Monday 26th August 2013

Hello Everyone!

A Friday Newsletter! We have such a busy week approaching, not even the Newsletter will be printed as usual! K-2 are off to Billabong Park at Port Macquarie on Tuesday, Year 3-6 are off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens with Upper Lansdowne and Elands schools from Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday Years 5 and 6 complete the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition, and we all shop for Dads at the Father’s Day Stall. On Friday our champion PP6 Relay Team compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival in Newcastle! ..... 

Star of the Week
Congratulations to Laura Partlett of Kindergarten – our Star of the Week!

Awards System
Congratulations to Lily-Rose Northey, our RAD winner for this week.

Mrs Nolan’s Retirement
Katie, our very committed and dedicated School Administration Manager for the best part of 18 years, is retiring. This has been a big decision for her to make, and one not taken lightly by Katie as everyone can understand, she has very strong ties with the school. We will miss her lots…and lots!

Just when we welcome our new School Administration Manager depends upon the process and protocol of the DEC. The organisation around this process is dictated by the Staffing Department of the DEC, and there are strict Guidelines to adhere to throughout….Exactly when our school community will be welcoming our new Office Manager is unclear at this point. I will keep you all informed regarding developments.

EnvironMentor’s Visit
K-6 had fun and learned lots about classifying garbage and recycling yesterday. Jacqui from the EnvironMentors Keep Australia Beautiful organisation gave an interesting presentation, then the students created their own drama presentations in groups. These were terrific!

Robotics
Our mentor Brooke has been to visit, and it appears our robot has been “tweaked” a little by our Y4-6 students. So far so good! This is a tricky exercise everyone!

Guitar, Keyboard and Recorder Lessons
We are already on track with guitar lessons, and Keyboard and Recorder will begin again Friday of Week 8. Week 9 may be reorganised to the Thursday as we have the Soccer Gala Day at Moorland on Friday 13th.

Y3-6 Aussie Bush Camp
Everyone is very excited about this Camp! A final note will come home with the Newsletter today – with Camp Rules and Gear List attached – just in case…. Remember parents, we need to be at camp by 11:30 am on Monday and we will be leaving camp at 12:45 pm on Wednesday to be back at school at approx. 2:45pm.

Year K-2 Billabong Park Excursion
Students are gearing up for a great day with the wildlife! I know Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Read and Mrs Copeland are looking forward to the day also!

Zone Athletics PP6 Relay
Elen, Connor, Ben and Kieran have been practising a lot for this relay. In fact all students have been helping out with the practise! Yesterday we had to stop the running at lunchtime as some of our stars were a bit muscle sore!

ANNUAL LIBRARY STOCKTAKE!
Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Nolan will be conducting a library stocktake. If you have any library books at home, including books borrowed for the Premier’s Reading Challenge, could you please return them to Mrs Nolan at the office.

Good to have Mrs Stevenson back with us, hope she is 100% soon.

Thanks everyone for your help and support!

Pam Everingham, Teaching Principal
COLLECTION REMINDERS

1. Library books for Library Stocktake
2. Koala Park P. Note & $13 Yrs K-2
3. Father’s Day Stall Gifts $5.00 each
4. Guitar Lesson Payments

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

YES, FOLKS! It’s that time of year again.
Order/Payment envelopes will be distributed soon!
Our school photo session is booked for
Monday, 9th September 2013

STAR OF THE WEEK !!!
Laura Partlett
Kindergarten

So, Laura, how do you feel about being chosen star of the week?
Happy!

Why were you chosen for this award?
For excellent classroom listening skills and on-task enthusiasm.

Who are your best friends?
Emily, Jorja, Lily-Rose and Jasmine

What is your favourite subject?
Sport

What is your favourite home activity?
Watching TV!

What do you want to be when you grow up?
A singer!

OK Laura, thank you for being interviewed by HV Press.

By Reporter – Connor McInnes

P & C NEWS

Lucky P&C Pick: Congratulations to Cheryl Galati who was our Lucky P&C Pick winner for last week!

Father’s Day Stall
Father’s Day is coming up quickly. We will be holding our traditional stall next Thursday 29th August after the children come back from camp if your child wishes to purchase one of our great gifts they will need to bring $5.00 to school.

Minutes for P&C Meeting 26th June 2013 attached.

Michelle Dennis, P&C President