DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 28 May
The Lost Thing – Newcastle Library – Year 2
School Assembly

Friday 30 May
Round 4 PSSA Zone Competition SOCCER ONLY at Darling Street Oval

Monday 2 June – Wednesday 4 June
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Sport thank – you!

What a great day we had last Friday – the Athletics Carnival was so exciting and the weather made for an excellent day (photos soon). The PSSA competitions were also well supported, netball and soccer teams at home against New Lambton PS. I watched the soccer teams both win convincingly! Thanks to Mr Dave Edwards and all parents who supported any sport events. Without support of wonderful parents we would not be so successful. You are really appreciated! Congratulations too to the Schoolaerobics team. A second in the zone championships assures them of a place in the State competition. Well done everyone – lots of work for Mrs Gunness and Kylie Vanzanden.
Reports
The term continues to be so busy! School reports are underway and will give parents a good idea of the progress of students during the current year. Teachers use a variety of assessments – formative and summative to determine the levels awarded in each subject in reports. Certainly not just one test. The A-E grading system used after Kindergarten is a Federal Government directive and parents need to remind themselves that this grading system is different from the systems used when parents might have been at school. In 2014, “C” is where you will want to see your child sit. This is the expected level for that grade across the nation. If they get a “B” in any area they are above expectations (compared nationally) and if they get an “A” they will be exceptional as compared to the nation (not just the school). This year we are teaching the Australian English Curriculum and the NSW syllabus to implement that curriculum. Teachers are developing competence in this new curriculum and will be happy to discuss any issues with you when reports are out. We would hope that if there won’t be any surprises when you get reports and that you have had enough contact with your child’s teacher during the year to know how they are travelling.

Parent and 3-Way Interviews last week of term
Parent and 3 way interviews are planned for the last week of term. Some parents will prefer to attend a parent meeting without the student/child and that is certainly permissible. It is, however, a great opportunity for parent, teacher and child to set goals and all be on the same page with learning plans so consider what we call 3 way interviews. Mrs Holland will be letting everyone know the code for booking your school interview online soon. This system works well and parents and teachers can choose mutually convenient times. The booking for the interviews will only be opened for a short time so please respond and book your time when it opens and if you need to change it you can easily do that by phoning the office or class teacher.

Canberra excursion
Stage 3 are off to Canberra next week. I appreciate the parent support on this. Thank you to the few parents who are paying their own way and going to help. Thank you too to all parents who paid on time. Organisation of these large excursions is very complex. We must stress how important it is for notes to be responded to by the due date. You can imagine how hard it is to coordinate bus and accommodation plus the entry to the many sites visited in Canberra for 130 students.

Mrs Gunness, the Stage 3 teachers and Mrs Edwards are going to Canberra and are giving up a lot of their own free time to attend this excursion and we really do appreciate that. They do this because they believe the children will benefit so much. Those students not going on the excursion will be working on Canberra related work back at school for the duration of the excursion. Safe journey.

P&C Meeting
Last week the P&C meeting approved a donation of $3000 towards the school playground improvement program. I am about to order new soccer goals and basketball ends. $1000 of the donation is going towards the tiled mural Mrs Staden is leading as part of Reconciliation and Naidoc. Thank you to all parents and the P&C.

Have a great week!

GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY
I was very proud to be able to accompany a group of 5/6 students to the GRIP leadership program last Wednesday. All students showed wonderful behaviour and represented NLS perfectly. All students came away with new leadership skills and participated fully in an excellent day away from school. Thank you to all students involved in the day.

Miss Clarke - coordinating teacher
Walk Safely to School Colouring In and Poster Design Competition

Thank you to everyone that entered the competition last week. The winners are:

Early Stage 1: Sofia Hughes (KS) Stage 1: Eadie Chick (1/2H)

Stage 2: Senara Atapattu (3/4T) Stage 3: Logan Jones (5/6E)

Winners each received a $5.00 canteen voucher which was kindly donated by our fantastic canteen operator, Kathy Edwards. Thank you!!!!

