Principal’s Reflections

Mosquitos
It’s that time of year again when the mosquitos are back in force. If you would like to pack a personal insect repellent roll-on (not spray) in your child’s bag with their name clearly written, this may help.

Please note, that for various health reasons, the children are not allowed to share insect repellent with each other (brothers and sisters excluded).

As I write, I have several buzzing and dive-bombing around me!

School Arrival Time
Please be reminded that supervision commences at 8.30 am sharp each morning. There are no teachers on duty prior to 8.30 am. If for exceptional circumstances your child must be at school before 8.30 am, please contact the office to discuss.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
• Bronte Hoffman (x2)
• Faith Neely
• Marnie Miller

“Pacific Smiles” Dental Visit
Yesterday, “Pacific Smiles” again generously supported our students with a free dental program to encourage healthy brushing and oral hygiene.

A wonderful program!
Healthy teeth and gums are vital for our kids general health and wellbeing.

P&C AGM
Next Tue 11th March @ 3.30.
For Your Calendar

March
Fri Mar 7 – Gymnastics
Monday Mar 10 – Swimming Awards Assembly 2.30pm
Tues Mar 11 – P&C Annual General Meeting 3.30pm
Fri Mar 14 – Gymnastics
Fri Mar 21 – Gymnastics
Fri Mar 21 – Harmony Day
Wed Mar 26 – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Fri Mar 28 – Gymnastics
Fri Mar 28 – Cleanup Australia Day
Mon Mar 31 – Young Leaders Day – Sydney
Wed Apr 2 – School Disco
Fri April 4 – Gymnastics
Tue April 8 – P&C Meeting
Fri April 11 – Gymnastics
Fri April 11 – Easter Hat Parade

TERM 1 ENDS – Friday April 11th
TERM 2 COMMENCES – Tuesday April 29th

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SWIMMING AWARDS ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 10TH MARCH – 2.30PM
Parents/caregivers welcome.

GYMNASTICS
Our sport program for Term 1 continues every Friday from February 7th to April 11th. The cost is $27.00 per student for the ten week program. The money must be paid by the end of Week 6 – 7th March 2014.

CONTACT DETAILS
Just a reminder to let the office know if you have changed any of your contact details – address, phone number, mobile number.

BOOKPACK PRICES
Book packs will be given to the students upon receipt of payment.

KINDER  $30.00
YEAR 1  $30.00
YEAR 2  $30.00
YEAR 3  $35.00
YEAR 4  $35.00
YEAR 5  $30.00
YEAR 6  $30.00

STOCKLAND STARS AT GREENHILLS
Our school will be participating in the Stockland Stars program where we will be submitting a decorated 3D star. Customers then vote for their favourite star with every $1. spent in centre entitling them to 1 vote. The stars will be displayed from Monday 3rd March to Sunday 6th April for family, friends and shoppers to vote for their favourite stars and help your school win the cash prize.

Customers register their details at the Customer Care Centre to be eligible to vote. For every $1. spent with a minimum purchase of $10. they are able to allocate 1 star vote to their favourite Stockland Star. Each school’s voting average is calculated by dividing the total amount of votes by the number of students enrolled at the corresponding school.

CUSTOMERS can REGISTER from SAT 1st March
VOTING BEGINS on MONDAY 3rd MARCH
VOTING CONCLUDES SUNDAY 30th MARCH.
Winners are announced at the Official Closing Ceremony on Thursday 3rd April at The Closing Ceremony at Stockland Green Hills.

PRIZES INCLUDE:
1st - $3000. Cash for your school
2nd - $2000. Cash for your school
3rd - $1,000. Cash for your school

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P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH – 3.30PM
Please come along.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

HUNTER DENTAL GROUP
The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) commenced on 1 January 2014 and will provide access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 yrs. This replaces the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP). The total benefit entitlement will be capped at $1,000. per child over a 2 calendar year period. A child’s eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule is assessed at the beginning of each year and requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or a relevant Australian Government payment. The CDBS will provide individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and will not be paid for any services provided in a hospital. All Hunter Dental Group practices will be accepting these vouchers and will FULLY BULK BILL to Medicare.

GREENHILLS 49 34 7877
CESSNOCK 49 90 1279
DUNGOG 49 92 3366

The process for using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule:
You can confirm your child’s eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or calling the Medicare general enquiries line 132011.

Make an appointment with either a private or public dental provider and let them know you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

At the time of the appointment, the dental provider must discuss your child’s treatment and any associated costs with you before providing the services. After this has been discussed you will need to sign a consent form.

The dental provider will then bulk bill you or charge you for the services. If they charge you, you need to pay the account and claim the benefit through Medicare either electronically at the dental surgery if available, by downloading the Medicare Claim form and posting it to Dept of Human Services, GPO Box 9822 in your capital city or in a drop-box at Medicare Service Centre or by calling 132011.

You cannot claim a benefit under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule AND from a private health insurer for the same dental service.

Join Maitland Hockey Association’s Hook into Hockey Program
Suits Boys & Girls U6 to U16 years of age
Starts: Wednesday 19 February to Wednesday 12 March 2014
Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Where: Maitland Hockey Field, Maitland Park
Elgin Street, Maitland
Cost: $50.00 includes Shin pads, stick, ball shirt and mouthguard
Register Here:
www.maitlandhockey.org.au

Play Hockey this Winter
Registration Info Day and Training on Thursday
20 Feb 2013
Juniors (U6 – U18) – 5pm to 6pm
Women’s – 6pm to 7pm
FUN, SAFE, ONE PLACE, ONE TIME
Further information Contact: Ros Sherlock
02 49335927 or Steve Orchard 0421 831 309

MAITLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Triple P—Seminar Series
Positive Parenting Program

Parents and carers of children 2-12 years are invited. The seminars are designed to provide an overview and introduction to the principles of positive parenting.

- encourage behaviour you would like from your child
- deal consistently and decisively with problem behaviour
- prepare children for successful experiences at school
- take the stress out of parenting

Fridays: 9.30-11.30am
7th, 14th & 21st March 2014
Venue: Beresfield Public School
Lawson Avenue, Beresfield

FREE limited children’s group available on school premises. Bookings ARE ESSENTIAL so that we can keep the course size manageable. To register call Cynthia on 49 642174.