From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well done to Tegan and the Garden Gurus for getting the school’s garden growing an abundant crop but also the success of selling the produce and raising funds to keep it going. Congratulations also to our Recorder and Senior Choir groups who visited Settlers Ridge Estate. You can look for your photos in the local newspaper.

Good luck to our whole school choir who are performing tonight at the Annual Education Week Awards Night. Award recipients will be announced at this Friday’s weekly assembly.

Good luck also to our Zone Athletics team who compete this Friday at Woodberry. Do your best and make us proud.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

On Friday the 25th of July there was a garden market. At the market the Garden Gurus were selling yummy vegies. We sold a lot of vegies we made $107.00 It was a lot of fun. We hope you all liked your vegies. But don’t worry if you missed out because there is going to be another garden market next month.

Written by Isabella and Tyler
We have been working on patterns in Maths lessons. Years 3 and 4 have been drawing a bedroom suite and we had to draw patterns on the doona. A pattern must be repeated to be called a pattern. If it is not repeated, it is not a pattern. Year 2 had to make patterns with shapes at our desk. We then had to draw them on our paper and colour them in.

We are writing poems about winter. We hope to recite some poems during Education Week. Here are some of our poems. We will be publishing our poems and displaying them in our room.

**Winter**
Is Freezing, Never hot
The iciest water
Extra clothes Really cold
By Trisha

**Winter**
Snow falling from the sky
Roast turkey and lamb cooking
Snow fights
Hot chocolate and marshmallows
The cold Snow
Winter
By Ashan

**Winter**

Is freezing, never hot
The iciest water
Extra clothes Really cold
By Matthew

**Winter**

Children making ice castles
Chocolate pudding for dinner
Snowball fights in the park
Drinking hot chocolate
Ice and snow on the ground
Winter
By Dylan

**Winter**

Kids having a snowball fight
Hot soup
Cheering soccer fans
Yummy hot chocolate
Cold snow on the grass
Winter
By Flynn
POSSUMS

Students are demonstrating 100% effort and engagement in quality literacy activities. Keep up the great work in the engine room!

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Last week for the Premier’s Sporting Challenge there were 3 people selected for Achievement Awards for encouragement. Congratulations to Kaiden, Brody and Marko. We hope you have fun and remember to get out and get active!!!!!!!

Written by Isabella and Hollie

SKOOLBAG APP

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

“Save time do it online!”
WALLABIES

The Wallabies have continued to work hard in class. We have been discussing patterns in Maths, and how we don’t always need to work out the answer to realise that two sums are equal. For example, \(24 + 13 = 13 + 24\). We have also been working on difference between the position of items using the terminology of left and right in the correct context.

In literacy we have been ‘Summarising’. We wrote a summary of the Possum Magic Story and used pictures to help us identify the most important points of the story. Together we wrote the following summary:

**Hush and Grandma Poss** lived in the Australian bush. Hush was invisible.

Then, Hush wanted to become visible but Grandma Poss couldn’t find the spell to help her.

STATE SOCCER

On the 24th-26th of June I went to Tomaree for the PSSA State Soccer and I had so much fun. I played with lots of friends from my Hunter Valley Hawks team and also friends from emerging Jets training. We came 7th out of 14. I got 3 goals and my favourite goal was when my friend kicked a corner and I got a header. I would also like to thank the students and P&C for raising money so that I could go to the carnival.

*Written by Ainsley*
KOALAS

We have been reading some great stories about wombats and discussing what they are and what they do. We read “Diary of a Wombat” and “Sebastian Lives In a Hat”. We wrote a description of a Wombat together and then we wrote our own descriptions.

The School Canteen is closed on Thursdays.

Week 2 Award Winners

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EDUCATION/BOOK WEEK

CELEBRATIONS

Open Day and Education/Book Week Celebrations will be held on 18th August, beginning with student performances at an Opening Assembly. Maitland City Library storytelling team will be providing an Interactive Performance and other exciting activities have been organised for all students and their families. Pre-schoolers welcome.

SETTLERS RIDGE ESTATE PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday the 23rd of July a group of choir and recorder students went to Settlers Ridge Retirement Village and performed a few songs such as “Crawdad Hole”, “The teacher took my Tennis Ball”, “Iko Iko” and “Circle of Friends.” We also did a recorder song which is called “Can Can”.

After we sang and played the recorders we were invited to stay for afternoon tea. We all had lots of fun and I'm sure they appreciated our visit. We would love to go back.

Written by Alyssa and Shaylee

TELSTRA GRANT

Since 2002 the Telstra’s Kids Fund has distributed over $8 million, supporting more than 7,800 community projects across Australia. Initiated by Telstra Employees, the fund has improved facilities, programs and equipment for the benefit of local children and young people. At our whole school assembly last Friday, I announced that we had received a Telstra’s Kids Fund grant of $1,200 for the purchase of sporting house banners. I would like to acknowledge the Telstra employee, Steven Chang, who submitted the application on our behalf. Steven and his children Amy and Andrew presented the 4 sporting house banners to our house captains and Mrs Johanson at the assembly. Thank you Steven and the Telstra’s Kids Fund, we look forward to our next carnival and using our new banners.
The next P&C meeting is this Thursday 14th August 2014, 9:15 in the school hall. All parents, grandparents and caregivers welcome.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Students in the Primary will be surveyed this week about their values and vision for our school. Their input, combined with the parents and staff will be used to create our school’s new vision statement and our 3 or 4 values that will guide everything we do.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend PBL meetings. Your participation in these will be guiding the future of our school.

Next Meeting - **Date: 5/8/14  Time: 3:15  Where: Room 4**

Agenda: Values and Vision statement

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**Enrol now for 2015**

If you have or know of any children intending starting school next year, please see our school office. Names are being taken and enrolment forms are available now.

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The P&C Uniform shop is open every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:00am to 9:30am.

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The simplest way

...to increase your fruit and veg intake

**Myth:**

Frozen and canned fruit and vegetables don't count towards your daily intake of fruit and vegetables.

**Fact:**

- Frozen or canned fruit and vegetables are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive.
- Frozen and canned vegetables are usually packed shortly after picking, so there is little nutrient loss.
- Varieties with no added sugar or salt are the best choice (look for tinned fruit in natural juice rather than syrup and tinned vegetables with no added salt.)

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Food Allergy Awareness

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Nutrition Snippet

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Eat It To Beat It
**COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

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WEIGHTLIFTING
BOXING
AQUATICS
ATHLETICS
BADMINTON
BASKETBALL
CYCLING
BADMINTON
GYMNASTICS
HOCKEY
SHOOTING
RUGBY 7S
NETBALL
TABLE TENNIS
SQUASH
LAWN BOWLS
TRIATHLON
WEIGHTLIFTING
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Use the leftover letters to find the message.

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**Just For Fun!**

**Q. How do you make soup golden?**
A. Add 24 carrots!

**Q. How do you send a message in the forest?**
A. By moss code!

**Q. What goes up and down but does not move?**
A. Stairs!

**Q. Why do dragons sleep during the day?**
A. So they can fight knights!

**Q. Which hand is better to write with?**
A. Neither, it's best to write with a pen or pencil!