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Important Whooping Cough Information

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby and anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough is especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.


P&C Meeting
Tonight @ 6:30

A Super Community

It has been lovely to reflect on the last few weeks, watching this incredible community come together to support our school and as well as to assist others. I was so touched by the response to our fundraising for our little Valentine neighbour Tahlia for example and to see the support for our Spring Fair was just incredible. Thank you everyone. Tonight’s P&C meeting is a great way to become further involved in our wonderful school- I would love to see some new faces come along and join our fantastic team from 6:30-8:30 in our staffroom.

COMMUNITY
Select High School Placement Application Dates & Procedures.

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2017 are now open and close on 16 November 2015. Application information can be downloaded from the High Performing Students Unit website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents without internet access are welcome to contact the school and access our computers.

It is very important to note that late applications will not be accepted.

Library News

We have our first student to complete the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Lacey Menzies 5RC, a dedicated student who takes charge of her own learning. Well done.

Great excitement in the Library - our new shelving has arrived so both the students and myself are in a state of high anticipation. Then it will be a time factor in returning 20,000 books to their rightful place and having a fully functioning library again. Watch this space for photos.

Those who read - succeed

Robyn Forbes

Canteen Roster

This Week (26/10/15-30/10/15)

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.
**OOOH News**

Spring is here and if you haven’t seen it already please stop by and see how well our garden is growing. The children have been taking very good care of the plants, weeding and watering them daily and very soon we should have a bumper crop of zucchinis to harvest. We already use our OOH grown lettuce for afternoon tea.

Last week was another fun week at OOH. Children played outside in our Fairy Garden with our new knights and fairies. Basketball, soccer, fumbles and football are amongst the popular outdoor games children liked to play at OOH. Land mines, rainbow kites, paper mache clouds, science experiments, minions and garden mobiles are some other activities that the OOH children were involved in.

**Date for your diary** - The service AGM will be held on **Tuesday 27th October at 6:30pm** in the OOH room. Our OOH service is operated by a group of dedicated volunteer parents of the children that attend the service; Nomination forms for positions on the Committee are available from the OOH. If you wish to have a voice in the way our OOH service is run you are invited to come along to any committee meeting, if you can only make it to one meeting for the year please make it this one.

For enquiries or further information about the OOH please phone Kate or Amelia on 49428186 or visit us between 7-9am or 2:30-3pm (please avoid after 3:00pm as this is our busiest time of the day and our priority is taking care of the children).

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**Community Notices**

**What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme?**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

**Visit us**

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

- **Rutherford Marketplace**
  - 28th October, 18th November & 9th December
- **Lake Macquarie Fair**
  - 4th November, 25th November & 16th December
- **Morisset Square**
  - 11th November & 2nd December
- **Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre**
  - 9th November & 1st December

**Phone:** 1800 555 727  
**www.ndis.gov.au**

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**Uniform Shop Opening Times**

**Wednesday and Friday afternoons**  
2:15-2:45pm

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**Community Notices**

**SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015 2PM TO 4:30PM**

Come and enjoy an afternoon out with family & friends at Blackbutt Reserve and participate in some fun activities or enjoy a scenic bush walk to see the animals at the reserve.

**Refreshments, BBQ, Cake Stall, Craft Corner, 100’s Club, Egg & Spoon Race**

This is a “Marvellous Minions” Relay For Life Team Fundraising event. All monies raised goes directly to the Cancer Council. For more information on the day please call 0449133941 or go to the Relay For Life website.
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