Resolving Problems

It may be necessary for parents and other school community members to raise concerns about other students, school staff, policies or practices. Most concerns can be dealt with at the school through a range of informal means, the first point of contact being the class teacher. There may, however, be times when more formal resolution is needed and executive staff are available to support these processes, by appointment.

Parents need to be aware that teachers may not be available directly before and after school and should always call to make an appointment. It is also important that parents model respectful behaviour at all times while on the school premises.

SASS Recognition Week

Do you know what SASS means? SASS stands for School Administration and Support Staff. This week on behalf of students, parents and staff I would like to acknowledge the hard work done by our support staff as part of SASS National Recognition Week. This year’s theme is Stepping Up to the Challenge and our support staff definitely do that each and every day. We have a number of support staff at our school. They work in the office, library, preschool and classrooms and grounds. National Recognition Week is a great time to thank all our support staff for their hard work and dedication to our school. Please give them all an extra big smile and thank you this week when you see them.

NAPLAN Parent Reports

Year 3 and 5 students will receive their NAPLAN reports this Friday 5th September. Results will be in individual envelopes addressed to parents.

Planning 2015 – 2017

All schools in NSW have been asked to formulate a school plan for the next three years. This term and next we will be seeking information from parents in a variety of forms to assist with the development of the plan. Thank you to the parents who have already participated.

Bullying

From time to time we have reported incidences of bullying at school. It is important that all members of the school community contribute to preventing bullying by modelling and promoting appropriate behaviour and respectful relationships.

Definition of Bullying

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, travelling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbours or in the workplace.

Bullying behaviour can be:

- verbal - name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- physical - hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- social - ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- psychological - spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behaviour is not:

- children not getting along well
- a situation of mutual conflict
- single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

For further information http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Playground Activities

Last week students were given the option of participating in a range of different activities organised for them at lunch time. The activities were very popular, especially in the wet weather that we have been having.
Commonwealth Games Day
On the last Monday of term, 15th September we will be holding a Commonwealth Games Day. The Commonwealth Ideals are - *Humanity, Equality and Destiny*. Children have been put into one of 10 countries and may dress in the colour of their country. All children will need a hat and sun safe clothing. On the day teachers will quickly mark the roll and then assemble under the COLA for the opening ceremony at about 9.10am. The events will run until lunch and after lunch we will have the closing ceremony. Parents are invited to attend and either move from activity to activity with students or assist staff to run an activity.

Father’s Day
Happy Father’s Day to all the dads this Sunday. Thank you to everyone who purchased a gift from the stall on Tuesday.

Kindergarten Transition 2015
Next Wednesday 10th September there will be a parent information session about kindergarten for 2015. The meeting will be held in the library and there will be information about the school and particularly what happens in kindergarten. Parents will be given information about enrolment and the student transition sessions that will be held early next term. We hope to see you there.

Cluster Choir
Cluster Choir will be rehearsing on Thursday 4th September for their performance at 6pm on Thursday evening at Callaghan College Waratah Campus.
- Children are to arrive no later than 5.45 pm
- Children are to wear full school uniform...clean and neat.
- No colourful headpieces...only those that match their uniforms.

Year 1 Spectacular Shelters
Come and see the spectacular shelters that have been created by K/1C, 1C and 1SH this Friday afternoon at 2.45pm in the Library.

Important Dates
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P&C News

**Bunnings BBQ**
What a great day we had at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday with over $1200 raised for the school! It was wonderful to see staff, parents & community members working together and representing MWDS. The P&C extend a huge thank you to every one of our amazing volunteers, we couldn’t have done it without you.

**Father’s Day Stall**
We had a very successful Father’s Day Stall this morning and the children took great care in selecting the perfect gift. We hope all the Dads/Grandads enjoy their surprises on Sunday. If your child forgot to bring along some money, there will be a mini stall at lunchtime on Friday. The 2 day Preschool group will have their own stall set up on Friday morning.

**Inner City Winemakers, 12th September**
There are still tickets available for our fundraising night next Friday between 6-8pm. Come along & taste some wine, eat some cheese & enjoy a night away from the kids. Tickets are only $20 and order forms available from the office. We hope to see you there.

**Lamington Drive**
An order form came home with your child today for a Lamington Drive. Orders and money are due back to the office by Wednesday 10th September.

Canteen News

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Look out with next week’s newsletter for a Sausage Sizzle note. If you don’t get one just pop into the canteen and grab one. All money is to be returned to the Canteen or in the lunch order basket.

Quality Kids

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The Callaghan Cluster Choir proudly presents...

Come and join us in our Cluster Choir celebration of songs inspired by our beautiful country!

Thursday 4th September, 2014
6pm
Main Hall
Callaghan College
Waratah Campus
*Gold coin donation

Sausage Sizzle
From 5:00- 5:45pm*
Waratah Campus Canteen

Sausage Sandwiches $3.00
Assorted Poppas and Water $1.00

*Students in the choir must be finished eating by 5:45pm, ready to take their place on the stage

JOIN NEWCASTLE HUNTER JUNIOR OZTAG!

NEW COMPETITION IN NEWCASTLE. Non tackling recreational Sport.

Venue: Waratah Park Young St Waratah.

Registration Fees: $65PP
Shorts - $25
Tights - $30

Teams are to organise own playing shirts with numbers. You can purchase these at www.allsports.com.au

Competition Information
Ages 5yrs to 16yrs.
Commences 16th Sept 2014
Concludes 23rd Dec 2014
This is a 12 week comp. We do not play in School Holidays.

Registration Nights 2014
Wed 26th Aug
Fri 29th Aug
Wed 2nd Sept
Thurs 4th Sept
Wed 9th Sept
5pm - 7pm
Held at Hamilton North Bowling Club.

Please Contact
Alice Stones Ph: 0447 247 230
Mhairi Anderson Ph: 0447 237 984
Or Email: newcastlejunioroztag@oztag.com.au

For more info please go to www.newcastlejunioroztag.com.au and click on the “junior” tab on the left hand menu.

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Orders and money due on or before Wednesday 10/9/14. Pick up is Thursday 18/9/14 in School Hall 2:45 - 3:30pm.

Lamington Drive
Mayfield West P & C