NEWSLETTER –Mon 20th July 2015 - Term 3 Week 2

REMINDERS
Mon 20th July  P&C Meeting 6.30pm- School library
Thurs 16th July  Sporting Schools Program Charlie at lunch time
Mon 27th July  Education Week Theme; Local heroes.
Tues 28th July  Radio 100.9 selected students and teacher.
Wed 29th July  Get Hooked It’s Fun To Fish workshop 9-12pm Taylors Beach & Stinker!
Fri 31st July  Sporting Schools Program Gymnastics x 7 weeks
Fri 31st July  Disco night- School library
Tues 11th Aug  Zone Athletics Field Events Carnival Vi Bartlett Oval (Selected Primary)
Thurs 6th Aug  MiniRoos Soccer, Nelson Bay Primary
Fri 14th Aug  Zone Running events carnival Vi Bartlett Oval (Transport required)
Wed 19th Aug  Road Safety In-service- School library
Wed 26th Aug  Footsteps Dance Co Free dance class trial K-6
Thurs 3rd Sept  Hunter Life Education Van
Mon 14th Sept  Summerhill PS Orchestral visit

WELCOME BACK - To Laura Allen K-2 teacher, who has returned for 3 days per week from her maternity leave. Laura will be teaching on Wed, Thurs and Fridays. Mrs Margan will take K-2 on Mon and Tuesdays and continue her LAST student support work on Wednesdays.
P.S. Mrs Hobson called in to say hello with her very bad knee and crutches!
We also have Ms Natasha Armstrong here on placement from Newcastle University.

Hi, my name is Natasha Armstrong - I am studying a Masters of Primary Teaching at the University of Newcastle. I am very pleased to be undertaking my first placement at Bobs Farm Primary and last week I had the pleasure of spending a few days with K12. When I finish my training I would like to work in a small, remote school and am gaining valuable experience with Mrs Allen and Mrs Margan. I will be at Bobs Farm until the end of the semester and look forward to being part of your school community and getting to know the parents and students in your wonderful little school.

THANK YOU – to the Toppazzini and Brunt families for taking care of the school chickens over the holidays. Hope you received some eggs for your trouble!

Zone Athletics – Please note that the zone athletic dates have moved to the back-up dates due to the poor condition of the fields. The dates are now August 11th for Field Events and August 17th for Track Events.

Sporting Schools program – We will start a Gymnastics program in week 3 for term 3. This will be on a Friday in school time. Charlie and Jess will continue to train older students at lunch times in game skill development. Charlie will start this Thursday.
The benefits of gymnastics
Gymnastics is one of few sports that can offer children the opportunity to develop physical abilities that are important for their overall development. These days’ playground and backyard opportunities are reduced, where children can climb, jump and hang etc.
The LaunchPad gymnastics programs are delivered by experienced gymnastics coaches can provide children with fundamental movement skills safely. Teachers will be surprised at the range of safe and engaging activities that can be undertaken and many will become confident to teach these skills themselves. Benefits include:
• Enhanced self-esteem through learning skills not taught in any other sport
• Development of spatial awareness
• Development of safe landing skills (applicable to all sports and life situations)
• Improved strength, posture and coordination (also applicable to all sport and life situations)
For more information about LaunchPad gymnastics, visit our website www.launch-pad.org.au

Education Week- Local Heroes - Our school will be organising a Get Hooked It’s Fun to Fish workshop at Taylors Beach starting at 9.30am and finishing at 12pm. This will involve all K-6 students and as many parents who would like to attend. Mrs Elliott will has organised Stinker (a local fisher hero) to come along and speak as well. A picnic lunch will be had at the park afterwards. Attached are Photographic Permission forms which should be signed and returned with the permission note allowing the Department of Fisheries to take photographs of your child.

WANGAT LODGE ANNUAL SCHOOL EXCURSION- Term 4 Week 1; Wed 7th to Fri 9th Oct. See separate note for information. K1 2 students to have day visit unless they have an accompanying parent for the camp. We can organise a mini bus to take infants to camp for the day. All parents and students must accept Department of Education and school rules on camp. Further discussions at future P&C meetings.

