Term 1 – Week 3

Tuesday, 10 February 2015

Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by: Student Leaders

An excellent start
Our students have made an excellent start to the year with no planning room incidences so far and everyone cooperating with their new teachers and following the school rules in the playground. This allows teachers to focus on learning. We had a some additional playtime last Thursday to celebrate. Well done everyone!

Newsletter
We are still having paper copies of the newsletter this week to give parents a little longer to submit their email address. If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy after this week please let the office know.

Resource Pack
Thank you to the many parents who have paid their child’s resource pack. Currently over 85% of students have paid for the resource pack, and I know that yesterday and today more payments have been made. Teachers are now using the Maths Plus book as well as other books and resources from the pack this week. Parents that need time to pay should make an appointment to see the principal.

Assembly
This Wednesday afternoon is a whole school assembly. Student leaders will be presented with their badges. Parents are welcome to attend. Assembly commences at 2.30pm.

On Time for School
It is important that all children are on time for school. Being late for school (even by a few minutes) is upsetting the child and impacts on the whole class. Children need to be a school by 8.55pm.

Jewellery
The only jewellery students can wear to school is a watch, medical bracelet and studs or sleepers. All other jewellery needs to be left at home. Children that continue to wear items to school will be asked to take it off and put it in their bags.

Morning Duty
Teachers are on duty at 8.30 in the morning. Students should not be at school before this time as they are not supervised.

Road Safety
Parents are asked to obey all road and parking signs in front of the school. Executives are on duty in the afternoon ensuring students leave school safely. Parents can assist by using the crossing when walking children across the road.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival is for year 3 – 6 students and will be held next Tuesday 17th February. Children received detailed information last week. K – 2 students should attend school and will have normal classes. Hopefully we will have a fine and sunny day.

Important Dates
11th February Stage 2 & 3 Information Session
13th February Book Club due
17th February Kinder and Stage 1 Information Session
17th February Swimming Carnival Years 3 – 6
18th February School Council – 5pm
P&C Meeting – 7pm

Library News
Library Bags $15 can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

Welcome back for 2015
I’m sure 2015 will be another busy year for MWDS Library. Borrowing has now started and all students are encouraged to use a library bag. Blue PVC library bags with a velcro closure are available at the uniform shop, however any library bag is fine.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
Registration for this year’s PRC will begin in a few weeks – so watch this space!

Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian
BOOK CLUB
Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteer, Irene Bonnici, who is organising the Scholastic Book Club once again this year. Book Club orders can be placed in the letterbox in the office and are due Friday 13th February.

Lost Property
Our Lost Property is overflowing with lost items. If you child has lost something please come and have a look in the bins which are located in the office.

P&C News
Uniform Shop
New contacts
Monday: Sally Shotton 0400 027 679
Friday: Katheryn Prosser 0404 018 975

The first P&C meeting for 2015 is on next Wednesday 18th February at 7pm in the Staff Room.
Are you a working parent who isn’t at school much during the week? A new parent who’s little one has just started kinder? An interested grandparent? If you would like to know more about the school and how you can be involved in making it a better place for your child please come along to our first P&C meeting of the year. We meet at 7pm on Wednesday 18th February in the staffroom (in the school office building) and would love for you to join us. We are a small, friendly group of parents & teachers who look forward to meeting you & sharing new ideas. Please see the attached flyer for more details!

School Banking Coordinator
The P&C are looking for a new Coordinator for our School Banking program. This voluntary role includes collecting deposits from students and facilitating the Rewards program. You would need to be available 1 morning/afternoon each week. If you are interested & would like to learn more about this role please contact Kate Plowman on 0413009140.

Canteen News
Wednesday 11th February Kristy, Jess
Thursday 12th February Natalie
Friday 13th February Mandie, Sarah (recess)
Monday 16th February Gayle, Natalie B
Tuesday 17th February Jane

Keep an eye out next week in your child’s school bag for an order form for the Sausage Sizzle.
Orders need to be in by Wednesday 25th February.
Sausage Sizzle Day is
Tuesday 24th February Preschool Red Group
Thursday 26th February K – 6, Preschool Blue Group

Preschool orders are due on the day of your child’s sausage sizzle day.

Community Notices
Waratah Netball Club
Register for 2015 season online
www.waratahnetball.asn.au

Easts Junior Rugby Union
Contact: 0413 665 233 or 0402 280 714
Wednesday 18/2/15 5pm-6pm Dangar Park

Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival
Excitement is building for our first sports carnival of 2015. Our swimming carnival is for all students in Year 3 – 6. It is to be held at Beresfield Pool next Tuesday 17th February.
Please return all notes – permission and medical – as well as the $10 cost no later than this Friday 13th February.

Students who meet the qualifying times set by the Newcastle Zone will be eligible to participate at the Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Lambton Pool on the Wednesday 25th February. Mrs RP will let students know the day after our carnival if they are invited. They will also be given a note with all the details to take home.

Which house will be our school swimming champions for 2015 … Purdue, Millar, Webb or Griffith?

PSSA Knockout Teams
This year our school has entered a netball team, a boys’ soccer team and for the very first time, a cricket team into this knockout competition.

Over the coming weeks trials will be held to select to students play in these teams.

If there are any parents or carers who would be interested in helping teachers with coaching one of these teams, it would be very much appreciated. If you can help with netball or soccer, can you contact Mrs RP and if you are able to help Mr Creasey with cricket, please let him know.
FREE 3 WEEK Parenting Course
Resolving pre-teen and teenage behaviour problems
For families with children 10yo - teens

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Wednesday 4th, 11th 18th March 2014
10.30am- 12.30pm

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✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
✓ New understandings of adolescence
✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
✓ Self check-in
✓ Building relationship with your pre-teen/teen and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

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Register your interest with Lesley Asher on 4921 5758