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NAPLAN

Today was the start of NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 students. The first tests completed were Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow will be Reading and Thursday will be Number. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time, to ensure that they don’t miss important instructions or disrupt their class. We aim to keep the testing as stress-free as possible. Further information is available from www.nap.edu.au

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Mother’s Day

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Mother’s Day gift fund raising activity on Friday. The stall raised $617. A special thank you to our garden club parent helpers and students for providing beautiful bouquets of lavender and flowers for boys and girls to buy as well. I am sure there were many surprised and happy mothers last Sunday.

Some good website to check out


Sport News

Last Friday Isabel and Caitlin travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Hunter Region Cross Country. The girls represented our school and the zone at this event and are to be congratulated on doing their best on the day.

The girls and boys soccer teams travelled to Tomaree PS last Thursday to play in the next round of the PSSA Soccer Knockout. Unfortunately both teams were defeated but their team coaches, Mr Lockey and Mr Hamshaw reported that the teams played very well and were strong competition for the eventual winners, Tomaree PS. I was also very pleased to hear that the boys and girls were wonderful ambassadors for our school and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. A very big thank you to Mr Lockey and Mr Hamshaw and to all the parents who assisted with transport and supported the team on the day.

Narelle Mann, Principal
P&C Loom Bands
The P&C will be selling Loom Bands as a fundraising event. An order form will be sent home with your children shortly and must be returned by 23rd May. The packets cost $2 and come in many different colours. Please remember to pay CASH as the P&C funds are different to the office/school account. Thanks. The Garden Club raised $80 selling flower and lavender arrangements and the Lamington/Pie Drive fundraiser made nearly $500 profit. The lamington pie drive funds will go towards updating new all-purpose jerseys for zone and regional kids.

Stage 3 Excursion to Dora Creek
Dear parents/care givers,
A reminder that the first non-refundable deposit for the end of year stage 3 excursion is due sometime in week 4. This is week 2. You can either pay for the excursion in full $240, or by instalments. The instalment schedule was listed in the last information note, which is on the website. Another information and medical note will come out sometime during this term.
Mr Bayliss, Stage 3 Excursion Coordinator

Exchange Students
Take home a big brother or sister! Let’s get organised early! Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Japan, the USA and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover. All arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on 0429 406 126 to request our little booklets of international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Sensory Movie Day

Inclusive event for families with special needs: lighting on dim, sound lowered, volunteers on fire exit doors, no judgement!

Movie: Mr Peabody & Sherman
Date: 25 May at 1.30pm
Location: Maitland Reading Cinema
Tickets: $8 ea
Children under 2 years are FREE!
Companion ID accepted
Tickets on sale now or buy on day
No diagnosis required
Contact Sarah: sensorymovieday.maitland@hotmail.com

Lost Property

We have had some things in the office that have been lost that you may have been wondering about. A pink loveheart wallet, an ipod, a Billa-bong wallet, a silver loveheart from a necklace and a leaf earring, along with a bag of makeup. If you own any of this please collect this week.

Another Mother’s Day stall photo!

Girls and Boys Soccer

The kids had a great game of soccer at the Soccer Gala Day on Thursday, 8th May. Unfortunately the girls went down 2-0 but played well and enjoyed their first game ever. The boys went down 1-0 in extra time after a very exciting game. Both teams played Tomaree. Behaviour was excellent.

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
At your local Nelson Bay District
Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 7-18 years
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events
For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Please contact Caroline Ellis on 0403321809 or
Region Membership Adviser: helen692@live.com.au
Our website www.girlguides-nw.asn.au to find out more about Guides
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