**BOOK FAIR**

The Annual Book Fair will be in the Connected Classroom tomorrow instead of the Library. Parents, grandparents and carers can buy books to keep or buy books to be donated to our School Library. Any donated books will have a recognition plaque placed inside the cover as a Thank You for the donation.

The school will also benefit from any sales. Prices range from $7 to $30.

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With the wet weather on Monday, our school photo day has been postponed until Wednesday 29 April. We wanted to make sure that students didn’t have damp hair and spots of rain on their shirts for their annul portraits.

We have a big day tomorrow with Harmony Day activities, junior choir performance, Easter hat parade, book fair, sausage sizzle and Easter Raffle. We look forward to lots of parents, grandparents, and carers enjoying the day’s events.

The Bluebells have been using the Library this week, as we are waiting for repairs to the carpet in their classroom. As a result, students have not been able to borrow and our Book Fair has been moved. We expect the carpet will be repaired before students return next term.

We have some staffing changes next term with a new permanent appointment, Mrs Chelle Heath who will be teaching the Callistemons until Mrs Penton takes her maternity leave. Mrs Heath will then teach the Orchids until the end of the year and Miss Warby will return to the Callistemons.

Have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
This week we have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and angles. Students used Geoboards to create shape pictures with an acute, obtuse and right angle. In literacy groups, the Orchids enjoyed predicting and writing their own ending to the story ‘The Twits’.

Last Friday we had a great day wearing our pyjamas and watching a movie. It was our reward for winning Binless Day.
I liked wearing my pyjamas and watching the movie. I like Mrs Morante’s teddies.
Marley
We loved watching the movie. Hayden and Ollie
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**GREVILLEAS**

We have enjoyed reading the story “Where’s Mum” in shared reading. We wrote a sentence together about it. We are learning that capital letters are used at the beginning of sentences and at the beginning of names and that we need to have a full stop at the end of our sentence. Boston drew a picture to go with our sentence.

**CALLISTEMONS**

This week in the Callistimons we have made an egg with an Easter bunny face. They are bright and colourful and we used crayons to create them. We are very excited for a visit from the Easter bunny!

By Dylan

**ACACIAS**

Acacias have enjoyed making 2D shapes this week. We discovered the difference between 2D shapes and 3D objects. Our favourite classroom activity was making 2D shapes with our bodies. We had to coordinate how to create our version of each shape. We certainly found this learning activity enjoyable.
The Bluebells have been enjoying our class time in the library as the carpet in our classroom gets repaired. Here Mackenzie and Marko are painting their eggshells for EASTER.

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School Contribution

Each year families are asked to contribute money to the school that will assist us in providing interesting and engaging lessons.

We are asking again for $20 per child up to three children, (the 4th is free).
From the P&C

Thank you to all the parents and community members who worked on our Election day BBQ. In particular Gary, Kristy and Neil, Rachel, Mel and Wayne. We made $334 on the day.

Please return the Easter Guessing Competition tickets asap as it will be drawn at the school’s Annual Easter/Harmony Day on Thursday 2 April.

All Sausage Sizzle orders needed to be in by today. NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN TOMORROW.

Easter/Harmony Day

Thursday 2nd April

9:05 to 10am Children go into class, rolls are marked. Then, children may go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

10 to 11am Harmony Day activity in classrooms.

11am Picnic lunch with families (P&C have a BBQ that needs to be ordered by 1st April)

Children may go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

12:05pm Students return to classroom and prepare for Parade

12:20pm Easter Hat Parade (Hats to be made at home)

P&C to draw the Easter raffle prizes

Children return to class or go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

1:35 to 2:05pm Recess.

2:05pm to 3:05pm Children return to class.

Parents and grandparents may wish to bring:

- Picnic chair
- Picnic lunch
- Hat/sunscreen

Students, parents and grandparents are encouraged to wear orange as we join together to celebrate Harmony Day.

Easter Hats need to be made at home and can be stored in classrooms until parade or brought in at 12:00.

The Book Fair is in the Library. Book prices range from $7 to $30 as they are quality books from well-known authors. Students without parental supervision can visit the Book Fair during second half lunch.

For Child Protection reasons we ask that you only take photos of your own children on the day.
Last Thursday, a group of 9 boys from years 5 and 6 competed in the Steve Simpson NRL Shield at Cooke Park Singleton. Miss Warby reported that she was very proud of this team for all their hard work leading up to the day, as well as their huge effort at the event. The boys showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations boys!

Please check for head lice regularly.

**Week 9 Award Winners**

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Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
• on the footpath.
• in the car park.
• when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.
### Diary Dates

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### Just For Fun!

The 2015 challenge has started! Have you got the Reading Bug?

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