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NEWSLETTER –Monday 16th March 2015- Term 1 Week 8

**REMINDERS**

- Thurs 19th March - Gymnastics program K-6 9-11am
- Fri 20th March - CANTEEN helper – Rachel O’Connell
- Tues 17th March - Upload Writers workshop-10am Primary
- Mon 24th March - Upload Writers workshop 10am Primary
- Wed 25th March - Small School’s Athletics Carnival- Woodberry Oval- Note!
- Fri 27th March - Zone Cross Country, Lakeside Sporting Complex
- Sat 28th March - State Election booth cake stall and BBQ.
- Wed 1st April - End term Hunter Valley Gardens excursion

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To Laura and Daniel Allan on the birth of their first born child, a little boy on Tues 3rd March. His name is James, 8lb 3oz! Looking forward to a visit sometime soon!

**Congratulations** to Connor Yr. 6 who was selected for PSSA Regional trials in ARL. Well done Connor! Baylie, Myles, Christopher, Scott and Connor were to play ARL with Salt Ash PS in the Paul Harrogan Cup on Friday but it was postponed due to rain. New date to be set and re-organised. Thank you to Kylie and Sadako for transport.

**SCHOOL WORKING BEE**- Thank you to the families and staff who were able to make it to our school working bee on Sunday. We were able to relocate garden beds into a more uniform arrangement, dismantled the igloo, cleared the old back garden and fencing out, fixed the silver shed roof, ordered in more topsoil and woodchip, filled gardens and made our vegie plots pest proof (hopefully)! Thank you to Shea and Danny Brunt, Kirsty and Darren Jolly, Lynda and Sarah O’Donnell, Doug and Michelle Toppazzini, Kim and Pete Margan, Matt and Heather Ellevson and Elliott’s for helping.

**EXAMINER** - School Captain Photos were taken today for an article in this week’s Examiner about our school.

**National Writers Week** - Our P&C has covered costs for 2 workshops for our primary students to have visiting authors from Upload spend time with our students this Tuesday morning and next Monday from 10-11am. They will be using the theme of Fairytales for some inspirational writing experiences. Should be fun and the children will use lots of brainwork!
**Bobs Farm GYMNASTICS Program** - Continues for another 2 weeks.

**YR 6 student leader games** – To maximise happiness in the playground, our Yr. 6 students will be collecting sport and game ideas from a suggestion box from other students. Yr. 6 will be rostered on at lunch times on different days to help organise games and activities and even train others for the up and coming athletics carnival on the 25th of this month.

**Zone Cross country** – If any talented runners age 8 years and up would like to attend the zone cross country on March 27th in Raymond Terrace, please see Mrs Elliott for a permission note.

**Cooking classes** - Meal Cooking classes have now finished for this term with Mrs Elliott but we hope the children can make the recipes at home with parents (they wrote up the recipes!). We may make Gingerbread men this Wednesday morning. We will now concentrate on the gardens for the rest of the term on a Wednesday afternoon.

**HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS EASTER EXCURSION** - Wed 1st April - Approx. cost $13 pp. We are organising this so all our families can participate in it before the Easter vacation. We will travel by car in convoy to the gardens; leaving BFPS at 8.45am and returning by 3pm. Please bring a picnic lunch and drinks. Children will be having an Easter egg hunt, organised by our P&C. Please complete the permission form and indicate transport availability

**Election Cake Stall**- Could parents please fill their child’s decorated cake box with goodies for sale at the State Election stall we have at Bobs Farm PS on Sat 28th March. We will also need parents to assist with a BBQ on the morning up until 1pm. Please complete the note that was attached to last week’s newsletter and return it to school showing your support.

**Humane Society mobile phone recycling program** – If any families have any mobile phones that they are not using please bring them into the school office and they will be sent off to the Humane Society to raise funds for the Protect the Mountain Gorilla Campaign.

**Reading Helpers** - We still need more help with reading. If you can spare one hour per week, all our children will benefit. It doesn’t need any expertise, just a responsive ear and reassurance

**Small Schools Athletics Carnival** - Wed 25th March at Woodberry Oval. This is an early start at 9am at Woodberry. Children K-6 from small schools in the Lower Hunter all come together for a day of fun and competition. K-2 complete junior activities whilst Primary or 8 years and over compete in the big races and relay events. Parents are encouraged to bring a picnic rug or deck chairs to watch and encourage their children. Please complete permission note indicating transport availability.

**P & C NEWS**

Our P & C are very involved in our school and would love to invite new parents to come along to whatever school functions and activities are being organised. A special thanks to the families who were able to assist with our school working bee on Sunday. We achieved a lot! Please return the note in last week’s newsletter requesting help for the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall.

**Easter egg Fundraiser** Thank you to our families who are helping to sell these before Easter. Our sales are going well!
Small school Athletics carnival permission note

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter………………………………………………………………to participate in the Small School Athletics carnival at Woodberry Oval on Wednesday 25th March. Transport will be by private car. We will leave at 8.45am if possible. Some parents can meet us there if arrangements are made beforehand.

I am able to assist with transport……. Number…….
I am unable to assist…….

Please send along your child/ren with plenty of lunch, water, fruit, hat, sunblock and as a family a picnic rug or deck chairs. It is a lovely day! (A canteen is also usually provided by one of the schools)

Signed…………………………………………………….
Date……………………………………

HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS PERMISSION NOTE- Wed 1st April

I give permission for my child/ren………………………………………………………………to travel to Hunter Valley Gardens for an end of term Easter picnic on Wed 1st April. We will leave school in convoy at 8.45am.

Our P&C are organising an egg hunt and the children will be making baskets at school. Students may come out of uniform (in fairytale character)

Please pack own lunches, water, sunblock, hats etc.

I can assist with transport ….Number…….
I cannot assist with transport…….

Sorry, My child will not be attending……:)(

Payment made ( $13pc)…………..(Parents transporting free)
Signed…………………………………………
Date……………………………………

PARENT HELPERS

We are looking for parents helpers this year in all areas. If you have any special expertise that can help our school please let us know. It can mean anything from reading with the children to gardening or your special skill. (Don’t be coy!)

Special Skill: ……………………………Day/Time………………………………………

Reading help ………………………………Day/time …………………………………………

Name:…………………………………………… Phone Number……………………………