**Term 2 Week 1**

**Tuesday 21st April, 2015.**

### Dates to Remember

**2015 Excursions:**

- Kindergarten: 31/7
- Stage 1: 4/9
- Yr 4 Dubbo: 17-20/8
- Yr 5 Lake Keepit: 13-16/10
- Yr 6 Canberra: 22-25/6

*Note: slight change of date for Year 4 Dubbo excursion.*

- Mother's Day Stall: 7/5
- Father's Day Stall: 3/9

**School Photos:** 3/8/15

**NAPLAN Dates:**

- 12, 13 & 14 May 2015

**P&C Meeting**

- 27 April 7.00pm

**Canteen Roster**

- 22/4/15
  - Leanne Kearney
  - Louise Thurgood
- 24/4/15
  - Ruth Edwards
  - Leanne Anderson
- 27/4/14
  - Linda Dillon
  - Ray Fitzgerald
- 29/4/14
  - Brad Sparke
  - Tracey Murrell
- 1/5/15
  - Robyn Beggs
  - Cassie Ashby

### ANZAC DAY

**Saturday, 25th April, 2015**

All students and parents/carers are invited to attend the Anzac Day Service to be conducted at the Memorial Clock Tower commencing at 11.00am this Saturday the 25th April.

Students are encouraged to represent our school by participating in the march from the Soldiers Club (RSL) to the cenotaph in Memorial Park in Hume Street.

**Please wear your full school winter uniform.**

We will meet at the Soldiers Club at 10.20am ready to assemble and begin the march.

Several students have been chosen to take part in a special ceremony at the Memorial, in memory of local servicemen.

Dawn Service commences at 5.30am at the Memorial Clock Tower.

Main Service at 11.00am

Commemorations in the Memorial Park commence at 12.30pm.

### School ANZAC Service

**Thursday, 23rd April**

We will hold our ANZAC Memorial School Service on Thursday 23rd April at 1.45pm in the hall. Mr Frank McGovern and Mr Pat Burley will be attending to speak to the students.

Years 3-6 will be performing “Fields of Flanders”.

All parents and friends are welcome to come along.

Let’s remember those who served our country with pride and respect.
**Welcome Back!**
A big welcome back to all our families and friends. I hope you had an enjoyable and not too eventful break. This will be another busy 10-week term which will finish on Friday 26th June.

**PLEASE REMEMBER **** Students should now be wearing their winter uniforms ****.**

**Professional Development/Learning**
Yesterday, all staff from our school, along with the staff from Barrington Public School, participated in a full day’s First Aid and CPR training. It was a great day and a very worthwhile training experience which was an intensive and informative.

**Zone Cross Country**
Thirty-two of our students will be attending the Zone Cross Country event on Friday at Wingham. Thank you Mrs Wilson for organising this and we wish everyone a safe and successful day.

**Too sick for school?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

**P&C**
The first P&C Meeting for this term will take place next Monday 27th April at 7.00pm in the library. It would be lovely to see some new faces at our meetings.

**THINK U KNOW - ONLINE SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR PARENTS/CARERS**
You are invited to join me at school on Tuesday 2nd June at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. The video conference will be interactive and informative and present current information about cyber safety. Please join me for afternoon tea and an informative afternoon.
Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a well-deserved rest and are now ready to leap into Term 2 learning.

New Sounds: Rr, Dd, Gg

New Sight Words: me, in, look

Numeracy: counting forwards to 50, backwards from 20, writing and reading numbers to 30 and counting by 10s.

Maths Concepts: Multiplication (forming groups), Mass (weight), 3D shapes and Patterns and Algebra.

Homework begins this week and now includes new maths challenges. You will need to locate your Zoowhiz username and password (handed out at our information evening or given out in your information pack) because there are some computer games to play!

Zumba will start on Friday. If you chose to pay weekly, please ensure that your child has his/her $2 ready for collection on Friday.

Reading Groups will commence this week. If you would still like to be a part of KS or KM’s reading groups, please see Mrs Keen or Mrs Carruthers. We would love to see more helpers in our classrooms.