Miss K. Debenham

KD NEWS

Welcome to Week 5! This week we will be learning the sounds 'y' and 'x'. We are reading the big book 'Obadiah' and writing a recount about the athletics carnival. In maths we are learning about multiplication. We will also be doing some maths assessments. In our weather unit we will be looking at and learning about clouds. Have a great week!
KF NEWS
Welcome to Week 5! After a crazy week last week, we are getting back into the swing of things. Our sounds for this week are 'y' and 'x' and we will also be revising some of the trickier sounds that we have already learnt. In maths we are improving our multiplication skills through grouping and sharing. Our weather investigation continues this week as we learn about clouds. Literacy groups are still going well, this week we are remembering to have an "I can do it" attitude when we come to writing on our own. KF have unfortunately had a couple of sick kids already this week. We hope you are all better soon and that we will see your happy faces back in class ASAP! Also, our baby wipe supply has come to an end. If you could please send a packet in the next time you get a chance, it will help us keep those germs away. Thanks and enjoy your week.

KP NEWS
Wow - week 5 already! KP had a wonderful time at the Athletics Carnival last Friday, and although running on the big track was fun, the most popular part of the day for most of us was going on the bendy bus! Thanks to the parents who came along and helped out. This week we are learning the sounds y and x, continuing to learn and recognise our sight words and working hard in our literacy groups. In Maths we are focusing on grouping and sharing, while in Science we have started a weather journal for the week. Thanks to the many parents who have offered to come in and help with literacy groups - we will start this week. Please make sure you sign in at the office and collect a visitor’s pass before coming to the classroom at 9.30am.

KS NEWS
KS had a fantastic day at Glenvale for the Athletics carnival. They really enjoyed the trip on the "bendy" bus and were great sports throughout the day. We are doing the sounds 'y' and 'x' this week. Please make sure that homework folders come back on Wednesday and Friday. It's great to see so many children using Bugclub.

1F NEWS
1F had an energetic day at the Athletics carnival and their participation and sportsmanship with their peers was outstanding. Thank you to all those parents who attended to support their children, the children were very excited to see you there. We have been working extra hard in our maths groups, concentrating on writing our numerals 1-10 correctly, and adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers using our counting on strategy.

1W NEWS
In 1W we have been learning how to get on the internet and use it safely. We loved the Athletics Carnival last week, especially tug of war and long jump. We loved long jump because it was girls v boys. We also all ran our fastest in our race and got a sticker.

1/2H NEWS
As part of our speaking and listening program students have been asked to present their news each week on a given topic. Last week students spoke to the class about what they would like to be when they grow up. Below are the dream jobs of 1/2H students.

Talia – Professional Dancer
Josh – Policeman
Zair – Work in a Lego factory
Reef – Policeman
Abbey – Gymnastics Teacher
Louis – Work in a Chocolate Factory
Charlie F – Policeman
Charlie S – Monster Truck Drive or Dragster Driver
Will – Archaeologist
Rohan – Policeman
Billy – Policeman
Cooper – Policeman
Indiania – Vet
Sarah M – Hairdresser
Chase – Too many dreams to decide on one
Georgia – Own an Animal Boarding Kennel
Eadie – Vet
Ella–Bree – Teacher
Ashley – Singer
Martha – Vet
Levon – Train Driver
Rishan – Monster Truck Driver
Sarah F – Vet or Artist
Laila – Hairdresser
Isobel – Policewomen or Vet
2D NEWS
Last week students in 2D had fun writing a description about their pet rock and presenting this to the class as their class talk. Everyone listened well and gave great suggestions on how to improve their talk for this week. All students had a wonderful time at the athletics carnival on Friday. Thank you to all the parents and families for supporting your child on the day. Make sure you are prepared for our very exciting year 2 excursion tomorrow to The Lost Thing at Newcastle Library. You must wear full winter school uniform, good walking shoes, lunch, fruit, snacks and water.

