Learning For Life

Term 1 – Week 6

Assembly Roster
No Assembly

Important Dates
2nd March  
Hansel and Gretel Opera
4th March  
Year 6 Transition Day
10th March  
Book Club orders due
15th March  
Thompsons Pie Drive orders due

Congratulations
Students competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Thank you for representing our school so well.

Student Representative Councils (SRCs)
The SRC representatives have been elected by their class mates in each of our classes. They together with our Year 6 leaders form the Student Council which meets each term with the Principal and/or Assistant Principals to discuss ways in which we can improve the school and organise ways for students to participate and contribute to their school community. The badges for the first SRC representatives will be given out at next Monday’s morning assembly (7/3/2016).

Before School
A reminder that teachers are not on duty until 8.30am and students should not be here before that time. All students need to go to the middle COLA for supervision when they arrive at school. We ask parents not to go to this area as it makes supervision difficult for the teacher.

Coming to School on Time
It is very important that students come to school on time. School commences at 8.55am with a short assembly. When students come after this time they miss important information as well as sometimes feeling embarrassed about being late and missing the start of their lesson. Students who come late to class also disrupt the learning of others in the class as often the teacher has to stop the lesson to help that student get started. Partial absences are recorded and the Home School Liaison Officer contacted if there is a continued pattern.

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Each year we give the students in Years 2 – 6 an opportunity to enter a number of academic competitions. Entry to the competition is voluntary. The competitions give the students the chance to test their abilities against students in the same year from schools around Australia and Asia. Students may enter any one or more of the six competitions. There is a fee for entering each competition. All participating students receive a certificate. Each student also receives a printout of their results that indicate how they performed on each question.

If you would like your child to participate, please indicate which competition/s you would like your child to enter on the slip. All entries need to be accompanied by payment.

Help with English
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Maths
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics

Students will be seeing a performance of Hansel and Gretel the Opera tomorrow. Students in preschool to year 2 may come to school tomorrow dressed as either Hansel or Gretel to celebrate the performance.

Hansel and Gretel

Help with English

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International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Quality Kids

KA  Navak Maksimovic  Ayla Young
KJ  Illyana Morison  Lucas Cotton
KT  Mail Drewett  Mason Dunnage
1C  Zaliah Spencer  MKenzey Dennis
1S  Daniel Neely  Talmage Little
1/2R  Oscar Shain  Cayden Wood
2C  Ava Diamond  Blair Cotton

Library News

Library Borrowing
Borrowing is now underway for all classes in the school. Students can borrow books for two weeks. If your child has an overdue book, please ensure that it is returned promptly so that other students have an opportunity to read it. It’s wonderful to see so many students using library bags to protect their books.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is about to begin and I am hoping that many MWDS students will once again participate. The PRC “aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely”.

The Challenge is divided into three categories: Kinder - Year 2 (30 books), Years 3 - 4 (20 books) and Years 5 - 6 (20 books). Students have until 19th August to complete their reading.

Information about the PRC can be found on the website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
The website will not be ‘live’ and available for students to login until next Monday, 7th March.

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club brochures will be distributed this week and orders can be completed online or returned to the office. The due date is Thursday, March 10.

Happy Reading
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

P&C News

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.

Canteen News

Wednesday 2nd March  Kristy, Bec (Recess)
Thursday 3rd March  Anne, Kim (morning)
Friday 4th March  Mandie, Laura (Recess)
Monday 7th March  Gayle
Tuesday 8th March  Jane, Kim (morning)

Thomspsons Pie Drive
Orders are due back to the Canteen on Tuesday 15th March. To save disappointment, place your order early.

Sausage Sizzle
Thank you to the Stage 3 students who helped out with the Sausage Sizzle on Thursday.

2C Assembly Item
Last week 2C ran the assembly. We talked about what we have been doing in class time. Our class made a video, showed some art and we sang a song about ‘Miss Sue’. We enjoyed showing our work and hope that everyone liked it.
Ava and Noah. 2C

NRL Visit
Yesterday MWDS had a visit from the Newcastle Knights as part of a NRL visit promoting healthy eating and physical activity.
They also showed us some fun activities.

Community Notices

One Million Stars to End Violence
Many of you would remember making a star out of tear ribbons either during scripture or during your lunch times. These stars were made for a project called ‘One Millions Stars to End Violence’ and it was a symbol of love, hope and light in this troublesome world. May other groups around Newcastle that have been making these stars over the last 6 months and they have been on display at the Newcastle City Library for the month of February.