Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 2C

Important Dates
- 24th February: Zone Swimming Carnival (Lambton)
- 26th February: Sausage Sizzle
- 2nd March: Sport shirt orders due
- 4th March: Hansel and Gretel Opera

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival held last Thursday was very successful. Thank you to Mr Rolston and Mr Morison for their organisation and the staff and parents for their assistance on the day. Student behaviour was exceptional and I was impressed with the sportsmanship shown by our leaders and students.

Good luck to our competitors who are participating in the Zone Carnival tomorrow.

Morning Assembly
It is great to see so many parents at our morning assembly. We would ask that parents are quiet when messages are being given by the teacher running the assembly. Please say goodbye to students before assembly and do not call out to them as they go to class.

Parking around the school
Parents are reminded to only park in designated areas and to avoid parking in bus zones, no parking areas and across driveways. Also please do not park in the OOSH Mini Van parking space. Please help us to ensure the safety of all our students.

Visiting Performance
Next week on Wednesday 2nd of March we are lucky to have Opera Australia visiting the school to perform Hansel and Gretel. The school is funding this performance as students and it will be used to complete a writing task after the performance. Teachers will be working with students before and after the performance to ensure educational outcomes are achieved.

Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2 students may dress up as either Hansel or Gretel for the day. (Please ensure the clothing is sunsafe and appropriate for school.)

Cricket
Good luck to our cricket team going to play at Adamstown today. Thank you to Mr Rolston for organising the event.

Toys
Children should not bring toys to school. They get lost and cause issues in the playground. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Teaching Children to Take Responsibility
One of the things we focus on at school is to get children to take responsibility for their actions. Michael Grose says that: Lack of responsibility is fast becoming a national disease, as it is commonplace to blame others for a problem or sit back and wait until someone else fixes a problem. Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem, fixes it and helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who is to blame for a situation. Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line “but it’s not my turn” look them straight in the eye and say, “You know, you may be right but it’s not lucky that you are so willing to help” and simply walk away. No buts, no arguments. For more information, visit www.parentingideas.com.au

Is your child in a new class without their friends?
At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It’s normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends

Summer food safety
You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child’s lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler. Have a look at more school food tips: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids
Lost Property
Please check Lost Property for any lost items.

P&C News
The P&C had a positive and productive first meeting for 2016. One of the key agenda items was the P&C’s fundraising calendar. Some of the planned fundraising activities for 2016 are:

- A bulb fundraiser
- BrickFest
- Entertainment Books
- School disco
- Easter raffle
- Mother’s and Father’s day stalls; and
- An evening with a hypnotist!

We are hoping to be able to offer all of these (and more) throughout the year. If you would like to participate in the planning of these events we’d love to hear from you. Please email maywestpc@live.com.au with your contact details.

Easter Raffle
The P&C are holding their annual Easter Raffle next month. All money raised will be put towards the purchase and installation of classroom air-conditioners. We are asking for donations of chocolates, Easter eggs, bags and anything you think will make a great prize. Please leave your donations in the box in the school office.

The more prizes we have, the more chances for everyone to win! Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Sport Shirt Orders
Friday 26th February will be the last day orders will be accepted for sport shirts.

Canteen News

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Sausage Sizzle is on Thursday 25th February, unfortunately for catering purposes no more orders can be accepted.

Community Notices

Play Rugby in 2016!
Hawkes Oval, Albert Street Wickham
Hawks Juniors still taking players in U7’s, U9’s, U10’s, U12s & U14’s

Enquiries ring Lesa (on 0400 488976) or Garry (on 0419 488917) or email bluedaisy@icope.com.au

Facebook: hawks juniors rugby

Rego cost $150 (only $100 for Under 7’s) & siblings are discounted! - includes club t-shirt, playing shorts, socks and all insurances/affiliation fees.

Season kicks off 2nd April 2016

Newcastle Writers Festival Kids Program
Save the date... Tue 29 March - Fri 1 April

*Programs will be emailed to schools next week

The program is bigger and better than ever. There’s something for every child from K-6.

All sessions centred around the Civic Precinct - easy walking distance for your students and near Civic Park for breaks.

- Popular and award winning authors
- Much loved illustrators
- Performances - the voice of **** hilarious audio books!
- Lots of poetry - including a performance by one of Australia’s most read poets,
- Slam Poetry and Haiku workshops
- Illustration workshops including collage, animation and character drawing
- Creative writing workshops

No advance bookings accepted.