Sophie Keen & Mirabai Carruthers
Kindergarten Students

Tobwabba Medical Centre
Staff from Tobwabba Medical Centre will be here at the school this Friday 24th April to conduct free hearing tests and dental checks for our indigenous students. If notes are not returned to school before this date, your child will miss out.

Zumba for Sport

This term, all infants’ students will be participating in ‘Zumba’ for sport on a Friday morning.

The cost of the program will be $2 per week, or $20 for the 10 week program.

If you chose to pay weekly, please ensure that your child has his/her $2 ready for collection every Friday.

Students will start their lessons this week. Sport is compulsory for each student in NSW Public Schools and it is vital that we encourage all of our students to participate. Please contact me, if you have any trouble with payment or do not wish your child to participate.

Amy Schafer
Assistant Principal (infants)
**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**

Thank you to all those parents who have been making regular payments for this excursion. Keep those payments coming in as this excursion will be happening this term from the 22\textsuperscript{nd} to 25\textsuperscript{th} June.

Final payments are due on or before 12\textsuperscript{th} June. Payments can be made online if you wish using the reference number 044342.

*Margaret Wilson & Eve Green*

*Year 6 Teachers*

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**Bottled Water**

We have some bottled water for sale at the school - $10.00 for a pack of 24.

If you would like some, please call at the office.

This money will be a donation going towards student welfare, crunch and sip and reading programs.

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**Rugby 7\textsuperscript{th} and League Tag Recruitment Day**

The NRL Group 3 Rugby League day at Taree Rec grounds which was to be held tomorrow, Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April, has been cancelled.

*Amy Schafer*

*Assistant Principal*

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**Zone Cross Country**

This Friday, 32 students from Gloucester Public School will travel to Wingham to compete in the Zone Cross Country event.

We wish them all the very best.

If your child is going to the Zone Cross Country event and has not returned his/her permission note and/or paid the $5.00 levy, would you please ensure these are given to me or the office by Wednesday so that we can make the payment to the Manning PSSA.

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are available to transport students to the venue. A note will go home with your child on Thursday indicating the students who will travel with you. Please ensure you have had your current driver’s licence and vehicle registration sighted at the office, even if you are transporting only your child.

All volunteers working with children, including those transporting students to sporting venues, are required to complete a ‘working with children check’. This can be done online (just google WWCC) at no cost as a volunteer. When you get your WWCC number, please inform the ladies in the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation, it is greatly appreciated! I’ll see you at the venue, no later than 10:30am.

*Margaret Wilson*

*Zone Cross Country Organiser*
Oz Opera Performance of Cinderella

Introduce your child/ren to the magic of opera through Oz Opera’s exciting performance of Cinderella.

Based on the opera La Cenerentola by Rossini, Opera Australia has specially adapted one of opera’s most captivating tales in a production tailored for primary school children.

Will poor Cindy learn to stand up to mean stepbrother and sister to meet her own destiny (and her Prince Charming too)? Rossini’s sparkling music will light the way through a wonderful mix of magic and drama in a fully-staged, brand new, 50 minute version of Cinderella.

Date: Friday 1 May

Time: 9:30 and 11:30am (Infants and Primary times to be decided)

Cost: $7

Please ensure that your child doesn’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Fill out the permission note below and return it to your child’s classroom teacher, along with $7.

Mirabai Carruthers
Performance Coordinator

I give my child, ______________________________________ of class, ______________ permission to attend Oz Opera’s performance of Cinderella on Friday 1 May.

I have enclosed $7 to cover the cost of this performance.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________

Name: ____________________________________ (Please print)
Meeting Opened 7:00 pm

Attendance: As per attendance book
Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting read.
Moved: Leanne Kearney Seconded: Ruth Edwards

Business Arising:
- Canteen agreement for 2015 – to be discussed at an executive meeting
- Nutritional Policy - We meet the nutritional standards
- WWCC employer registration set up. A folder in the canteen with volunteer’s details. Ruth will be verifying the volunteers WWCC status online.

