From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school is gearing up for the busy season with the Life Education Van visit, Swimming Lessons, Kinder Orientation sessions, Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Evening and so on. It’s getting close to the time of year where we evaluate our programs and school plan and start to plan for 2016. This year our focus has been on “Creating successful learners, enhancing whole school practices and strengthening community partnerships. This year has been a year where the State government has provided extra money (Gonski funds) that have enabled our school to purchase extra resources such as readers, maths equipment, teaching resources for History, Science and Creative Arts. It has also enabled our Breakfast Program, parent/teacher developed programs for individual students and extra Learning Support Officer time and professional learning for staff. Our P&C are working hard to raise funds that will purchase a greatly needed second COLA (covered outdoor learning space). They are currently half way there. Well done!

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

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CLASSROOM CAPPERS

BLUEBELLS

In the Bluebells we have been focusing on finding new and creative ways to demonstrate what we have learnt, using play-doh or creating a scene in the garden for the characters in our stories. We have learnt that an artist can paint with scissors and that in some religions they believe in many gods and spirits.

CALLISTEMONS

The Callistemons have had another enjoyable week with their learning. In Maths we have been focusing on 3D shapes, patterns and algebra. We used paddle pop sticks to build 3D shapes and referred to these when drawing their nets. Our highlight was our Tee ball game on Friday against the Silvertails. A huge thank you to the Silvertails for giving us that hard learnt lesson in Tee ball and congratulations on your win! We are looking forward to a rematch soon.
GRELLEAS

This term in Science we are learning about living things with Mrs Honan. We have a special fish tank set up with a filter and heater to keep our class pet, Rocky, the Siamese Fighting Fish. We will be learning about the needs of animals and plants and how we can help look after them. We have already begun to write in our story books about Rocky. Thank you Mrs Honan. We are all very excited about looking after and learning about Rocky.

SILVERTAILS

We are on our way to Asia!!! Last week the students received a special task. They are to pretend they have been chosen to move to an Asian country as the Ambassador of Australia. The challenge is that they need to persuade their family members that this move will be the best thing that has ever happened to them. Our topic this week is **accommodation.** Students will need to research the different types of houses in their chosen country. They will then present this information to their family in a very persuasive way. Students may choose to design and create a diorama, a model of a home style with a removable roof which then displays the layout of the building inside. This task is to develop CREATIVE THINKERS!!!

WARATAHS

We are learning about Road Safety. On Monday we had a visit from Mrs Johanson who talked to us about bike safety. We must wear our helmets and shoes when riding our bikes. By Paige

We must check our bikes before riding. By Byron

Thank you, Mrs Johanson for visiting our class. We enjoyed learning about bike safety with you.
**Year 6 News**
The Year 6 Farewell will be on Thursday 10 December 2015 at Kurri Golf Club. Photos at 5:30. Dinner at 6pm.

**Dolphin Cruise** – The students would like to celebrate the end of their primary school career by spending the day together on a dolphin cruise. This will be on Friday 11 December 2015.

**ICE BLOCKS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS!**

Return your Library books between Monday 19 October and Thursday 12 November for your class to win!!!

Students who return a library book between these dates will receive an entry for their class. A ticket will be drawn out at assembly on Friday 13 November. The winning class will receive an ice block for each student.

Now is the time to search your house for any library books that might have found their way under the bed, onto the book shelf, into a draw/cupboard or under the furniture—happy hunting!

**Week 2 Award Winners**

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Today at AFL we did some hand passes. Then we played a game of kickball where one team had to kick and the other team had to field and try to catch the ball, if they didn’t catch the ball they had to kick or hand pass it back to Sam. After that we had a game of Simon says where we had to put the ball on our forehead and do what Sam said e.g. touch our shoulders, our toes, knees and our partners feet. By Ainsley and Baylee
Kindergarten students of 2016 and their families are invited to:

WELCOME BBQ: 27 October 2015
at 4pm (Free showbag)

ORIENTATION 1: 3 November 2015
at 10am

ORIENTATION 2: 10 November
at 12noon

ORIENTATION 3: 17 November
at 2pm

During our three orientation sessions, children will go into the classrooms with the Kindergarten teachers. 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. They can also bring some fruit to eat for Crunch ‘N Sip at Orientation 1.

Mums and dads will go into a different classroom to hear a variety of speakers present information to support them in their role.

Contact our friendly office for more information.
The Hunter Life Education Van will be coming to our school in Week 7 of Term 4. It is expected that all students will attend with a cost of $10 per child. There are no concessions. Start putting some coins in a money box now so you don’t miss out!

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Full page (A5) $20 per issue, Half page $10 per issue

Six months Full page $350, Six months half page $180

The School Newsletter is currently distributed to 120 families, both electronically and printed copy, as well as uploaded to the school website and school app.

The next P&C MEETING is
Thursday 12 November
6:30pm in Silvertails’ classroom
A movie will be playing on the Interactive Whiteboard for parents who are unable to find a babysitter.
Light refreshments will be available for both parents and children.
All parents and carers welcome.

DRUG EDUCATION

Children learn about drugs such as medicines, alcohol and tobacco from their families, by watching what they do and say. Children also learn about drugs from TV, the internet, magazines and movies. In Drug Education lessons, children receive up-to-date information about drugs in a safe and caring setting. Students learn about the importance of being healthy and practise skills that help them stay safe.
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

**Visit us**

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

**Rutherford Marketplace**
28th October, 18th November & 9th December

**Lake Macquarie Fair**
4th November, 25th November & 16th December

**Morisset Square**
11th November & 2nd December

**Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre**
9th November & 1st December

Phone: **1800 555 727**

### Diary Dates

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### Positive Behaviour for Learning

We are safe, respectful learners striving for personal best in a happy and friendly environment.

Our next whole school reward is - PARTY GAMES in class

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### Just For Fun!

![Welcome Image]

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