Dates for your diary
24 April School ANZAC Ceremony
27 April Opportunity Class 2016 applications open
29 April School Gymnastics note due back
30 April School Gymnastics begins
1 May Year 4 Bush Camp instalment due - $50
1 May PSSA Soccer 12pm at Pasedena Oval
4 May P & C meeting 5.30pm
5 May School photo day
6 May Mothers Day Stall
6 May Gymnastics money due
8 May Canberra instalment due - $60
8 May Mothers Day breakfast
12 May NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
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12 June Star Struck Performance
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Week 2 Focus Expectation: Right time, right place.
When I'm in the right place at the right time:
I stay with the group
I play in the right place
I follow instructions
I follow the rules

PRINCIPAL TALK
Back to it!
Welcome back to a busy Term 2! We hope you had a lovely blend of excitement and relaxation in the school holidays.

Staffing
Mrs Nadia Farrell had a beautiful baby boy on Sunday this week.
Mrs Leanne Davison and Mrs Helen Wiedermann are on 2 weeks and 3 weeks leave respectively at the start of Term 2. Ms Rebecca Jones and Mrs Jill McDonald will be relieving.

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baked beans or spaghetti (420g), as well as Weetbix or equivalent, about 575g boxes. These can be brought to school and left in the box we have placed in our school foyers. As you may be aware, Reverend Doug Morrison-Clearly co-ordinates our Scripture classes. The Parish also donated $50 dollars to the school recently.

Next P&C Meeting
We have a number of vacant positions that need filling. They are President, Vice-President, Canteen Treasurer, and Canteen Co-ordinator. If you are even slightly interested and would like to know more about any of these roles, please talk to one of the current P&C members or enquire at the office. You will receive lots of support and guidance if you volunteer. The P&C is integral in keeping the school running as it does. Please show your support. The next meeting is at 5:30pm on Monday 4th May.

Mulch
We currently have some piles of mulch we are happy to share with our community. If interested, contact the office and arrange a time to shovel some into your trailer. A small donation would be nice.

This Week’s Quiz
How many seconds are there in one hour?
Write your name and class with the answer on a piece of paper, and post it into the Quiz Box near the office by Wednesday.

Mr Jonathan Ridgway

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY
⇒ MSP photography envelopes
⇒ Notes to Year 3 and Year 5 re NAPLAN
⇒ Whole school Gymnastics
⇒ PSSA Touch Football Trials

Girls Soccer
This week I called for girls in Year 5 & 6 who are interested in playing in the girls’ soccer team. Training will start next week. We have a bye in the first round and play either Woodberry or Thornton in round 2. If your daughter is playing in the team they will need a set of shin pads.
Maria Kirby AP

Gymnastics
We are all very excited to be starting Gymnastics next week. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned by Wednesday 29th April in order for all students to participate. Money should be paid ASAP but is not due until 6th May. We have had a great response already so please keep the notes and money coming in over the next couple of weeks.
Kayla Hawkins

School Photos
Tuesday 5th May is school photo day. Each child has received a personalised photo envelope. The envelopes can be returned to school for safe keeping by Monday 4th May. Alternatively, children can return their envelopes on photo day 5th May and they will be given directly to the photographer. The photographers charge a $20 fee for late orders. Payments for all students in a family can be placed in the one envelope but all envelopes need to be returned. Please ensure correct money is in the envelopes as they are handed unopened to the photographers. This year payments can be made on the photographer’s website. Envelopes still need to be returned to school though.

If paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Master School Portraits. If you would like a Family Portrait, please return the section which is further in the newsletter to the office to receive a Family Portrait envelope.

If another envelope is required (eg mum’s copy or dad’s copy) please see the office.

For any enquiries, please call MSP Photography on 4966 8292. Thank you.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.
Great Aussie Bush Camp - Year 4
The Year 4 camp will be held from Monday 14th September until Wednesday 16th September. Thank you to the parents that have paid their deposit. The next $50 instalment is due Friday 1st May.

Canberra Excursion
The excursion has now been confirmed and the total cost will be $280. If you have not yet paid the deposit please do so by the end of this week. The confirmation note with payment slips will be sent home today. The first instalment of $60 is due Friday 8th May.

Public Speaking 2015
Every year we have a public speaking competition where the winners have the opportunity to continue on to Zone and Regional level representation for our school.
This week you will receive a note from your child’s teacher outlining the details of an oral presentation task. This task is a speech and students will be required to work on their speech as part of their homework during week 3 and week 4. They will then be required to present their speech to the class in week 5, the week beginning 18th May.
Three winners from each class will be chosen to go into the stage finals. Stage finals will be held in week 7.
Four students from each stage will be chosen to present their speeches at our school public speaking final in week 9.
This oral presentation task is part of our Semester One assessments and will go towards the end of Semester One report.
Good luck everybody!
Trish Scott

Mothers Day Breakfast
Our Mothers Day breakfast will be coming up on Friday 8th May.
Invitations will be sent home shortly, so save the date in your diaries.

Zone Touch Football Trials
Zone Touch Football Trials for boys and girls will be held next Tuesday 28th April at Maitland Park, weather permitting. Notes went home to interested students at the end of last term. If you would like your child to represent our school at these trials please see me by Friday afternoon, 24th April. Students need to demonstrate outstanding touch football skills and play at Rep level.
Stefani Hainsworth

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH REQUEST NOTE
I would like to take the opportunity to have my children photographed together on Tuesday 5th May (Term 2, Week 3) by MSP Photography. Please send me a Family Portrait Pack pre-pay envelope.
I will return this to the office before the photo day with full payment enclosed.

Family Surname: ____________________

Children’s Names: ____________________  Class_____
______________________________  Class_____
______________________________  Class_____

Signature: ____________________
**P & C News**
The next P & C meeting will be held on 4th May at 5:30pm in the Staffroom.

**Mothers Day Stall**
We are trying something new this year for our Mothers Day Stall.
It will be held on 6th May. The children will be coming into the hall with their classes where they will be able to purchase gifts for $3, $4 and $5.
There will be no pre-orders this year.

**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 9am. Order forms are available at the school office if you cannot make it to the uniform shop at these times. Please note that the Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers.

**Canteen News**
**Term 2 - Week 2 $4.50 Meal Deal is:**
- Pie/Sausage Roll
- Drink of your choice
- Fairy Floss Fandangle

**Canteen Roster 2015**

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**Shopping Trip to Sydney**

**Deposits are now due**
It’s that time of year again where we start organising the shopping tour to raise funds for our school. It is on Saturday 31st October 2015 and will only be a day trip this year. Cost will be $85p/p which includes lunch.

A deposit of $30 is required by Monday 22nd June
which can be dropped off in an envelope with name and contact details at the school office or canteen.

It is a great day out and you may even be able to get you Christmas shopping done!

For further details you can contact Jodie Payne on 0425 26 16 36.