Correspondence: see correspondence book.
Moved: Sally Maslen Seconded: Leanne Kearney

Uniform Shop:
- Shirts not in yet. Have been promised first week back after Easter holidays
- Uniform Shop is open this Thursday.
Moved: Leanne Kearney Seconded: Ruth Edwards

Fundraising Report:
- Mother’s Day stall items have been ordered. Will arrive after Easter holidays.
Moved: Kellie Warwick Seconded: Robyn Beggs

Canteen Report:
- Hot Dog Day - Apples were donated by Foodworks. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mark Garner
- Wet floor safety signs for canteen have been ordered by the School
- Rubber mat for the floor near the sink. Cost $30. Agreed to purchase 1 mat
- Term 2 Winter Menu finalised
- Changing suppliers for the party pies to Ithaca. Have 2 different size pies available. Cheaper option so we can reduce the price of the Party pies back to $1.50
- Sausage rolls cost increased to $2.80
- Juice Tubes been selling well. They are classified as a ‘green’ healthy item on the menu.
Moved: Ruth Edwards Seconded: Leanne Kearney

Treasurer’s Report:
Account Balances at 28th Feb 2015
P&C Cash Reserve: $4,675.10,
Canteen Account: $4,277.46,
P&C Account: $6,970.52.
- IAS statements - Issues with the lodgement of statements. We received a fine from the ATO but have since rectified the issue and all statements are now up to date and the fine has been reversed. Thank you letter to be sent to Kate Wratten at Rob Moore & Associates for her assistance
- Purchase a pre-paid debit card for canteen purchases. Available from the post office.
- Purchases/invoices for approval. Receipt from Liz Collins for a gift given to Kerry at the AGM and Healthy Kids Association Membership due.
Moved: Robyn Beggs Seconded: Sally Maslen

Principals Report:
- Water alert. Since the over-chlorination, kids have been drinking bottled water. Midcoast Water is paying for it all. Water will be tested throughout the day tomorrow. Will probably still be on bottled water
- P&C donating $300 to Science and Engineering Challenge
- Premier Reading Challenge has started. It’s more interactive this year
- SIDs for kids raised $300 for school
- Thank you to all who helped at the cross country.
Moved: Sally Maslen Seconded: Susanna Jackson
General Business:
- Positions vacant from the AGM include President, second Vice President and secretary
  - President: Sally Maslen
    Nominated: Robyn Beggs        Seconded: Leanne Kearney
  - Vice President: vacant
    Nominated:                     Seconded:
  - Secretary: Susanna Jackson
    Nominated: Ruth Edwards        Seconded: Robyn Beggs
- President to be added as a bank signatory
- P&C Federation 2015 Member Register Update needs to be signed and posted along with a copy of the audit
- Holiday Coast Credit Union Community Sponsorship grant open. Robyn to apply for some grant money
- Leanne Wakefield was contacted by a person enquiring about donating money to the P&C for the school. Ruth was given his details and has since contacted him. Awaiting further discussions.

Meeting Closed at 8.08pm     Next Meeting 27 April at 7pm

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National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015 Test Dates

Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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<td>Catch-up day</td>
<td>For students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.</td>
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Using this book

This book is designed to be used by the parent, student and teacher. The book should accompany a student's reading material.

The purpose of this book is to:
- encourage regular reading habits (e.g. five nights a week),
- monitor reading frequency,
- provide communication between parent, student and teacher,
- provide a variety of reading ideas for parents,
- stimulate the student to achieve reading awards for every 25 days of reading.

This book should be used as a record of what is read throughout each week. Saturday and Sunday have been combined.

Provision is made for reading to occur over school vacations and public holidays.

N.B. If a night is missed, your child could read in the morning.

Participating in Reading

Your child does not have to always be the reader to participate in reading. Reading activities could be:
- a. Reading WITH your child (either taking turns or together).
- b. Reading TO your child.
- c. The child reading INDEPENDENTLY (aloud or silently).
- d. The child MAKING UP or PREDICTING the story.

These variations of reading could be noted in the COMMENTS section.

Date and Title

1. Include a date for each day.
2. Record the title of book, magazine, etc. under the date.
3. Each recording page is over the period of a fortnight.