Principal’s News

NAPLAN RESULTS Parents of Y3 or Y5 students who wish to discuss their child’s NAPLAN Report please organise an interview with your child’s teacher through the office.

STOCKLAND STAR Please remember to vote for our entry in the Greenhills Stockland Star competition. Registrations can be made at the Customer Care Centre. You will then receive a voting coupon for every $10 spent at specialty stores. Voting slips need a receipt to be verified. Customers who vote also go into the draw to win $3000. The competition closes on 30th August.

VARIETY CONCERT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW from the school office. Tickets cost $10 each. Evening tickets are limited to four (4) tickets per purchase. If you cannot come in to purchase the tickets please send money in an envelope clearly stating how many tickets and for which performance. Tickets will then be sent home with your child if you REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS ON THE ENVELOPE. Evening tickets are selling fast so please purchase your tickets soon if you cannot attend a matinee performance. Thank you to those of you who have already bought your tickets.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST Our Fathers’ Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 4th September so dads, granddads or significant role models can bring their students to school from 7am, have a free breakfast, play with sports equipment, read with your child in the library or have some time in the computer room. Please put this morning aside.

Come along and have a photo with your child/children on the day for a small cost of $2. This will be printed and sent home as a keepsake. There will also be an opportunity for fathers to write a comment and stick it on our Fathers’ Day Footy Colour wall.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR FOOTY COLOURS ON FRIDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. They can wear footy (or soccer etc) jumpers with their uniform if they wish to donate a gold coin to this appeal.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students on their UNSW spelling competition results:

- Lachlan - 5/6J - Distinction
- Athul - 4H - Credit
- Stephanie - 4F - Credit
- Benjamin - 3B - Credit

TERM 4 SPORT for Years 1 and 2 will be held each Friday. Year 2 will participate in a sport program at school. A permission note has been sent home with all Year 2 students this week.

SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN provides produce for our cooking program. Parents and visitors to the school are again asked not to remove produce from the garden.

TAKING KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS NOW!
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 3 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd September. A reminder that all orders must be paid online in the following way:

- www.scholastic.com.au
- 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.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY Approximately 775 million people around the world lack basic reading and writing skills. Literacy not only helps people manage daily living tasks, it is the foundation for a lifetime of learning. In 1965, UNESCO established International Literacy Day to raise global awareness and highlight the importance of literacy.

This year our school will celebrate International Literacy Day on Tuesday, 8th September. Students will have the opportunity to create music, artwork and more around the books read in class.

Great Book Swap, Tuesday, 8th September, 2015

Can you imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six-year old? Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens the door to the future.

This year for the first time, our school will help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities by getting involved in the 2014 Great Book Swap Challenge. It is also another great way for us to have some fun, get some new books and improve our own reading.

The Great Book Swap Challenge is a fundraising event in which students swap books with one another. Participating students bring along a gold coin and a book they’ve read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together, and students then choose a “new” book they would like to keep.

If you would like to participate, bring a book from home that you have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that you think someone else would enjoy as much as you did.

Our Book swap will be held on Tuesday, 8th September. Books need to be brought to school no later than Friday, 4th September. Please give your books to your class teacher. Any left over books will be available for other students to purchase for 20 cents.

FATHER’S DAY STALL—TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 2015

It’s your chance to say “thanks dad, grandad or my special carer” for all the things you do for me. Gifts will be available from 50c to $6.00.

Please send a few dollars to school with your child on this day so they can make a careful choice for a male carer’s much deserved gift.

If you can spare an hour or two of your time on this day to help serve our little shoppers, please let the office staff know or call Charne on 0407 251 115. Please also bring your spare plastic bags to help students carry their gifts.
Library News

This week is Book Week and the library is alight with all the wonderful entries in the Book Week colouring competition.

This year it was extended to include Years 5 and 6, who have produced some excellent entries.

It is worth venturing in to the Library to see the display. Prize winners will be announced at the assembly on Monday, 31st August.