Water Catchers Commercial – We are STARS! See attached flyer! We are entering again in 2016! What a wonderful opportunity for our school and students!

Unit of Work- Primary- Sustainability- In this unit students investigate relationships between plants and animals within habitats in our school grounds and large natural areas such as a National Park (local excursion to be organised this term). The students’ learning in the natural environment is supported through interaction with the rich virtual environments in WILDERQUEST computer game. The students interact with and analyse the game as a secondary information source and a multimodal text. Alongside this unit, students will also be learning All Abuzz: Bees in Australia where we will invite a local bee keeper to speak to us and we will cook some yummy recipes using honey. Some special guest speakers will also be utilised to assist students in their learning. We will also re- register with Hunter Water for The Water Catchers 2015 film festival as we did so well last year and received $1000 award. Check out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWWEgZLkys for our 2014 project where we are stars!

Message from Mrs Allen
It is lovely to be back at Bobs Farm after 6 months on maternity leave. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me back so warmly, and also thank you to Mrs Margan and Mrs Nye who taught K12 whilst I was away.
Mrs Margan and I will be job sharing as you will be aware, and have an exciting term planned. During Term 3, students will be learning about the environment, with a focus on sustainability. This theme will be integrated throughout all learning areas where possible. As always there will be a strong focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills, with lots of hands-on learning. During Creative Arts lessons, there will be a focus on Music where I will be teaching students to sing, read and write musical notation, and play a variety of percussion instruments. Physical Education lessons will continue to explicitly develop Fundamental Movement Skills, supported in the form of games, dance and yoga.
K12 are also fortunate to have Mrs Natasha Armstrong (Masters of Education student from the University of Newcastle) joining us during Term 3, as she completes one of her practicums. I know that she will love teaching K12 and being a part of our school.
P & C News

The P& C Meeting for tonight will now be at the school in the library at 6.30pm. All parents welcome.

Canteen Roster

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PERMISSION NOTE- Get Hooked It’s Fun To Fish- Taylors Beach foreshore -Wed 29th July

I hereby give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………… to attend Taylors Beach foreshore for a Dept of Primary Industries fishing workshop K-6. Volunteer fishers will teach the children on sustainable fishing practices as well as assist them in a hands on fishing session. John Clarke, aka Stinker has been invited to join us at 11am for a further chat and BBQ lunch. Students to wear full school uniform, hat, water bottle and fruit.

Children will not need any fishing gear and will not enter the water.

I can help with transport……

I can not help with transport……

I wish to order….number of sausages at $2 each……

Signed………………………………………………..Date……

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Connecting with Challenging Children

Are you a parent or carer with a child who is:

- Easily annoyed
- Often angry
- Argumentative
- Defiant
- Oppositional

Wavelengths is offering a parenting group tailored specifically to parents of children with challenging behaviours. Learn how to develop and foster a positive relationship with your child and reduce conflict in the family home.

Email info@wavelengths.com.au for more information
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Millers Forest Public School P&C Country Fair

Saturday 5th September 2015
10am - 3pm
127 Martins Wharf rd, Millers Forest

Face Painting, Pony Rides, Jumping Castle, Raffles, Animals, Cake Stall, Market Stalls, and lots more!!!!!! Fun and Games for everyone!!

For more information please call Julie on 0407.297.414 or 4987.2072
WALLA RUGBY REGISTRATION 2015

Walla Rugby is back!
A fantastic introduction to Rugby that incorporates games & training in the correct technics of tackling, catching and passing.
All Walla Coaches are qualified under the ARU Smart-Rugby program.

Commences Sunday 19th July 2015 and is run each Sunday for 9 weeks. Small presentation on last week 13th September 2015.

Registrations taken from 8.30 am on 19th July 2015. Registration forms are available on the day.

Weekly start Sunday morning 9am– finish approximately 10am, at Tomaree No.1 Field on Nelson Bay Rd (between Council Depot and AFL Ground).

Age groups: 4 – 9 years - Girls and Boys welcome.

Registration fee $40.00 includes shirt (as well as sausage sandwich & can of drink each week).

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