Principal's News

A reminder to families if your child catches the bus:

- All K, Y1 and Y2 students can have free bus travel to school if they apply for a bus pass;
- Any Y3-6 student who pays can take the school bus; and
- Any Y3-6 student living further than 1.6KM radius from the school (about 2.3 walking distance) may be entitled to a free pass.

This week a few students who have been misbehaving on the bus have been discovered to be catching it without a pass so while the bus company can not take their pass they can ban the students even paying for a seat on the bus. Please make your child aware that the bus drivers do not have to put up with poor behaviour as this puts everyone at risk. The company has the right to exclude students who misbehave.

Please also make it clear to your children that if they wish to catch the bus in Y3-6 and do not have a pass they MUST HAVE MONEY AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CAN BE ASKED TO PAY. The cost is $1.10 each way.

Congratulations to Ben, Jarred and James who will be representing the Maitland District in the zone soccer team; and to Josie who will be representing in the zone netball team.

URGENT We have had a very successful walk or ride to school day this week and would like to thank Year 6 and Ms Whale for their efforts in organising this activity.

Unfortunately on the very same day we find out that a resident in Kilshanny Avenue had her car damaged on Thursday, 27th February when a young student with little control of his bike road past and put a deep scratch along the car. Neither the boy nor his friend stopped to speak with the owner. The boys still had their backpacks and were in school uniform so were likely on the way home from school. If your child has spoken to you about this incident could you please contact the school.

STOCKLAND STAR Our school has been at the top of the list of schools earning points at Greenhills Stockland during the past week. It would be exciting if we could remain there. During March if you can bring any receipts you have from the shopping centre, either to the school or the information desk in the centre you can help us earn points. The winning school wins $3000 which would wonderful to put with the P&C grant of $30 000 which is going towards interactive technology.

THANK YOU to our P&C who have donated $2000 towards an electric piano/keyboard for the hall and music program. We are very grateful.

OUT OF UNIFORM “BLUE” DAY TOMORROW Autism is something that affects many people. The school is supporting Autism Awareness tomorrow by asking the students to donate a gold coin. DON'T FORGET TO WEAR SOMETHING BLUE.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP STUDENTS are to be at school by 6.15am next Monday, 24th March. The bus will be leaving at 6.30am sharp. Students will return at approximately 5pm on Friday, 28th March, 2014. An SMS will be sent by the school advising parents if the buses will not be on time on the Friday.

Have a successful week, Mareille and Staff.
YEAR 7 2015 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST must be completed and returned to our school office TOMORROW, Friday, 21st March, 2014.

STUDENT SPORT SESSIONS AT HUNTER VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR YEAR 4 STUDENTS will take place next Wednesday, 26th March. All students in Year 4 will participate unless they have not returned their Local Walks and Excursions note. A reminder that Year 4 students are to wear their sport uniform next Wednesday.

"EGGS*HIBITION—TUESDAY, 8th APRIL, 2014 All students are invited to decorate a 3D or 2D egg shape in any way for our "eggs"hibition. Make a character egg. For "eggs"ample: "Eggs"trrestrial creature, "Eggs"tinct creature, "Eggs"tra special, "Eggs"citing, "Eggs"periment. Students can have fun, be creative and imaginative and use any materials you have at home. Students are to bring their completed character egg into their classroom on or before Tuesday, 8th April, 2014. Parents are invited to view the "Eggs"hibition under the COLA from 11.15am on Tuesday, 8th April, followed by lunch with your children.

WINTER UNIFORMS FOR SALE
4 x boys size 6 long sleeve polo shirts with logo - $9 each
3 x boys size 6 long grey school pants - $9 each
1 x size 6 unisex maroon straight leg track pants - $8

Contact Julianne on 0431 695 978.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAR STRUCK DANCE AND DRAMA GROUPS on their successful audition for the 2014 "Magic Happens" show. Both groups were successful in securing two items each. Tickets go on sale through Ticketek on Monday, 7th April, 2014. There will be a compulsory parent meeting for these groups on Thursday, 3rd April (just before the disco).

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Sports Awards
6M Charlie / Samantha
Kris

Seth (4E), Jenna (4E), Angelina (3P), Harry (3P), Oliver (4E), Noah (5G), Ruby (5G), Ella (3M), Ysobel (3M), Indiana (3F), Lucius (3F), Hannah (3/4H), Athul (3/4H), Jordan (4J), Sam (4J), James (5G), Laura (5G).
Term 1 2014 Calendar

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DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN'S DRESS UP ITEMS? Kindergarten are creating a play zone and need some clean dress up items:

Costumes – clean, reasonable condition (hats, costume jewellery, scarves- clean, play kitchen and associated items, small pop up tent – no tears, tunnel, baby dolls / clothes etc, blocks and puzzles.

