Wednesday and Friday from 8.45am.
Lunch 11am & Recess 12.35pm finishing at 1pm.
We run a healthy canteen and a very social/fun canteen. Lunch is provided for our
volunteers.

The canteen will now be open on Monday’s as of Term 2
If you can spare a bit of time we would love to have you on board as either a volunteer
or on the canteen committee.
Please drop your Volunteer Form into the canteen or school
office.

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Canteen Volunteer Form

Name___________________________Child’s name__________________

Phone____________________Mobile_____________________________

Email______________________________________________________

Please circle

Monday       Wednesday       Friday

Once a week   Once a fortnight  Once a month  Once a term

Thank You
Kristy-Lee 0400 709 559 or Liz 0431 675 102  (please call for any further information)
Canteen Supervisors
School Contributions for 2016

The P&C Association, together with Mr Payne, our school Principal strive to provide the best opportunities for our students each year, and 2016 is no different.

We are asking for your contribution to assist in furthering these opportunities and providing much needed resources in our school and for your children.

By providing us with a contribution amount, it will support the students with some essential resources and supplies, such as:

- Additional learning resources for literacy and numeracy
- Enhancements to learning environments
- Upgrades and progression to technology resources
- Development and improvements to the school grounds

The suggested amount is as follows:

- $35.00 - for the first child in the family
- $30.00 - for the second child in the family
- $25.00 - for the third child in the family
- $20.00 - for the fourth child in the family

For each suggested payment made, your child/ren will receive a Free School Hat.

$2.00 – P&C Association Fee (per family)

For your convenience, payments can be made using the schools new online payment system.


2. Select  Make a payment

3. Complete the Payment Details and select  Voluntary School Contributions

For the school to effectively use these contributions, we ask that your payment be made by Friday, 8 April 2016. If you wish to pay via cash / cheque, please complete the below details and enclose in an envelope and return to the school office.

Family Name: _______________________________________  Contribution Amount: ___________

The P&C Association would like to thank you for your continued support of our school and your children’s education. Contribution amounts are voluntary; however, the school P&C Association supports this contribution. By providing this contribution, it enhances the school’s ability to provide additional educational resources and services, which is seen in the school community as an equitable approach.

Thank you to the families who have already paid the contribution fee.