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## Principal's Message

It's wonderful to be back and I thank Mrs Cobcroft for filling in as Relieving Principal and Mr Doodnath for stepping up as Relieving Assistant Principal in my absence. Thank you for your great work in that time.

It's a little difficult to believe that we are in the final weeks of Term 4. Already shopping centres are getting crazy on weekends as we lead up to Christmas. (Only 39 days until that one is upon us!)

## The Big End of Year Events

There is a number of big end of year events coming up that I really want to highlight – mark these ones on a calendar or set a reminder in your phone:

- Family Fun Fest – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- 2017 Captain Speeches – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the hall
- Year 6 Farewell – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Presentation Assembly - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Last Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

There are a number of other events happening so please have a look over the "Upcoming Events" section for the full list of times and dates.

We are very proud of our student's usual high quality of behaviour, however it is very important to note that a student's participation in the fun celebration events is dependent on good behaviour choices. A student who persists in making poor behaviour choices may find themselves ineligible to attend such events.

## Instructional Leader – Early Actions for Success

Yesterday the joint panel from our school and Morisset Public School met to interview and decide on our Instructional Leader. As our allocation was 2 days per

week, and Morisset with 3 days, we combined our allocations to a full time position in order to share the very best of quality applicant.

As this has taken place just yesterday we are just waiting final clearance from Staffing before we can announce the successful applicant.

The role of the Instructional Leader (Literacy & Numeracy) will be working directly with the teachers to build on effective practices.

## Kinder Orientation

We are midway through our Kinder Orientation program and both Mrs Doodnath and Mrs Hopton are very excited about Kindergarten in 2017. The program continues every Thursday morning, finishing up on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

It is not too late for any new arrivals to join our orientation program as places for Kinder 2017 are still available.

## Captains 2017

Year 5 students will be getting a note over the next few days regarding the process for electing our school captains for 2017.

Captain speeches for those nominated will be delivered on the morning of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the hall with parents invited to attend. All students and staff present on the day will be then able to vote, with Captains and Vice Captains announced at our Presentation Assembly on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Have a great week

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

<b>TERM 4 Week 6</b>	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<i>Swim Scheme</i>
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Swim Scheme Gymnastics</i>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Final Day for Swim Scheme</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Shine Program-Cedar Years 5&amp;6 Girls</i>
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm Gymnastics</i>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>PBL Reward Day School Assembly 12.40pm</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Shine Program-Cedar Years 5&amp;6 Girls</i>
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm</i>
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm Gymnastics</i>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Family Fun Fest 5pm-8pm School Assembly 12.40pm</i>
<b>Week 9</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>2017 Captains Speeches-9am</i>
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Year 6 Farewell 5.30pm- 7.30pm</i>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>K-2 Museum Excursion</i>
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>School Assembly 12.40pm</i>
<b>Week 10</b>	
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Presentation Assembly</i>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Movie Day</i>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Last Day of Term 4 for Students Year 6 Clap out 2:45pm</i></b>

## Year 5/6 High Transition

*Headstart Transition Program – Lake Macquarie High School (LMHS)*

Over the past five weeks our year 5's and 6's embarked on an incredible program that saw them attend high school Monday to Wednesday. Students were exposed to a number of key learning areas to tantalise and prepare their interest for high school for the coming years. Anzac biscuits and fruit kebabs were on the menu in Food Technology, castles were made during the History lessons, including a special visit from a medieval performer and 3D printing was on the cards for those students lucky enough to be learning about technology and applied studies. The HeadStart Program has been an amazing success due to the hard work of

many staff across Lake Macquarie High School and the partner Primary Schools. The program culminated with a formal graduation last Wednesday which including a ceremony, BBQ Lunch with the HeadStart Graduates, parents and LMHS Student Mentors. The students all returned 'bubbling' with excitement and discussing what a great time they had across the five weeks. Special thanks to Lake Macquarie High School Principal Brendan Maher and staff that supported our students throughout the program.

**Lake Macquarie High School Year 7 Student Representative Council (SRC) members for 2017**

Congratulations to Year 6 students Tyra Boulton and Jemma Webb, who have been selected as SRC members for the 2017 school year. SRC members are seen as voices of the year group, raising concerns and looking to improve current practices for all students in their year. Well Done Girls!

**Remembrance Day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Speers Point hosted their Remembrance Day assembly at school and abroad. Our captains Jemma Webb, Kayleb Scott and the Cedar



class attended the public service at the Speers Point Cenotaph. The captains represented our school with such pride and respect when delivering heart felt and deep address to those attending. On school grounds, a job well done goes out to our Year 4 students who hosted this assembly whilst the senior students were absent. The assembly was a sombre and reflective service acknowledging the fallen. It is vital and very important to continue educating our students to understand the significance of those who gave their lives so ours could be better.

*Lest We Forget*



Mr Jacob Szczudlo

### Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Shakayla Cooper	18 <sup>th</sup> November
Harley Thomas	18 <sup>th</sup>
Dominic Burgin	20 <sup>th</sup>
Lachlan Wardley	21 <sup>st</sup>



### Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rebecca Ford & Bethany Johnston
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tania Kelly & Rae Nelson

Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>

\*If unavailable for your day or would like to volunteer please call Alex 0413 590 583, Sheridan 0431135451 or Krystal 0400376220

### Community News



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### Good for Kids good for life

#### ICE ICE BABY - FOOD SAFETY

As the summer days get warmer so does the temperature inside your child's lunchbox. Warm lunchboxes increases the risk of food borne illnesses.

The food packed for child's lunch can be stored within the lunchbox for several hours prior to being eaten. A study by NSW Food Authority has shown that on a 25°C day temperatures for lunch packed without an ice brick can rise up to 12°C higher and produce 14 times as much bacteria as those packed with an ice brick or frozen drink.

Over summer make sure you pack an ice brick or a frozen drink with your child's lunch, and if possible use an insulated lunchbox as well!





