X COUNTRY FUN RUN

Students lined up to run, jog and walk our school cross country circuit despite the uncertain weather. Competitive students raced across the line for places to qualify for representation at the Maitland PSSA Zone Cross Country event on Friday 27 March. These representatives will receive information and permission notes with the details of the event. Many students challenged themselves to complete as much of the course as they could at their own pace. Congratulations to all participants for having a go!

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well done to all the students who participated in our school cross country. The overcast day kept the temperature perfect for long distance running. Good luck to our Zone representatives.

This school newsletter comes with a Safe School Travel brochure and safety door sticker. Please share these messages with your children as we want all our families to be safe. There have been concerns recently with safe bus travel and speeding cars on Ryans Rd. Our students have been deciding on a name for our school PBL mascot. The results of their voting will be announced at Friday’s assembly.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
ACACIAS
Acacias are often asking for extra time to read. It seems we have the reading bug in our classroom. Alex and Callum are enjoying a free choice book in our circus tent. We read in the engine room to Ms B, we read with our friends and we love to hear someone read to us. We just can’t get enough! Don’t forget to keep returning the home readers for us to swap.

GREVILLEAS
This week in maths we have been learning to make arrays using counters. We have really enjoyed discovering different aspects of 2D shapes by drawing them and cutting up and pasting circles, squares, rectangles and triangles and making our own choice of pictures. Shanika made a picture of a boat on water.
CALLISTEMONS

In maths the Callistemons have been working on length. The Callistemons have made their own paper aeroplane and we have had a contest to see whose flies the longest, mine flew 4m and 37cm. My aeroplane is called Seb the hater bigayta. This was a fun activity I really enjoyed it.
Reported by Sebastian F.

BLUEBELLS

Bluebells have been learning about history, sport and music.
In History, the Bluebells have learnt about the Wonnarua people, dreamtime stories like Emu and Brolga, The Bat and the Crocodile, The Echidna and the Shade Tree and The Rainbow Serpent with Mrs Honan.
In sport the Bluebells watched a video of leaping, running, hopping and skipping with Mrs Thompson and Miss Webber and practised these skills with our class in the playground during PE.
In Music, the Bluebells have learnt about beat and different sounds like drips of water, seagulls even planes have a beat. 
By Malcolm F, Skye B and Andrew
**Classroom Capers**

**WARATAHS**

We are learning about the properties of 2D shapes. We are playing ‘Bingo’ and ‘What shape am I?’ to help us learn. We are having lots of fun.

**SILVERTAILS**

The students won the cricket match with some batting stars pictured above and the crowd on the hill below. A lot of fun was had by staff and students celebrating the positive behaviour of students in our school.

*We are safe, respectful learners.*
**Classroom Capers**

**ORCHIDS**

This week we are learning about division. We divided the class into small equal groups. Then we wrote number sentences to show our results. It was really fun and sometimes we had remainders left over.

By Drew O

We also worked together in groups sharing, dividing and solving problems.

The star of the week is Jaiden! Fabulous work.

**HELP SUPPORT Stewart House**

You can help support Stewart House by purchasing one of these key rings. If you wish to purchase one or more of these key rings please place your money in an envelope labeled with Stewart House, your child’s name, class and the number of key rings you want to buy and hand in to your class teacher or office. All money must be in by Friday 20\(^{th}\) March. No orders will be taken after this date.

**From the P&C**

Unfortunately we did not have an AGM as the books were not ready from the auditors. However, there were lots of fundraising ideas organised.

This Friday is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The P&C would like to have a Cupcake Day and are asking for donations of cupcakes to sell to the children for 50c to $1.

On Saturday 28 March we are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve at the Election Day Sausage Sizzle. Please leave a message in the office or the canteen if you are available.

Finally, we will be having an Easter Guessing Competition drawn at the school’s Annual Easter/Harmony Day on Thursday 2 April. If each family were able to donate one or two chocolate eggs we will have lots of baskets of eggs for prizes. Please drop off donations at the office or canteen by Friday 27 March.
From the Canteen

We now have a Specials Menu that children can buy over the counter at lunch time.

For Easter/Harmony Day we would like to offer sausage sandwich orders ($2 each) and cans of drink ($1) for children and their parents, grandparents and carers. Please write your child’s name, class, food/drink order onto a paper bag with the correct money inside and hand to the canteen before 1st April.

EASTER/HARMONY DAY

It’s time to start getting your Easter Hats ready for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. Hats are made at home and brought in on the day. They’re stored in the classrooms until the parade time. Again, we will be celebrating Harmony Day as well, so we have a Mufti Day where all students, teachers, parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to wear something orange.

Week 7 Award Winners

GREVILLIEAS
Eruea A
Shanika S
Xander B

ORCHIDS
Lara F
Lily-Rose G
Maddison B

CALLISTEMONS
Brody C
Amy C
Flinn D

MRS HONAN
Maddison B
Paige K
Dom B
Cooper H
Marko S
Tyler G

ACACIAS
Ellie Y
Tye O
Brodie G

BLUEBELLS
Maddison
Brianna
Caleb

SILVERTAILS
Kaleb B
Izzy D
Jac C
Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

NSW Government
Transport for NSW
Centre for Road Safety
**Diary Dates**

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