As part of the celebrations this week, every student who attends Library lessons, is being given a special Book Week bookmark.

Another competition currently in progress, is the “Guess the Teacher’s Favourite Book” competition, in which students have to guess the teacher’s favourite book from when they were in Primary School. Entry forms are available from the Library. This has proven to be quite a talking point, as students have been encouraged to ask those staff members involved, for clues about their particular favourite book. This competition will close at the end of next week. So good luck all the book detectives!

I have been overwhelmed by the amazing response to the “Design a New Grug book” competition that has been underway for the past couple of weeks. The competition was open to students in Years 3 through to Year 6. The level of imagination, creativity and professionalism is to be commended and is going to create a very difficult job for the judges. Congratulations goes to everyone who made the effort to create a book. They are very impressive. Kindergarten students can look forward to having the books read to them, by their authors in the weeks to come.

All students who have made a “Grug” book are invited to attend a talk to be given by the actual author of the “Grug” series, Mr Ted Prior.

Mr Prior has very kindly offered to come to our school this Friday and give a talk to the students about his experiences in writing and publishing children’s picture books. This talk will be held in the Hall from 9.30 a.m. and is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain an insight from a professional author.

After viewing our students versions of “Grug” books, he may be inspired with a few new ones of his own!

Books Light up the World!

SHINE A LIGHT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Thankyou to all the families, who supported the musical performance that was held in the school hall yesterday. It was a huge success with the majority of our students attending the show.

The students were very enthusiastic and positive in their critique of the performance. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience live theatre.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those students who completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year Ashtonfield Public School had a total of 480 students who put in a great effort. Well done!

In the words of Dr Suess; “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Uniform Focus—Week 8

Plain white socks (ankle height) will be the uniform focus next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.
# Class Awards

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# Canteen News

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

## Canteen Roster—August 2015

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### Variety Concert Tickets ……

Will be on sale from 8.30am, MONDAY, 17th August, 2015

- **Matinee Concert** - 12 noon, Wednesday, 16th September
- **Evening Concert** - 6:30pm, Wednesday, 16th September
- **Matinee Concert** - 12 noon, Thursday, 17th September
- **Evening Concert** - 6:30pm, Thursday, 17th September

$10 per ticket

(pre-school age children may sit on parent’s lap – no seat will be allocated)
PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Ashtonfield COMPUTER SERVICES
68 Chisholm Road, Ashtonfield
Phone: 0466 289390
New computers
Repairs & fault finding
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SPECIALS ONLINE - New computers under $500

Hunter Valley PAINTBALL
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Gift vouchers available
All players must be 16 years +
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Kyäni
Looking to improve your health & wellbeing or a new and unique business opportunity in pre-launch within Australia?
Kyäni can be the key to both!
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Hunters Academy of Sport
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
WHY CHOOSE US? WHEN YOU CAN PLAY 9!
The Hunter Academy of Sport is now offering a unique sports camp for boys and girls, ages 6-15. During the HAS School Holiday Program, athletes will participate in 9 different sports, learn basic skills and get a feel for a number of athletic activities from nationally certified coaches.
1, 2 and 3 day options available. For more information visit
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netball • rugby • cricket • afl • athletics • baseball • softball • touch • basketball
FATHER'S DAY 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 Wednesday, 2nd September.*

**Drawn on Friday, 4th September, 2015 at the Father’s Day Breakfast.**

**$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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Spring Vacation Care
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
ABN 94 288 377 301

PROVIDER APPROVAL NUMBER: PR 00007689
Ph 49391840  83 - 85 Weiblands St  Rutherford 2320  Fax 4939 1849

21st September—2nd October - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open
Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.  Monday to Friday

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.

“Child Care Benefit (CCB)” and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility
Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by “Dept of Human Services” (adjustments will then be made)

4 convenient locations - Rutherford, Thornton, Metford and Ashtonfield.
Daily fees after CCB range from $5.24 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $46.00 per child
Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at our centers and Main office from

Monday 24th August 2015

Sorry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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