2D NEWS
2D have had an amazing time exploring the book and animation of ‘The Lost Thing’ by Shaun Tan. We are looking forward to our excursion to the Newcastle Library tomorrow to see the exhibition. All notes should be returned to the office. Please bring a raincoat if it is raining. Remember to wear full school uniform including hat and comfortable black walking shoes. You need to also bring your recess, lunch, fruit break and water (no lunch orders as we are away from the school all day). What a great time we had at the Athletics Carnival last Friday. The sun shone and we all had a fabulous time doing activities and races. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day to make it such a wonderful day. Please remember that Library day at school is Thursday for us so please bring along your library bag to borrow.

2/3M NEWS
What a week we had last week!! From what I have heard the athletics carnival was a great success and the children in 2/3M all said that they had a fantastic day.

In class we have been looking at the concept of belonging through a text called ‘The Lost Thing’. Year Two will be catching the train in on Wednesday to Newcastle library and will be participating in a range of activities based around this book. While we are away the year three students will be joining the other Stage Two classes for the day.

In maths we have been working hard learning how to count forwards and backwards by threes and have been revising our doubles through lots of fun maths games.

I have sent out a separate note to all of the students in 2/3M explaining that I will be finishing up work this Friday and beginning my maternity leave. This is such a new and exciting chapter in my life and I would like to thank you all for your fantastic support this year. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to have taught the children in 2/3M. They are all fabulous and I am so proud of what they have achieved so far this year. I know that they will keep on soaring with their learning with Mrs Hogg and I can’t wait to come back and visit them.

Thank you again for your support and well wishes.

3/4C NEWS
We are finishing off our math work on ‘time’; we really enjoyed ‘bang on time’ competitions. We had a great day at the athletics carnival on Friday. This week we are continuing to learn about Australia and yesterday we looked at some famous Australian icons. Jasper, James and Emily.

3/4D NEWS
3/4D are very excited to have Mrs Dennis back with them after her illness. A big thankyou goes out to the teachers who looked after us during that time. We are focusing on becoming more independent this term and have been very busy with our Australia projects. We have been learning about Australian icons and created some amazing abstract art using thongs! Pop in to our room to see them...you will be amazed!

3/4T NEWS
3/4T have been concentrating on estimating differences and totals when working with 2 and 3 digit numbers and have focussed on the compensation strategy this week. We placed numbers in ascending and descending order and learned some new Count Me In Too maths games. We also enjoyed writing a narrative set in the Australian bush. Everyone had a terrific time at the Athletics Carnival which was a great way to end a lovely week.

4/5M NEWS
This Week 4/5M have been learning about Government and Australia. Year 5 have been learning about the House of Representatives and the Senate and the different jobs everyone in Parliament House have. Also, Year 4 have been learning about Australia and all the different states and territories in it. Remember to bring in your permission notes for Canberra if you are in Year 5 and we hope you have loads of fun.

Cassidy Smith-Herd
5/6C NEWS
Miss Hinder came to 5/6C’s classroom and taught us about Picasso. After we had an activity and we drew some features of a face and stuck them all around a drawn up face. On Monday the 2nd June Year 5/6 are going to Canberra for an excursion about government and democracy. There are going to be lots of fun activities and we hope everyone who goes has fun. Also congratulations for the school Futsal team who made the next stage in their competition.
By Bailey Cooper and Dominic Bufl.

5/6G NEWS
Stage 3 have been getting ready for the exciting trip to Canberra. We are organising who is going to be with who in our cabins. In class we have just started our weekly mystery. This week it’s the STONEHENGE. We have a set of activities that we can choose from. Some include questions others include activities.
By Kyah Burrell and Claudia Gilmour

5/6S NEWS
Week 5! Our class, 5/6S, are getting ready for the Stage 3 excursion. Next week Stage 3 are going on our Canberra excursion, everyone is excited about it, but the only downside is that you need to be at school by 5.45am!

