The Next 7 Days……

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2016 Planning
I can't believe there are only a few weeks left of this year! We are already busy planning for next year where our numbers will be around 610. We will be having 24 classes again with composites throughout the primary due to the way numbers fall. Our school 3 strategic directions from our plan 2015-2017 are:

Quality teaching - focusing on the explicit tracking, monitoring and planning for every student to ensure maximum success.

Feedback - utilisation of practices which inform learning, strengthen teaching & engage our learning community to maximise the performance of all.

21st Century Learning - continue to embed innovative & best practice which incorporates the authentic use of technology to enhance quality teaching & learning.

We will also be having a strong focus on the wellbeing of our wonderful students with particular reference to the DoE’s new Wellbeing Framework. [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/about/16531_Wellbeing-Framework-for-schools_Accessible.pdf](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/about/16531_Wellbeing-Framework-for-schools_Accessible.pdf)

This focus includes strengthening students’ physical, social, emotional and spiritual development. Our whole school community approach will focus on developing skills such as resilience, social competencies, independence and flexibility to be successful learners in this every changing and challenging world.

Senior Skaters
Last week our senior band enjoyed a wonderful morning of ice skating to celebrate a fantastic year. It was a great way to further bond our great team while having a whole lot of fun. Many thanks to Mr. Goeldner and Mr. Thomas.

Expectation of the Week

Giving

Improvement

Feedback
Library Opening

At last week’s P&C meeting we officially opened the first stage of our library renovations. The library, thanks to our fantastic P&C fundraising and the amazing Mrs Forbes, is looking great and very much loved by our students.

Children’s comments have included: “I love the colours”, “You can see the great books so easily” and “It makes me love reading more”.

Great Writing

This week I would love to share 2 fantastic poems written about Remembrance Day from students in 5RC.

Back to You by Eliza

In the living hell
Many of our comrades fell.
In the early morning mist
Where guns were fired by others who risked.
Risked losing everything that they had
Who knew that war could be so bad?
When you look across the battle field
You really wish you had a shield.
For some of us will not survive
Living in this deathly hive.
Those I care about are still at home
And I hope we are all back there soon.
As I write to you by an incandescent glow
Here is a message to you I throw.
You must have faith at this time
And always remember to keep in mind.
I will always come back to you
In spirit and in person too.

For The Fallen by Rowan

for all the war is over
But let’s not delay the day
We lost our dearly loved ones
The guns fired and crackled
And bombshells boomed and blasted
Only one flower grew.

All the days of the war
Were not for me or you
The guns still crackled and fired
And the bomb shells still hit
Lots of people died at war
Only one flower grew.

Now the war is over
More war is still to come
The guns all stopped no shots fired
And the bomb shells are gone
Still and quiet and life continues
And a field of flowers grew.

Long Lost Heroes by Kyle

In one peaceful dawn somewhere in Turkey
As gunfire started to break the land.
I walk across this rocky beach
Through the trenches the soldiers fought and fell.
This fight has gone on long enough:
Good thing the soldiers were armed and ready.

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Lunch reminders

Please remind children that lunchtime is at 11am with recess orders being placed in the morning (as the canteen is only open at recess on Fridays).
The battle at Gallipoli was life or death. But the ANZAC spirit will never be lost. Soldiers as young as thirteen and some as old as forty five. When serving their country they're at their best saving others through raging pain. Some say heroes don't exist. I say they used to fight for us.

Bush Fire Protocols
As we head into the bush fire season it is very timely that we review our safety and emergency procedures. So although a threat is unlikely in our area it is important that we have a shared bush fire plan.

In the event of a potential bush fire emergency situation, such as there being local bush fires, the school will contact emergency services and seek appropriate advice as to any possible danger and actions required.

If the school is advised by emergency services to evacuate or if a decision is made in consultation with the Director, Public Schools NSW to temporarily cease school operations, we will activate our Emergency Management Plan and respond accordingly. In this case parents will be notified by email, SMS and an alert placed on out school website. The school will then provide updated information as needed.

It is advised that our school community download the app "Fires Near Me" for timely updates (available for iPhone and androids).

