Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As our school year is drawing closer to the end, we are making plans for next year. The year 5 students have been provided with a briefing about the processes involved with becoming a school leader and Kindergarten Buddies are being allocated ready for their third orientation session. We have lots of new families enrolling, either to start now or in the new year across many grades. If you are moving or leaving us in the new year, could you please let the school know as soon as possible. We will be preparing for classes in a plan A, plan B and plan C that will attempt to cater for students coming and going in the different grades. Our staff are preparing a draft of our next three year plan using information gathered during our PBL meetings. The draft will be made available to our community for consultation soon. The BYOD policy and student agreement is now available on our website and Skoolbag app for your consultation.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Welcome to Miss Stanton from Newcastle Uni, working in the Bilbies Class for the next 4 weeks. We hope you enjoy your time here and we look forward to learning new things from you.

The PBL focus this week is - Stop, Look and Listen

The Wallabies have been working hard in class. Our literacy activities included reading the book ‘Window’ by Jeannie Baker. We created some wonderful echidnas in art. Addition and subtraction have been our recent math topics and this week we move onto multiplication. Last week we had fun on Melbourne Cup day and this week we made poppies for Remembrance Day yesterday.

Time is really flying as we head towards the middle of November.
Last week the students participated in a Measurement Treasure Hunt to end our unit on length. Students worked in small groups to find items that were a certain length or width. They also had to measure the length or width of different things in the playground. The students needed to select the appropriate measuring device and measure accurately. They were all engaged and demonstrated their skills.

What is the circumference of the tree?

How long is the silver seat?

Using a 1m ruler to measure the sandpit? Mark the spot please.

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We are safe, respectful learners.
On Wednesday the 5th of November the year 5/6’s went on an excursion to Newcastle museum. The year 5/6’s met a lady, her name was Emma. Emma talked to us about old buildings. Emma told us to smell, look and feel the old buildings. Emma took us outside to look at more old buildings. We got put into groups and we got given a quiz. We went and saw a steel works show (BHP), we had lots of fun.

At the end of the day we were put into groups and each group had to sit around their box. We opened up our box and we had to go through it. There was a nurse’s uniform and instruments such as bed pans and a kidney dish. We had to find out the size, gender, job and name. Then we wrote the answers up on the white board. Our group guessed right our box was for a nurse who was from WW1 (World War One).

By: Kailey and Alyssa

Wednesday 5th of November the 5/6’s went on an excursion to Fort Scratchley. We went in the tunnels with Bruce and Ross. They took us to see all the cannons and told us how they work. At 1:00 pm they shot a cannon and it made some of us jump. They showed us where they put all the shells (bullets). On top of Customs House clock there is a large ball that goes up and down a pole. When it reaches the bottom it is time to fire the cannon.

By Tyler G and Tyelah J
Maitland Anglican Parish invite you to bring the whole family for an afternoon of Craft, worship and a meal.

Messy church is an all age event for those who would like to experience church in a relaxed, fun environment.

Come along and give it go.

Nothing for you to bring - all supplied, and we even do the dishes.

Contact us at www.maitlandanglican.com.au
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Stop, look and listen

Week 5 Award Winners

KOALAS
Imogen B
Ella L
Jacob K

POSSUMS
Tylah
Sharlee
Brodie

WALLABIES
Emmelie
Kayla
Aiden

QUOLLS
Flynn C
Zayden
Jake

BILBIES
Flinn
Dom B
Luke

DUGONGS
Sam
Emmanuel
Jasmine

ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS need to have completed the new Working With Children Check.

Go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au to complete application.

SKOOLBAG APP
Did you know you can send an absentee note through this App. Use the Parent eForms.

“Save time do it online!”
Kindergarten students of 2015:-

**ORIENTATION 3**: 18 November at 2pm

We have one orientation session left. This week they will meet their Buddy. They do not need to wear school uniform or hats but should wear **sensible shoes** (joggers) and **casual clothing** (shorts and Tee). They can bring a **water bottle** with their name on it.

Mums and dads will go into a different classroom to hear a variety of speakers present information to support them in their role. The orientation and information session will have a duration of approximately 1 hour.

*Contact our friendly office for more information.*

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### Just For Fun!

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