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A huge thank you to our wonderful General Assistant Peter Allington for his amazing work in cleaning up our school and making it safe for our students and staff. Thanks also to Mr Langham for his fantastic support last Wednesday.

ANZAC Day
I was very proud to see how our students acknowledged the important ANZAC traditions we hold so dear. Our service last week was a lovely tribute and the work children are doing in their classrooms a credit to their teachers. Many thanks to those who attended the Valentine service and well done to our school band, choir and leaders for their excellent work at our school assembly. Thank you also to Dr Leonard, Mrs Dezius, Mr Goeldner and Mr May for their support of these very special events.

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements in 2016
If you are interested in applying for a Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements for 2016 applications and further information are now available on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Last term kindergarten and their buddies from Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous morning of
activities at their teddy bears' picnic. All teddies behaved beautifully and had lots of fun!

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Valentine – please help.

Monday 27 April, 9.00am - 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 April, 1.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 April, 1.00pm - 6.30pm

If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online at donateblood.com.au or call on 13 14 95.

Useful Links:
Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Here are a few strategies that will help: Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Term 2 Calendar

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Kindest regards,
Josie Bailey Principal 😊

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015 - LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015:
TUESDAY 12 MAY - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) & Writing
WEDNESDAY 13 MAY - Reading
THURSDAY 14 MAY - Numeracy
Friday 15 May - A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

Recent Notes
- Stewart House Donation envelopes will come home today

Library News
15 weeks until this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge closes off. Congratulations to Victoria C. KBS, Lachlan C. KH, Darcy M. 1D, Josephine D. 1LT, Harry C. 2H, Laura J. 3G, Lucy T. 3M, Eden C. 4HB and Sam M. 4M. Only one class remains without a student completing the Challenge but I’m hopeful that will change soon. Mrs Haggerty’s 4HB is streaking away, followed by 5/6L, 2H and KBS. Merits will handed out in Week 2 due to no assemblies being held in Week 1.

Unfortunately, the excursion to the Lovett Gallery for 5FS and 5RC has had to be cancelled due to a conflict with Starstruck rehearsals and as we were attending on the last day of the exhibition it cannot be re-scheduled.

Those who read – succeed
Robyn Forbes

ANZAC Day Service
On Saturday a number of our students attended the ANZAC Commemoration Service at Allambee Park, Valentine. It was a wonderful ceremony with well over 1000 people attending the service. Our school leaders Larissa M, Andrew T, Bethany L, Jack E, Tiahn L, Coopah H and Olivia I laid a beautiful wreath on behalf of our school. Sophie B, Brayden B, Madeline B, Cooper P, Billy E and Max E also marched with our school. Thank you to all students and parents who paid their respect on Saturday.

Thanks
Nathan May
Sports News
Regional Trials
A huge congratulations to Izaac Smith and Jacob Hill, who have been selected in the Hunter Region Hockey Team to compete at the NSW State Championships. This is an outstanding achievement. Good luck to Sam Haren who has made it through to the final trial this Friday, for the Hunter Soccer Team.

Zone Cross Country
At this stage, Zone Cross Country has been rescheduled for Thursday 30th April. No alterations have been made to the program. Mr. Lewis and myself will be taking the team, so if you have any questions please see us.

PSSA
PSSA Netball, Soccer and Rugby League will hopefully start this week. There will be 4 netball teams, 2 soccer teams and 2 rugby league teams representing our school this year. Respective notes will be coming home early this week with all details and draws. Parent transport is crucial in making PSSA a successful, cheap experience for our students. Please remember PSSA is about participation and sportsmanship. Good luck to all our teams.

OOSH News
What a crazy week to begin the Term. Hopefully all our families are recovering from the wild weather and things will return to normal for everyone very soon. Our first Committee meeting for the Term will be held this Tuesday 28th April at 6:30pm in the OOSH room. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend and feedback, suggestions and fresh ideas are always welcome.

A reminder to parents & guardians that if your child is going to be absent from an OOSH session to please call the service DIRECTLY as soon as you know this. This is especially important for the afternoon sessions where sometimes a staff member is taken away from caring for the children for up to 40 minutes trying to locate and ensure the safety of children that are missing from care. There is no way for us to know unless you inform us that your child is absent from school or has been collected early. Our answering machine is always on when we are not here, so please call at any time to leave a message 49428186.

For enquiries or further information about the OOSH please phone Carolyn or Kate 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). Thank you.

P&C News
P&C Meeting Cancelled
Tonight’s P&C meeting has been cancelled due to recent weather disruptions. The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Mother's Day Stall
Please see flyer attached to today’s newsletter regarding our upcoming Mother’s Day Stall
Thanks Robyn Tooze

Mother’s Day Raffle
P&C are holding a Mother’s Day Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home with eldest students tomorrow. Tickets will be $1 each and will need to be returned by Friday 1st May. Please return to the P&C Box in the foyer. Each donation will also receive a raffle ticket. Raffle will be drawn Tuesday 5th May.

First prize: “Mum” Pandora Bracelet
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Monday: 8:30am – 9:00am  
Wednesday: 2:15pm – 2:45pm  
Friday: 2:15pm – 2:45pm

School Banking

School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their savings accounts. The results: over 60,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian students go on an incredible mission.

Rewards:

Good savings behaviour with two new items

To help young students to stay with the savings mission, we’ve released new, never-before-seen rewards from our Outer Space Savers line. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to receive a reward.

Rewards Include:

– Rocket Pen
– Space Rocker

You could win a 3-night family trip to California’s Disneyland!

Each student who consistently deposits a weekly saving of $10 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. For more information visit carebank.com.au/schoolbanking

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