If you have a cubby that is no longer in use we would also LOVE to talk you. Please drop items to the box in the office or to KJ. All enquiries to Mrs Larke (between KJ & KB).

SCHOOL PHOTOS Our school photos will be held on Wednesday, 30th April, 2014 (Week 1, Term 2). Order forms will be sent home with each child before the end of term. Students will wear full summer uniform for the photos.

Canteen News

Thank you and welcome to all of our new volunteers.

Please contact Kathy on 0448 058 755 if you are able to volunteer your time.

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Uniform Shop News

The winter uniform orders must be returned by next Wednesday, 28th March, 2014. Orders under $200 must be paid in full with the order form. Orders over $200 must include a $50 non-refundable deposit with the order form and full payment required before order pick up. No late orders can be accepted. Payments by cheque must be made out to Ashtonfield Public School P&C. Uniform orders must be paid separately to other school payments.

Easter raffle ..Fundraiser for APS

Donated easter eggs or other items needed!

We require donations of Easter eggs or perhaps a book, toy or DVD to be handed in to the office by Friday, 4th April, 2014

NO MATTER HOW BIG or SMALL! The more donations we have - the more draws we can have!!
PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Ashtonfield COMPUTER SERVICES
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The Conservatorium Youth Choir
"Life is a song worth singing... why don't you sing it?"
Are you interested in: singing better, working as a team, developing your harmony singing, making new friendships and having fun?
Then join in the fun!
Entry: No audition - enrolment through Conservatorium Office
Age: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)
Rehearsals: Monday's 4.00pm-5.30pm,
Peter Martin Studio at The Conservatorium
Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicianship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year. The CYC participates in various activities around the region and in the life of the Conservatorium. Students who join can expect to perform in a range of Conservatorium and community events often in collaboration with the Conservatorium’s other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.
Director: Christopher Blake
Cost: $50.00 per 8 week term
Contact: the office on (02) 4921 8900 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au

Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?
Contact the school office for details.
EASTER RAFFLE

Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment and child’s name and class clearly on the front. Please keep raffle tickets separate from other school payments.

*Please return by Friday, 4th April, 2014. Drawn on Wednesday, 9th April, 2014.*

$1 – 3 tickets  $2 – 8 tickets  $5 – 20 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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More Kids Reading, Kids Reading More.

Consider using these simple and fun activities in your classroom to start the reading conversation and get your students excited about books and Book Club!

Upper Primary  Find all the books in the brochures that have an animal as the main character and list these titles in alphabetical order.

Middle Primary  Look for book titles and descriptions which have key words about Anzac Day. Write these words down and discuss their meaning.

Lower Primary  Onomatopoeia is the term used to describe a word that sounds like the object or movement it names. Find examples of onomatopoeia in book titles or descriptions in Book Club brochures and write these down.

Watch the latest edition together as a class on your interactive whiteboard or encourage your students to check it out for themselves! scholastic.com.au/BCTV

Mission: Create a culture of reading in our communities!

If we want children to read independently and enjoy reading, they need to have easy access to a wide assortment of fiction and nonfiction books, self-selection or choice in what they read, plus time and encouragement to practise their reading.

- Children who practise reading more, become better readers, and their overall academic success improves.
- The ideal classroom library offers eight books per student and has a collection of a variety of genres.
- Children will read more and read more widely when they are allowed to self-select what to read.
- 89% of children who CHOOSE their own book actually go home and READ it!
- Family involvement in reading at school and at home has a strong and positive impact on a child’s educational achievement.
- Building reading into a child’s schedule and regularly adding books to the classroom and home libraries positively impacts on a child’s reading frequency.
- An adult reading role-model is a key motivator for independent reading practice.

THE INAUGURAL WOMBAT BOOKS ILLUSTRATION CHALLENGE—NOW OPEN! Wombat Books is seeking original illustrations from Australian students to publish in a unique picture book by well-known children’s author Alesse Darlison. The Challenge has been established to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children’s book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating. The book, titled Zoo Ball, is scheduled for release in early 2015. Up to 20 winning illustrators will be published in the book and will also receive two free copies of the book and a $50 voucher. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website as a rising illustrator and there may be opportunities for them to illustrate work in the future. One outstanding illustrator will be given the exclusive opportunity to design the cover for the book and will win a cash prize of $200. For full guidelines and entry forms visit: www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions