Greetings all and welcome to Week 8.

**Nit Busters**
Friday of this week will see us run our very successful Nit Busters program again for Semester 1. The Nit Busters Program will commence at 12:30pm and should only take approximately one hour. We still need volunteers to help out so please consider nominating to be a part of the inspection team. Please complete the volunteer slip and return it to the school office tomorrow if you can help.

**Kinder Hat Parade**
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be having an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} March 2013 commencing at 1pm. Please come along and join in the fun, as the students sing Easter songs and proudly parade around in their Easter hats.

**Shave for a Cure**
What a terrific fun event we had last Friday. The whole school enjoyed the spectacle. I really admire Penny and Ethan Geeve, Mr Pratt, Mr Shipley and Mr Smith who gave us their locks for charity. Well done everyone. Next year we might have even more people to Shave for a Cure. The Crazy Hair day raised $374.65. Well done everyone!

**Update SMS (repeat)**
A new and exciting part of our technology revolution at school is our ability to send out group SMS messages to parents. If for example an excursion is late or buses break down, we can send a group SMS to parents to advise them of the problem. We are in a very dangerous bush fire area so if there was a safety issue with a fire then we could notify parents quickly and efficiently. To do that we need your mobile phone numbers updated as soon as possible. If you need to update your information please contact the office.

**Camp Deposits cut off dates pass**
Unfortunately we cannot accept any more camp deposits. The cut off date for the deposit has passed and we have sent off our final numbers and this cannot be changed. Unfortunately we are now locked in with our numbers so if you have not paid your deposit to secure a place on camp we cannot accept late bookings. The school has to take this hard line policy because in the past we have been penalised and it has cost us money which is unacceptable on a tight budget. Please be aware that cut off dates for excursions etc are definite so please either pay deposits or contact me to make arrangements for time payments or part payments.

**Mr Stiller on Leave**
I will be on leave for the last 3 weeks of term from Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} March to Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} April. Mr Pratt will be Acting Principal for the first 2 weeks and Mrs Rowe will be acting Principal for the final week. I know you will show them the same support as you show me in that time.

Have a great week.
Mark Stiller, Principal
Term 1, Week 8
DATES TO REMEMBER

March
20th Deposit $25 for Stage 2 Camp due
21st Tocal Homestead Excursion Years 1 and 2
22nd Year 7 Expressions of Interest for 2014 due
23rd Nitbusters
25th Billy G’s Cookie Dough orders due
28th Cross Country Trial Permission Note due
28th Easter Hat Parade (K, Yr 1 and Yr 2)
29th Good Friday

April
1st Easter Monday
5th Cross Country Trials (8 years – 13 years old)
12th Last day Term 1

May
1st Students return for Term 2

July
26th Full payment for Stage 3 excursion due

August
23rd Full payment Stage 2 camp due

NOTES SENT HOME DURING THE WEEK
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CANTEEN ROSTER

25/3 Wendy P, Helen F
26/3 Allison Y, Shey C
27/3 Kerry C
28/3 Rebecca K, Sharlene M
29/3 Good Friday

CANTEEN NEWS
Ice cream cones will now be available on Thursday’s for $1.

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS
Key Area: Persistence

Kindergarten to Year 2
William R, Thomas C, Blake F
Rowan M, Leah W, Riley B

Year 3 to Year 6
Paige C, Bailey K, Felicity H
Meg M, Crystal M, Alex L, Lili R

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at the Assembly:

Kindergarten to Year 2
Angelique B, Ethan L, Kyla P
Jack M, Lachlan P, Savannah W
Jodie G, Ashley P, Leah W, Callum W
Anneliese-Rose T, Xander B, Jonathan R, Georgia O

Year 3 to Year 6
Dylan W, Piper K, Tyler B, Angus L
Emma P, Logan N, Michael M, Renee G
Chloe G, Braden W, Kaiden A, Chris B

LIBRARY NEWS TERM 1 WEEK 8
The term is really flying by! As we head towards a short Easter break before the end of term, please ensure that all overdue library books are returned asap.

The online Reading Record is open on the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) site. The students can access this site via their student portal. If you have trouble with access or any questions regarding the challenge please see Mrs Vitnell of myself.

The PRC book shared with K-2 this week is:
PRC ID: 39425
Title: 3 Wishes for Pugman
Author: Sebastian Meschenmoser

Happy reading
Mrs Tate

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BILLY G’S COOKIE DOUGH
Thanks to those that have already brought your forms back. Payment and forms are due back to the office, no later than Monday, 25th March. Orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, 9th April.

DATES FOR DIARY
25th March – Billy G’s Cookie Dough Forms due to office
9th April – Billy G’s Cookie Dough collection day.
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

2013/2014 Entertainment Books are for sale at our school office to support fundraising efforts for the school’s Star Struck dance group.

We have been given a limited number of bonus offer coupons worth over $150.00 for book orders received before 31 March 2013.

If you would like to pre-order an Entertainment Book please complete the order form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office with your payment. Books can also be ordered online by following the prompts at the link: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34r809

Newcastle / Central Coast Entertainment Books are $60.00 each. The books will be available for collection from school in April. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Star Struck representatives.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Government Mobile Offices
Medicare, Centrelink & Child Support
The Mobile Office will be visiting Morisset

Location: Morisset Multi-Purpose Centre, 143 Dora Street,
Date: Monday 25th March 2013
Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Saver Plus can assist families with education expenses. Families may be eligible to receive up to $500 by participating in the Saver Plus matched savings program. This money can be used to pay for educational items like school uniforms, computers, textbooks and school excursions.

You may be eligible to join Saver Plus if they or their partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card;
- are at least 18 years or over;
- have some regular income from work;
- are a parent or guardian of a child at school this year OR are attending or returning to vocational education themself;

For more information contact Cynthia Culhane on 49278385, or mobile 0418699646 or email cynthiaculhane@thesmithfamily.com

Check if they want this in again

NIT BUSTER VOLUNTEER

I am available to volunteer to help inspect children’s hair as part of Bonnells Bay Public School Nit busters Program on this Friday 22nd March 2013 at 12:30pm

Name:…………………………………………………… Contact Phone Number: ……………………………...

Signed: ……………………..

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2013/2014 Entertainment Book Order Form

Name _______________________________________ Ph __________ Mobile __________

Address _________________________________________________________________ PostCode _______

I would like to order ___ Newcastle Entertainment Books @ $60 each (incl GST) $_______

Payment Type: ___ Cash  ___ Visa  ___ Mastercard

Credit Card Number: _______ / _______ / _______ / ____ Expiry Date: __ / ___ CVV: ___

Cardholder’s Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________

OR

Order now securely online: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34r809

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