Library News
Year 2 students are powering along with their 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge with 6 students already finished, including Ashleigh Farnant 2P, Demi Menzies and Layla Peart 2B who completed their Challenge last week along with Brandon Luu 3M, Emily Rye 4JT and Murray Peart 4JT. This brings our total to 10 students and it’s not even 2016 yet, well done to these independent learners.

Adopted Animal Update
How wonderful to know that our school has contributed to the ongoing survival of the Tasmanian Devil through our participation in the Devil Ark Adoption Program at the Barrington Tops, they have just sent the first batch of 22 devils back to Tasmania to be released into the wild. Our baby is now grown up and is part of the breeding program. Our remaining Orangutans are doing well. Wigly is now five years old and is still in the jungle school learning how to live on his own. He hasn’t quite mastered the art of nest building but he’s working on it. Ugo Blanco is seven years old and weighs 27kg. He is not coping well with foraging for himself so they have to supplement his food. He loves water, which is unusual for an ape, and the keepers have to watch when he is in the river as he has no fear. Meki is also seven and she is doing really well at the forest school, she loves to eat termites, sap and tree bark. She likes to stay in the forest at night which shows great progress towards her eventual release. Unfortunately, our other baby died when she fell from a tree.

Library borrowing has now ceased for the year to allow for stocktake to be completed. Please ensure students return all books this week. Super borrowing awards for those who have missed no more than one week of borrowing during Semester Two will be issued this week. Next week I will publish the champions who have never missed a week of borrowing all year – what an achievement!

Those who read - succeed
Robyn Forbes

2015 Presentation Day:
Wednesday, 9th December, 2015

Years 3-6 Presentation: 9.20-11.15 @ Warners Bay High School
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony: 12.00 @ School COLA or Hall
Years 1 and 2 Presentation: 1.30 @ School COLA or Hall
Kindergarten Presentation: 2.20 @ School COLA or Hall

Kind regards
Josie Bailey (principal)
Canteen Roster

This Week (23/11/15-27/11/15)
- Mon: Kristina Bircsak, Belinda Carrington
- Tues: Kristen McDonell
- Wed: Kim Isenhood, Nicole Kelly
- Thurs: Katherine Deer, Kathryn Clifton
- Fri: Nat Skelly

This Week (30/11/15-4/12/15)
- Mon: Kristina Bircsak, Belinda Carrington
- Tues: Rae Rye, Jo Thompson
- Wed: Renee Peters, Karen Taylor, Sally Chislett, Nicole Kristiani
- Thurs: Jacqui Bell, Natasha Bilton
- Fri: Steph Allan, Lisa Hill

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Infants to 12 m -Tuesday 9.30-10.30 @Cardiff
Toddlers to 3y -Friday 9.30-10.30 @Valentine
Vicki Mansfield BSW (hons)
P: 0427639477
https://www.facebook.com/flourishwithvickimansfield

Office Payments
Due to end of year financial processing, we are unable to take any payments both online and over the counter next Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Advertisements
Support for growing feet AND your school!
With the ever increasing pressure we place on children to stretch their school shoes, we are excited to be participating in the Back to School Program! The Hunter Sports Centre will donate 5% of the value of any school shoe sold at Williams/Capellea Park Shopping Centre to the school.

How can your school get involved? It’s easy!
Simply order shoes from our range of school shoes and send the order information to the school.

Dates
Program: From 1st December 2015 to 31st January 2016
Participating schools need to commit to this program by the 31st March 2016.

Things to note
Only approved participating school shoes, prices and conditions of this program, as per the information below, are eligible for donation.

Vacation Care 4–12 yrs
December 2016 / January 2016
Come & Join Us These School Holidays, We Will Have You Reaching New Heights
Participating in Programs Such As:
• obstacle courses • art/craft • gymnastic skills • cooking • magic
• trampolining • science • clay modelling • athletics – just to name a few

Vacation Care is available from
Thursday 17th December - Monday 25th January
(please note a holiday program is also on offer for kids up to 3 years old)
7.30AM-6PM, MEALS INCLUDED

Child Care Rebate
The Hunter Sports Centre also operates on-site holiday programs and skills clinics each day. For further information visit our website www.hsc.org.au

BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL
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