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24th November 2015

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Principal's Message

We all survived the extreme heat here last week with another hot one coming on Thursday. Despite the heat students were very comfortable in the air con and playgrounds were modified so that students were not out in the heat.

Christmas Family Fun Fest

Got to love this time of year – so many great things happening! One of the big events for the year is the Christmas Family Fun Fest! It will be a great night to “lounge on the lawn.”

What started as a Carols night has grown into a big event including market stalls, food, rides and entertainment. Entertainer, Phil McKnight will be setting the mood from 4pm with an acoustic set before performers from Lake Macquarie High School take the stage from 5 till 6pm. From 6 the Speers Point students will be sharing some of their performances from Song Room and finishing up with carols.

All the while Simon from ABC Jumping Castles will be operating a few castles and slide with unlimited ride wristbands at \$10 each.

It is going to be a wonderful night and will be an open event for the whole community. As it a school event please be aware that no smoking or alcohol is permitted. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Song Room Showcase Assembly

While the students are performing their Song Room acts at the Fun Fest, we also having a special showcase assembly so the student's can see each other's performance. We are also inviting the Speers Point Boolaroo Pre-school to come watch as well.

There will be some seats available if community missed the Fun Fest (unthinkable!) and would like to catch up

on the great work our students have done this term in Song Room. This is being held on Monday 7th December at 12:40pm in the hall.

End of Year

Traditionally our Movie Day and Presentation Day celebrations are in the final week of the year. This year, some students from Casuarina and Jacaranda have been offered time for a final end of year excursion to Stewart House (wow)!

In order to have the whole school together for the big events, Presentation Day and Movie Day have been brought forward to the previous week. Please take a moment to note these dates in the “Upcoming Events” area below.

Splashzone

What happens when you are amazing and you do amazing things? Either you can listen to Mr Payne sing (not the best option) OR we can have an amazing whole school reward like the Splashzone!

As the students have met the whole school reward target for the “transition to lines” Star Chart, students would have now brought home the note for the Splashzone this Friday.

To meet WHS safety requirements the conditions on the note, which includes permission notes, sun safe and enclosed shoes must be must be adhered to in order for your child to participate in this awesome event!

Last P&C Meeting for the Year

This Thursday... 6:30pm... in the hall (where there is great air con)! We have a few things on the agenda which includes final organisation for the Fun Fest, Playground improvement and talk of a sports uniform

(this has come as a request from our student Parliament)

As this is the final P&C meeting for some of our “graduating” parents, it’s a great time to come along if you haven’t been before (or if you’ve been missing for a little while) Without you, we don’t have a P&C. Without a P&C our kids miss out.

Captains / Vice Captains for 2016

Last week nominations were cast by our senior students for Captain / Vice Captain 2016. Congratulations to Tyra, Shakayla, Cayden, Sindy-Lee, Kayleb and Jemma who were all nominated.

Nominated students will be giving their speeches at a special assembly 9:15am on Tuesday 1st December. Parents are welcome to join this assembly. Students will also be voting that day. The “short-list” of students will be given to nominees once voting has been counted, with final announcement being made at our Presentation Day assembly on Friday 11th December.

Final word

As there are a lot of different things happening over the next few weeks keep an eye out on the school app and the Facebook page. Updates will be going out this way.

As always, have a wonderful week!

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 25 th	Teddy Bears Picnic 12.30pm-3pm Eucalypt & their Family Students & Families to Join our 2016 Kinders at Speers Point Park
Thu 26 th	Oztag Day at Wangi
Tue 1 st Dec	Speeches / Voting for Student Positions 2016
Fri 4 th	Family Fun Fest ALL WELCOME
Mon 7 th	Song Room Showcase Assembly 12:40pm
Tue 8 th	Movie Day Year 6 Farewell

Fri 11th	Presentation Day
Mon 14th	Stewart House – Casuarina Jacaranda Waratah
Wed 16th	Final day for students

***Please note** Teddy Bears Picnic will be for 2016 Kinders & Eucalypt only.

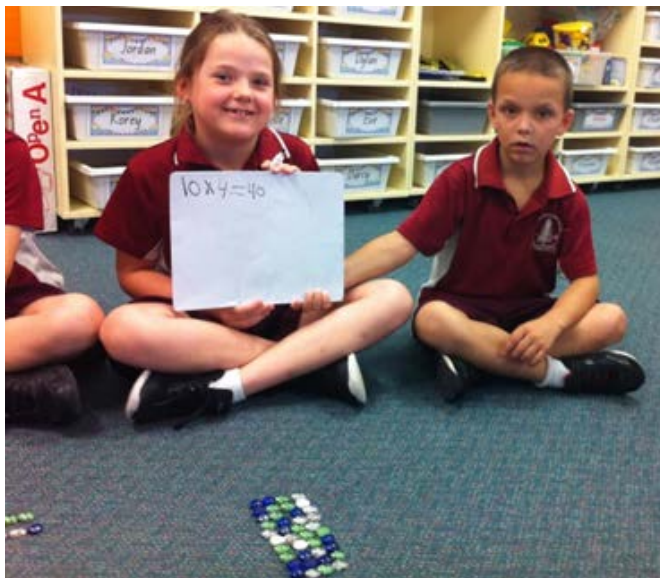
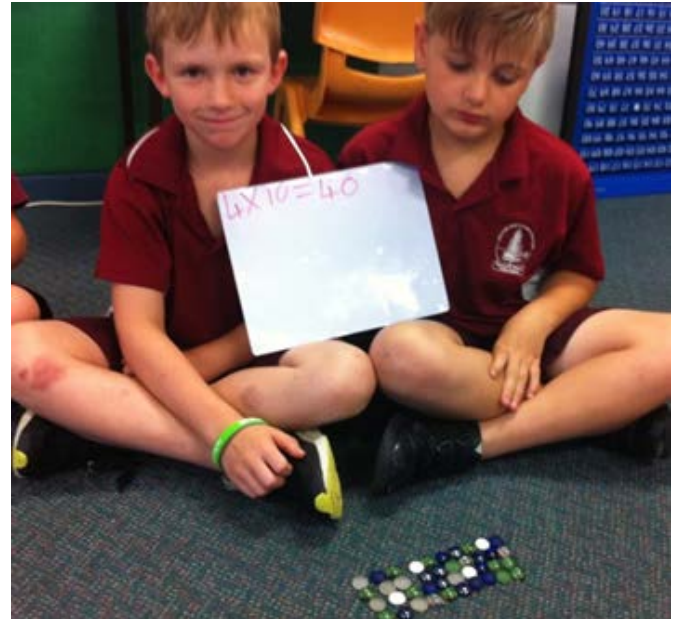
Wattle Loves Maths!

Whenever I say it’s time for Maths I get big smiles and excited little voices saying “yes!” from the students. Lately we have been doing a lot of multiplication and division to create a solid understanding of concepts, make quick mental calculations and learn multiplication facts.

Students have been using Mathletics each week to complete the tasks I have set. They then go on to Live Mathletics to participate in real time competitions with other students, making quick mental calculations to increase speed and accuracy. Lots of students have been putting in a tremendous effort for homework and in their own time on Mathletics – because Wattle just loves maths!

Mrs Doodnath





TERM 4 WEEK 8 CLASS AWARDS



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE EXPECTATION AWARD

Eucalypt

Liam D
Mahlah C
Jake S

Waratah

Cooper M

Cedar

Atalia S
Miah M
Ryley S-F

Wattle

Blake J
Darcy M
Coby G

Jacaranda

Sean A

Blue Gum

Lillian H
Braedyn S
Sindy-Lee R

PBL TOKENS

Eucalypt

Mahlah C
Azra B

Waratah

Bailey P

Jacaranda

Bailey C

Wattle

Anabelle L
Dekota K

Cedar

Alaska H
Hailee W
Ella A

Blue Gum

Kayleb s
Bianca G
Sharnie A

Birthdays Wishes

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Blade B 2nd December
Jasmine C 3rd
Anabelle L 3rd



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Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Thursday, 24th March 2016

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

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Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 25 th Nov	Rae
Thu 26 th	CLOSED
Fri 27 th	Krystal & Bethany
Mon 30 th	CLOSED
Tue 1 st Dec	CLOSED
Wed 2 nd	Ali
Thu 3 rd	CLOSED
Fri 4 th	Kristy Lee & Liz
Mon 7 th	CLOSED
Tue 8 th	CLOSED

Speers Point Public School

Welcomes all to our

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN FEST

Entertainment!
Lounge on the lawn to:

Live music & Carols

Performances from
Speers Point Public School
Lake Macquarie High School

Mega jumping castles & slides

Markets

Food

Raffles and lots more!

@ Speers Point Public School
Friday 4th December 4 - 7 pm
Family event - no alcohol please

Community News

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All entries are due in store by
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December 2015

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Wangi Carols

SATURDAY 12 December 2015
Dobell Park, Wangi 6.30 - 9

Pre show & markets 4pm

Merry Christmas

Carols from 6.30pm
BBQ by Wangi Lions
Jumping Castle
Face painting

For further information
contact 0409 902 043



Lake Macquarie City Council presents

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT

Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 13 December 2015
Noon-9pm Speers Point Park

Noon - Frozen on big screen!
1.30pm - Entertainment on
stage throughout the afternoon
from local talent schools
Noon - 4pm Free face painting
and kids' activities
6.30pm - Evening concert featuring
Sarah De Bono, Morgan Evans
and special guest appearance by Santa
supported by Pacific Harmony Choir, The Funky Do Da's,
Victoria Avenue and Hunter Signing Choir
9pm - Fireworks





FAMILY FUN FEST

Jumbo Christmas Hamper Raffle



Friday 4th December

Well it's almost the end of the school year and you know what that means - Christmas Family Fun Fest and the Jumbo Christmas Raffle!! But we need your help. We're asking for donations for the Christmas hampers that will be raffled off. All donations will be greatly appreciated and the money raised from the raffle will go back into our great little school.

We also have a fat Christmas ham donated by the good people at Needs Butchers in downtown Boolaroo.

It's going to be a great raffle and a wonderful evening!

Waratah Jacaranda Casuarina - Christmas wrapping paper, serviettes, other Christmas items.

Bluegum - soft drinks, cordial, juice.

Cedar - non-perishables, tinned goods.

Wattle - lollies, chocolate.

Eucalypt - chips, pretzels, etc.



Raffle tickets will be sent home next week. All donations can be handed in at the office and will need to be in by Wednesday 2nd December. Thank you all for your support.