The sports carnival last Friday went great, every event went well and most of the people who participated in the carnival are going on about how great it was. Maths we can’t forget maths. 5/6S are learning about improper and proper fractions, nearly everyone now knows more about fractions.

Congratulations to the aerobics girls you did great.

5/6E NEWS
So much for back to routine! So many things were happening last week, it became a bit of blur (especially considering I had 2 days off with the dreaded gastro virus – a rough ride that was!) Thank you to Mrs Hinder and Miss Davis for taking 5/6E and teaching some wonderful lessons. There is a lot of it going around, but it’s better to get it now rather than in Canberra. This week we are continuing our regular units of work and catching up on some our literacy lessons related to ‘Hitler’s Daughter’. In Maths we have completed assessments on 24hr time and data and have started revising what we know about fractions. In English we’ll be looking at more of the ethical and social dilemmas our class novel presents.

SPORTING NEWS
PSSA Sport Report
Congratulations junior and senior soccer teams for their outstanding wins over New Lambton Public School. The juniors score was 3-0 and the seniors 3-1. It was definitely the most challenging match so far this season and it was great to see Mrs Cornford and a group of dedicated parents supporting them on the sidelines! The senior team is now eligible to play some other schools outside their regular sport time for the knockout competition. Some Year 5 junior players will be requested as reserves for these matches. Once a time and date is organised, I will send a note out with information on the next knockout game. Well done boys and girl!
Below - some of the very exhausted junior and senior players after the match.
Netball Results Week 4 Term 2
Last week, our netball teams played against New Lambton Public School. Everyone tried extremely hard and never once gave up however, both teams were defeated. The juniors and seniors communicated with each other very well and Isobel Goodchild and Lily Mason scored some fantastic goals in the third quarters of their respective games. A special mention this week to Jack McAlpine for pulling off some of the most amazing moves I’ve ever seen on a netball court. Well done to all players and special thanks to Grace Jolly for playing two games the previous week and Ruby Angelozzi for doing the same this week.

TRAIN-ON SQUAD DEBATE
Last Thursday, we hosted the first train-on debate against Merewether Public School on the topic: That we should have fewer school holidays. Team 2 were affirmative and presented a strong case based on the cost of entertainment during holiday periods and the lack of academic learning that occurs during holiday times. It was very close and by a very narrow margin, Merewether took out Round 1. Great effort Team 2! Better luck next time!

COMPUTER ROOM NEWS
Last week the students were learning how to update passwords and the importance of password security. We also completed some Mathletics activities and I was pleased to see how many gold bars the students have achieved. As we come closer to half yearly assessments Mathletics is a great program to use for revision. The computer room is open at second half lunch for any student who would like to complete Mathletics activities. This week we have special Mathletics awards to present to Charlie Simpson and Matthew Kacev for their excellent results in Mathletics in 2013. Great work boys!

HUNTER CREATIVE ARTS CAMP
Parents of students who have been nominated for the 2014 Creative Arts Camp to be held at Myuna Bay Sport & Rec Camp will receive notes with instructions re the registration. Please see Mrs McCallum for more information.

P&C NEWS
Thank you to all who attended a great P&C meeting last Wednesday night. It was great to see some new faces along as well.

One of the agenda items last week was some changes to the NSW P&C Federation. Please see below for more information: -

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management.


FUNDRAISING
Have you got a great fundraising idea? We would love to hear from you! Please contact us via email or via our NLSPS P&C Facebook page.

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Our current fundraiser is the 2014/2015 Entertainment Books, which are on sale now! 2013/2014 Entertainment Books expire on Sunday 1st June, so now is the perfect time to get your new copy.

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Have a great week!

**Dates to remember:**
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**P&C Meeting**
* Wednesday 18th June
* **Connected Classroom, BLOCK A 7.00pm**

Natasha Andrei
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Fruit available this week include red and green apples, oranges, watermelon, grape cups and mandarins.
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Freaky Family Fun night will also have live music courtesy of the local band at Lollipops from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

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