Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 2/3T. Assembly commences at 2.30pm.

Important Dates
19th November School Musical
24th November Preschool Red Sausage Sizzle
26th November Preschool Blue, K-6 Sausage Sizzle
28th November School Council 5pm, P&C Meeting 7.30pm
8th December Presentation Day
10th December Year 6 Farewell
11th December Reports to parents

Communication
Schools are always very busy places with lots of events and extra curricula activities for students. It is essential that parents read all the newsletters and notes. We also have the Skoolbag app and all notes and newsletters go onto our webpage. As a school we don’t know of any other method of communication, yet have been criticised because some parents were not aware that there was a musical until last week. This is despite information from the school every week in the newsletter, on the website or written information about the musical since the end of last term (15th September). Some parents have told me that they are too busy to read newsletters but still expect to get the information. Next year we will review our communication to explore other ways of ensuring all parents are able to receive the information they need. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Preschool Transition
Preschool transition for red group is on tomorrow between 9:30am and 10:30am at the preschool. Parents are asked to ensure they have completed their enrolment forms.

Digital Media Festival
The Digital Media Festival was held on Thursday afternoon at Waratah High School. Thank you to Mr Creasey for his work on the movie and to staff and parents for their support of the event. A special thank you to the Wu family for the use of the cold room and to Toni Foot for organising the TAFE students to assist with the making of the ice cream spiders. Thank you to the other staff and parents who assisted getting everything to and from the venue. Here is a link to see the school movies: https://youtu.be/r1PF9f_i1sQ

School Council and P & C Meeting
These meetings have now been moved to next Wednesday – 28th November 2015. School Council at 5.00pm and P & C Meeting at 7.30pm.

Remembrance Day MWDS
Remembrance Day in Australia is an occasion to commemorate and remember all Australians who have made sacrifices as a result of war.
Library News

Student Borrowing
All student borrowing has now closed and books must be returned to the library so that the stocktake can begin. If your child receives an overdue notice, could you please assist with locating the books and returning them to the library as soon as possible.
I have been very pleased that many students have made the effort to return their books so quickly. I will be giving a prize to the first class to hand in all their books, so keep searching!
Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

P&C News

Digital Media Festival
The P&C would like to thank the teachers, staff, parents and volunteers who made the digital media festival a success. The P&C raised $381 at this event.

Bunnings BBQ
Thank you to the P&C members, parents and relatives who volunteered their time to help on Sunday. The P&C raised over $1000 from this fun filled day!

P&C Raffle
A book of tickets went home with your child last week for the P&C end of year raffle. Tickets are $2 each and due back at school tomorrow. The prizes will be drawn at the end of the school musical this Thursday. If you would like more tickets the P&C will have sales in the foyer on the night up until 5.445pm.
We have some amazing prizes up for offer this year, so don’t miss out on your chance to win!

P&C Meeting – DATE CHANGE
Due to the large number of events within the school community this week the P&C Annual General Meeting an monthly meeting will now be held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 from 7.30pm in the staff room.

Canteen News

Wednesday 18th November  Jess, Kristy, Nat, Bec
Thursday 19th November  Sarah
Friday 20th November  Mandie, Sarah
Monday 23rd November  Gayle
Tuesday 24th November  Jane

Sausage Sizzle
Coming home today is an order form for our last Sausage Sizzle for 2015. Forms are due bay by Tuesday 24th November.
Preschool Red Group - Tuesday 24th November
Preschool Blue Group - Thursday 26th November
K – 6 – Thursday 26th November

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition

Students from Mayfield West Demonstration School students performed particularly well in the 2015 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to the following students.

Merit Awards –
Liam Lam-Watson
Syeda Hassan
Leelani Taranawiwat
Taleesha Brain
Hunter Jordan
Brody Howell
Shabella Morrison
Paul Fukofuka
Riley Barry
Jordan Pobjoy
Jordan Blundell
Saige Stow
Ben Plowman
Alec Wicks
Alexandra Donnelly
Alissa Costelloe
Samantha Howard
Riley Collinson

Distinction Awards-
Josephine Thwaites
Levi Winter
Romany McCurley-Weston
Oliver Redhead
Gabriel Lopez
Jesse Collinson
Riley Brent
Jed Gaston
Jessica Jarvis
Kyron Drewett
Joshua Bennett
Anh Nguyen
Baelee Clifford-Ward

High Distinction Awards–
Ellie Asquith

Following her excellent performance in the Year 5 division of the 2015 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition Ellie has been invited to attend a Mathematics Camp to be conducted at the Department of Sport and Recreation, Myuna Bay Centre in March 2016. Well done everyone.
4/SRP and 4T Excursion to Glenrock State Conservation Area

Last week, as a part of their learning about ‘What is a National Park?’, 4/SRP and 4T went on an excursion to Glenrock State Conservation Area.

It was a fantastic day that saw the bush become our classroom for the day. Our guides for the day were Ranger Jenny and Ranger Gary who took us along many walking trails teaching us about the history of the park through traditional Dreamtime stories and showing us the unique flora and fauna of the park. From the leaves used traditionally by Aboriginal people as sandpaper, help with headaches and as a natural insect repellent to the bearded dragon, goanna, frogs, eel and the bush turkey coming along to see what we were up to, it was an amazing experience.

The favourite part of the day was lunch by the creek. With our shoes and socks off and dangling our feet in the water, this nature play area became a place to explore, have fun and appreciate.

Exhausted after a full day of bush activities, the students had experienced first hand the reasons why our National Parks are areas that must be protected so that everyone can have the opportunity visit one.
PEP Talk

Question and Answer Forum
Ice/Crystal Methamphetamine

Public Education and Participation Program Talks (PEP Talks) are a series of information sessions around current Alcohol and Other Drug (AUD) issues, impacting upon our local community. These events are brought to you by the Newcastle Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) in partnership with Hunter New England Health Local Health District, Newcastle City Council and the Australian Drug Foundation.

Following a reported surge in the supply and use of the stimulant, ICE has caught the attention of the Australian Government and Community. You are most welcome to attend the information sharing and discussion forum on Crystal Methamphetamine “ICE” - An issue affecting our community.

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
Date: Tuesday 24 November
Place: City Hall, Newcastle
(Light refreshments will be provided)
RSVP: Wednesday 18 November
Contact: Tony Brown
cdatnewcastle@gmail.com

School Banking Reward Items Currently Available.

A note from School Banking
Please choose one of the following reward items:

- Galaxy Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Invisible Ink
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Martian Pens
- ET DVD
- Shark Key Ring
- Scented Pencils

There is limited stock available of some of the 2014 reward items:

All reward items are available while stocks last

Name: ____________________
Class ______
Student ID ________
I would like to redeem 10 tokens for a:
- Galaxy Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- Intergalactic Rocket
- ET DVD
- Shark Key Ring
- Scented Pencils