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**Our School Rules - ON THE BUS/IN BUS LINES**

**Be Responsible**
- Walk quietly and calmly
- Stay with your group
- Help younger students
- Sit quietly in bus lines in the correct area

**Be Respectful**
- Follow teacher directions
- Consider others
- Speak politely

**Be Safe**
- Obey bus rules
- Walk to the bus
- Place your bag in front of your feet

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**NAPLAN**

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. 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.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014** – Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- Writing

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014** – Reading

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014** – Numeracy

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**BEING LATE IS NOT OKAY**

When children arrive late and take time to settle, valuable learning time is lost. Current research shows that mornings for children are the best times for learning. School starts at 9.20am each day.

It is a request from The Department of Education and Communities and our School Policy that if your child is late to school an **adult must sign** him/her into school.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal
CROSS COUNTRY - The 2014 School Cross Country will be held on Thursday 3rd April from 10.00am – 11.20am. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will walk to Verge Street Oval accompanied by the teachers (covered by the General Consent Form). Any child in Year 2 who turns 8 this year and can run 2 kms can also compete in the cross country. All students who attend must run. Students should come to school prepared for the carnival (sport uniform and running shoes). Students will be back at school by 1st Lunch.

This week our library has become full of fantastic minibeast projects. Don’t forget they are due the week before school holidays! I have also received some great PowerPoint projects from the senior students; these are due next week so that we can look at them in the last week of school. I have had lots of students coming up at lunchtime to work on their projects.

Premier's Reading Challenge: This year our school is participating in the PRC. All of our PRC books are labelled with the correct level. Kindergarten to Year 2 - level 1, years 3-4 - level 2, years 5-6 are level 3. All students who complete the challenge will celebrate the PRC in term 4 with a party.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS 2014 YEARS 3-6
If you would like your child to take part in any or all of these competitions, money and note need to be returned to the front office by WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2014.

We need your support! 2014 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
The amount we ask families to pay goes 100% towards your child’s education, buying items that we could not afford without your support. We are asking that you contribute as follows:

1 Child - $15.00 for the whole year
2 or more children - $20.00 for the whole year

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Please send in correct money with your child’s lunch order. Please place all hot food orders before 9.20am. We do not keep money in the Canteen overnight. We are unable to change $50, $20 and $10 notes.

Please advise Gwen if you are unable to help on your day.
Phone @ school: 6562 7044

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 8

Congratulations to the following students

MERIT AWARDS
KR – Jaiden S, Joshua C
KJ – Bryce G, Harrison V
K/1E – Killara W, Lea B
1B – Craig T, Zara P
1/2S – Ellie W, James F
2B – Joshua W
2/3D – Resharli R, Dylin S
3M – Jarraminda W, Blaise H

3/4F – Kieren W, Thomas C
4/5H – Daniel T
5/6P – Cassandra M, Cameron J
5/6S – Brittany N, Chelsea K
6K – Ellie-Jae F, Jack M
SH – Joshua M, Nathaniel N

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Codie N, Nicholas T
LOU’S CAFÉ RESTAURANT REWARD VOUCHER - Shane D, Joe M
NEWS FROM SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE
From January 2014, dental services are available for eligible families with children aged 2-17 years. A child’s eligibility is assessed at the beginning of each year and lasts the whole calendar year. A child is eligible if they are aged 2–17 years and are eligible for Medicare and are either part of a family receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or one of the following Australian Government payments:

- Youth Allowance
- ABSTUDY
- Disability Support Pension
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Carer Payment
- Double Orphan Pension
- Veteran’s Children Education Scheme, if the child is 16 or over
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme, if the child is 16 or over

Benefits available under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
In 2014, benefits for basic dental services are capped at $1,000 per child over 2 consecutive calendar years.

If you do not use all of your $1,000 benefit in the first year if you are still eligible, any remaining balance will not be carried forward at the end of the second year.

Benefits will cover a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits are not available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and cannot be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule services will not count towards the Medicare Safety Net or the Extended Medicare Safety Net thresholds.

Process for using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
You can confirm your child's eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or calling the Medicare general enquiries line on 132 011. Or take your Medicare card to the dentist and they can look it up for you.

At the time of the appointment, the dental provider must discuss your child’s treatment and any associated costs with you before providing the services. After this has been discussed, you will need to sign a consent form. When the dental provider has provided the services agreed for your child, they will either bulk bill you or charge you for the services. If they charge you, you need to pay the account and claim the benefit.

If you need to see a dentist that will bulk bill, please ensure you ask them first, most dentists will have a sign or promotion as follows:

“Bulk Billing now available for children aged 2–17 under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)”

For more information refer to www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits

Karen Hall, Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres

**Important Dates**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1:** Friday 11th April, 2014

**EASTER:** Friday 18th April – Monday 21st April, 2014

**ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY:** Friday 25th April, 2014

**STAFF RETURN:** Monday 28th April, (Staff Development Day) – PUPIL FREE

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:** Tuesday 29th April, 2014 (Students Return)

**EASTER GUESSING COMPETITION** – Ticket books are being sent home with students this week. This is one of two major P & C fund raisers we conduct and it is hoped you will support this event.

Donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated from all students to be used as prizes in our draw. Please bring your donations to the Canteen. All ticket books and money to go to Mr Fraser’s “Yellow Box” except on Wednesday when he is not at our school. The competition will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.

**NO DOOR TO DOOR SALES PLEASE** as this can be dangerous to our children.

![Easter Egg Drive](image)

**Easter Egg Drive**

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

**Friday 4th April, 2014**

Please donate an Easter Egg for our Easter Guessing Competition

**Class 3-6T made a display for the hall to reinforce the message No Bullying at school. The children want to feel safe at school.**

Trent F

**3F Students were looking at the website Bullying No Way (displaying their wristbands)**
North Coast Basketball
Last week four girls from Kempsey West - Charntaye, Mattarley, Maleah and I went to Grafton for the North Coast trials for Basketball. We all made it to the Possibles vs Probables teams. I was then selected for the North Coast team for the State Championships. I have to travel to Albury in May. I play on a Wednesday night at Melville High. by Amarah

Soccer
At the soccer gala day we were involved in six fun soccer games. The best bit was probably when we played the first game because we got our team members picked. by Peter 3/4F

We won all of the games that we had to play. My favourite thing was when we played the other schools like Aldavilla, South Kempsey, Greenhill and South West Rocks. by Jake 3M

My family rode our bikes to school on Ride-To-School day. We have ridden our bikes every day since then. I like how I get a chance to be first as the leader because I am the oldest. We wear our helmets every time we get on our bikes even on the weekend. Sometimes we ride to the park. by Charlotte 4/5H

Front: Ceyanna, Sophie, Auron, Jasmin
Back: Charlotte, Chantel

Students enjoying playing table tennis