A PLACE FOR LITTER

Senior students are taking on the fight against a littered playground by taking on the job of picking up the rubbish around the school. Strong winds often blow papers out of the bins and stray dogs regularly tip the bins upside down after school.

All students are encouraged to put their rubbish well into the bin.

Last year’s Year 6 students raised money to purchase new bins which are on their way. The new bins can be attached to the poles or walls so they can’t be tipped up by dogs and are more rain and windproof than our current bins. Meanwhile, our volunteers are working hard at keeping our school clean and safe.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our first P&C meeting of the year saw parents already organising a fundraiser. Our next P&C is the AGM, followed by a monthly meeting. All parents and carers are welcome. This Friday a group of students will be having some *in the field* learning as they attend the Schoolies Day at Maitland Show.

Next Wednesday is the Student Oral Presentations. It was a very successful event last year and I am personally looking forward to seeing it again this year. I hope parents, grandparents and carers will enjoy it too.

This year we have registered for Binless Playground Day on March 4. There will be more information about this next week.

*Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal*
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**GREVILLESAS**
This week we have been making and drawing patterns.

**ACACIAS**
As part of our science unit we have been looking at the weather and how the sky changes over time. We have been enjoying books that link with our science units. Here is a snippet from Kaiden (Kindergarten) and Tye (Year 1) from a book we are enjoying in class, ‘The Windy Farm’ by Doug MacLeod and Craig Smith.

**WARATAHS**
We have been writing sentences using prepositions.

Byron went through the car door. By Declan
Dad flew over the puddles. By Claire
Dad went under the bridge. By Jacob
He jumped over the puddles. By Gemma

Here we are practising some Numbers.

**BLUEBELLS**
During PE lessons and sport this week the Bluebells have been learning ‘The Fundamental Movement Skill’ of kicking. Here is Brooke demonstrating what we have been learning.
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Please check for head lice regularly.

**From the P&C**

Thank you to everyone who attended our first P&C meeting for the year.

We are looking at selling tea/coffee and cake/slice/biscuits during the Student Oral Presentations and need your support. We need donations of cakes, slices, biscuits.

We also need volunteers to work in half to one hour timeslots. This will help our regular canteen volunteers to watch their own children. Volunteers could choose a timeslot before or after their own child’s class.

Please return the volunteer form attached to this newsletter.

10:05 to 10:35 K/1 Acacias
10:35 to 11:05 5/6 Silvertails
LUNCH BREAK
12:05 to 12:35 Kinder Grevilleas
12:35 to 1:05 1/2 Waratahs
1:05 to 1:35 2/3 Orchids
RECESS BREAK
2:05 to 2:35 3/4 Bluebells
2:35 to 3:05 4/5 Callistemons

**Classroom Capers**

**ORCHIDS**
Place value work stations
The star of the week is ‘Cooper’! Well Done.
CALLISTEMONS

In our class called the Callistemons, we have a chill out zone. I love using the chill out zone! This week my favourite thing we did was drawing Callistemons in Art. Thanks for listening folks.

Reported by Dom W.

SILVERTAILS

Some Silvertail artwork involving positive and negative designs.

STUDENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS

All parents, grandparents, families and caregivers are invited to be in the audience for students delivering their oral presentations.

Each class have been working hard toward presenting a reflection of their learning.

Some may present as individuals, in pairs or small groups.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see the result of their work and research.

Please be mindful this is not an opportunity to have a discussion about your child’s progress. We would love to discuss this with you in a more personal setting please make an appointment.

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Student Presentations from last year.

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


## Just For Fun!

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

**“Save time do it online!”**

### SKOOLBAG APP

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AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carer Connections Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Kathie Nickerson, Clinical Nurse Specialist Hunter Integrated Pain Service (Hunter New England Health)

TOPIC: “The Meaning of Chronic Pain and Hunter Integrated Pain Service’s approach to Improving Life”

VENUE: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Monday 23 March 2015

RSVP: Wednesday 18 March 2015

For more information or to Register Contact: HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Care.Janice@hneshalth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

MAITLAND SAINTS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford

2015 Registration Date

Sunday 22nd February 10am-2pm @ Max McMahon Oval

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)

Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years
U9s / $120 (includes shorts & socks)
U11s-U17s / $150 (includes shorts & socks)

Youth Girls - 13 Years to 16 Years
U16s / $80 (includes Shorts & Socks)

Register on line at www.maitlandsaints.org.au

For further information please contact
Greg Davies on 0419 333 491

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years

Leadership opportunities for women 18 years and over

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW