Principal’s News

We are very proud of the way our students have settled into their classes this year. From our very responsible Year 6 students to our new kindergarten students we have had smiling faces and well organised young people. It is wonderful to see.

We did however confuse some parents by mixing up one of our Year 1 class names. Mrs Nicole Butler is taking 1N this year and we apologise for the mistake.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kate in 4F who has a number of paintings on display at the Hunter Valley Art Gallery in High Street, Maitland. This is a fantastic achievement for any student but especially someone so young.

PARKING Please do not park in the staff car park as it is far too busy. THIS IS NOT A WALK THROUGH GATE EITHER. A staff member narrowly missed a child on Tuesday and was very shaken by the event. Please teach your children to walk through one of the correct entrances such as the front gate, the bottom gate below the oval or the back gate off Adele Cres. Please remember that if you are using Adele Cres then you should park along South Seas Drive and walk the children along the path to the gate. This is a narrow street and too dangerous to be a drop off zone.

PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS

You are invited to attend a general meeting with your child’s teachers. At these meetings teachers will explain some of the class procedures and answer general questions. Should you have issues of a more personal nature could you please ring and ask for a phone appointment or an interview.

Please note: the Year 5 and 6 meeting will also include the Canberra excursion parent information session.

RESOURCE PACKS FOR 2015 cost $65 per student ($40 for the third or subsequent child). We ask that this is paid by 13th February. Please send payment in an envelope with your child’s name, class and “Resource Pack” written clearly on the front. You may also pay online via the school website. Please enter “Resource Pack” under the payment description. Students will receive their resource pack in class AFTER THE 13th FEBRUARY and some items may stay in the classroom.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER**  The Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday, 17th February at Maitland Pool. All primary students have received a permission note. The cost is $7 each to cover bus and pool entry. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year are also invited to attend if they are competent swimmers and can confidently swim 50 metres unaided in their strokes. Please note the timing of novelty events will vary and be included as time permits. There will be no free swim time as this is DEC policy so please do not send your Year 2 child if they will not be participating in carnival events. Please contact the office to discuss your child’s swimming ability if they are in Year 2, turning 8 this year and a competent swimmer. Please note: this cannot be paid online as the cost is under $10.

**YEAR 5 & 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION REMINDER**  Our senior excursion will take place from 3rd to 6th March. All places have been filled for the excursion and we do have students on a waiting list to attend. The full amount of $400 must be paid **by Thursday, 19th February** or students will be removed from the list and places offered to those students on the waiting list. Medical and Expected Behaviour forms have been sent home this week and must be returned **by Friday, 13th February** so catering and medical lists can be finalised.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**  will be held as part of the class parent meeting on Thursday, 19th February, from 5pm in the Library.

**BOOK CLUB BROCHURES**  are available from the table in the school foyer. Scholastic has made some changes this year and all students should only need one brochure each. Orders are due by Thursday, 19th February. A reminder that all orders **must be paid online in the following way**:

- Click on Parent Payments (at top of the screen)
- Complete credit card details
- You will be given a receipt number. Please write your receipt number on your scholastic order form.
- Please return your order form to the box in the school foyer with your child’s name and class at the top of each order.

**Please do not send cash** as it will be returned to your child.

**CHESS CLUB**  Chess Club is held in the Library every Monday during 2nd half lunch. The first session was held last Monday with 16 students from Year 3 to Year 6 attending. If your child is interested in playing Chess, they are most welcome to come along and join in.

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**Library News**

Library lessons for all classes except Kindergarten commenced this week. It was fabulous to see all the students who came equipped with their library bags ready for borrowing.

A big thankyou to those students who returned books that were outstanding from last year. If you still have some "rogue" books at home, could these please be sent back to school as soon as possible.

We look forward to getting to know our new Kindergarten students when they start coming to library for lessons next week. All kinder students will be issued with their new library bags on their library day.

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**Uniform Shop News**

The uniform shop will be open every day for the first two weeks of Term 1, starting at 8.30am until needed and 2.30pm—3pm. From 16th February, the uniform shop will have new opening days and will open regularly Wednesday, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and Thursday, 8.30am—9am.

Cheryl and Kristen.

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**P&C News**

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th February, 2015 from 7pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. All items, issues, concerns etc requiring discussion at the next P&C meeting need to be added to the agenda. Please leave details at the office or by phoning the P&C Secretary (Cheryl Lucas) on 0466 542 041 or by emailing the P&C at apspandc@hotmail.com by Monday, 16th February.
Canteen News

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please complete the form included in this newsletter or contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

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UNIFORMS FOR SALE

- Short sleeve white shirts size 8 (3 available)
- Long sleeve white shirts size 8 (4 available)
- Morgan sports shirt size 6
- Grey shorts size 6 (2 available)
- Maroon sports shorts size 4
- Maroon sports shorts size 6
- Long grey pants size 6 (3 available)
- Long grey pants size 8
- Long maroon sports tracksuit pants size 6
- Long maroon sports tracksuit pants size 10 (2 available)

$5 each
Phone 0431 695 978

YEAR 5 AND 6 KIDS INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASKETBALL NEXT YEAR …..

Do you have a child in Year 5 or 6 who would like to play basketball? The team plays every Friday afternoon/evening at Maitland Federation Centre. The idea is to have fun in a team environment. Experience is not necessary. If your child is interested please contact Joanne on 0410 404 852. Children are able to try out to see if they like it before they commit to the season.

BANK@School

Term 1

Your school banking day with The Mutual is Thursday.
School banking is collected each week of the school year.
Simply place banking into the secure school banking box located at the school office.
If you would like to open a Mighty Mutual account for your child simply visit any branch of The Mutual or call our Member Service Department on 1300 688 825.
## Term 1 2015 Calendar

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68 Chisholm Road, Ashtonfield
Phone: 0466 289390

New computers
Repairs & fault finding
Virus and malware removal
Network setup and trouble shooting
Broadband setup and fault finding
**SPECIALS ONLINE** - New computers under $500

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

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ACTiv8 Chisholm**
Youth Group 2015 Starting Dates

**Junior**
Lochinvar & Paterson: Monday 16th February 6pm
East Maitland: Tuesday 17th February 5:30pm
Largs: Wednesday 18th February 5:30pm

**Senior**
East Maitland: Sunday 22nd February after 6pm Youth Mass

For further information please contact ACTiv8 Chisholm Youth Groups Coordinator
Samantha Hilton 0414 279 089

**HUNTER DENTAL GROUP**

**YES WE BULK BILL!!**
Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A, or other eligible government payments can receive $1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!

Families with Children who would like to undergo the **Sacraments of Initiation Program** in the Catholic Church this year, please note that the first parent information session (an overview of the program) will begin next week (Tuesday 3rd February 2015). Please attend **ONE** session during the week to begin the preparation process. Introductory sessions will be running on the following days:

- **Tuesday 3rd February** — 7:00pm St Paul's Church, Rutherford
- **Wednesday 4th February** — 7:00pm OLOL Church, Beresfield
- **Thursday 5th February** — 7:00pm St Joseph's, East Maitland
- **Thursday 5th February** — 5:00pm St Mary's Parish Hall, Dungog
- **Friday 6th February** — 10:30am Corcoran Centre, Morpeth

For any questions or queries, please contact the parish office at (02) 4933 8918.
Hours of Operation

Open: 7.30—6.00 pm
Office Hours: 9.00—3.30 pm
Period: 50 weeks/year
Ages: 8 weeks—5 years
Number: 46 children/day
We are open for all School Holidays except the two weeks over Christmas.

We are a Community Based, Not for Profit Long Day Care Centre in the Ashtonfield Area.

We Provide:-

- Everything for your child's day including nappies, hats & sunscreen.
- A program based on the Early Years Learning Framework representing current theory and practice in early childhood education. This builds on children's strengths and interests and not only prepares them for their next transition to school but develops skills for life.
- Staff are assigned groups of focus children. This system ensures that all children are regularly observed and that children's interests and development are planned for and evaluated.
- We employ a number of highly trained staff ensuring great outcomes for children.
- Family events and get-togethers.
- A strong commitment to staff training & development hosting regular workshops for staff and parents.
- A Chef working 5 days per week providing nutritious & cultural meals including morning tea and afternoon tea.

Contact our staff Monday to Friday for further information

19 Galway Bay Drive
Ashtonfield NSW 2323
Ph: 0249338632
Fax: 0249347077
Email: Jen_shamrock@optusnet.com.au

CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR THE PRESCHOOL ROOM.