PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

I recently received a couple of emails from other schools who reported students being followed by vehicles on the way to or from home from school. These reports have been referred to the Police. Our teachers will be discussing the dangers of Stranger Danger at school and I’m hoping our caring parents could also remind their children at home. Our students’ safety is of the utmost importance.

The last week has been very eventful, both in the classroom and across the playground. Our school has been involved in school photos, Harmony Day, dancing, P&C meeting and the implementation of new class planning and programs. It has been very busy but rewarding!

Sport Polo Shirts
The coloured polo shirts for sport look great and more and more students are purchasing them. The positive comments from parents are really appreciated. Just remember that if you do not yet have the coloured polos please send your children in normal uniform until you do get them.

P&C Meeting
I attended last night’s P&C Meeting which was extremely positive. The members donated $80 towards our K-2 Easter Egg Hunt, $200 towards our Reward days each term and members were very keen to assist in a Trivia Night, School Fete and Working Bee this year following the success of these in 2014

Peter Mandroules
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 1
Fri 27 Mar: Boardies Day
Mon 30 Mar: 1G, 2H, 2V Easter Hat making
Tue 31 Mar: Assembly of Excellence
Tue 31 Mar: P&C Easter Raffle drawn
Wed 1 April: Stage 3 classroom visits 9-10am
Wed 1 April: Ice Cream Day - lunch time $1
Wed 1 April: KJ & K/1S Easter Hat making
Thur 2 April: K-2 Easter Hat Parade (after morning assembly)
Thur 2 April: Red Day in the Canteen - see note
Thur 2 April: Last day Term 1

Term 2
Mon 20 April: School Development Day - Staff only
Tue 21 April: First day Term 2
Fri 24 April: School ANZAC service
Sat 25 April: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Sun 31 May: P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser - Morisset

SRC News
Tomorrow, 27 March is BOARDIES day. Please wear your loudest board shorts and bring in a gold coin donation. All donations raised go to our local Volunteer Surf Club.

SRC

General Permission Notes
We still have a number of general permission notes not returned to school. These forms are most important as we need all up to date information recorded on our computer system in case your children are hurt and you need to be contacted. Please ensure these forms are handed in before the end of the term.

Thank you.

Notes
This week a number of students took another form home for particular parents to fill in regarding their occupation and school education. These questions asked about you are for the Dept of Education and Communities to determine our school’s equity loading for social-economic backgrounds and impacts on the funds that the school receives from the government. Please fill out these forms where highlighted and return asap.

The collection from the Department takes place in the holidays, so we do need this information to help secure our funds.

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition
We would like to invite any Year 5 or 6 students to enter the 35th Primary Mathematics competition. The tests will take place on Wednesday, 26 August and their aim is to identify mathematically talented students. This test will be free for all students who wish to enter. Names must be given to Mrs Vine by Tuesday, 28 April.

Mrs Vine

Stage 3
During Term 1 all Stage 3 classes have been working on different HSIE units of work. They have been discovering things about other countries and working on gathering information to put in a class display/Powerpoint presentation. Next Wednesday, 1 April 5/6H, 5/6M and 5/6S are inviting parents and friends to view these class displays in their classrooms. Their classrooms will be open from 9:00-10:00am.

Ice Cream Day
Stage 3 will be holding an Ice Cream day next Wednesday, 1 April at lunch time. Ice Creams will cost $1. Funds raised will go toward the Year 6 gift to the school and the Year 6 Farewell.

K-2 Easter Fun
All infants classes will be making Easter hats at school for our Easter Hat Parade. Parents are invited to come up for hat making workshops’ in each room. If you wish to send in hat making essentials, please package them in a plastic bag with your child’s name on it for safe keeping.

K-2 teachers will also provide decorating materials for all children to share.

Workshops’ for hat making will be held at the following times:
1G, 2H and 2V - Mon, 30 March, 11:30am-1:00pm
KJ & K/1S - Wed, 1 April, 11:30am-1:00pm

The Easter Hat Parade will be held after the morning assembly on Thursday, 2 April.

Literary Bites
Here are some of the answers we got back from the Canada kids!
We learnt that only 3 kids from Year 2 at Holly school have pets. Mrs Balcomb explained Canada kids play different games...
to us and they aren’t silly enough to stick their tongues on metal. We saw photos of the playground and learnt that they don’t wear school uniform and they have sea-saws and swings to play on. In Winter, they play in the snow, making snowmen, snowangels and have snowball fights (although they are against the rules!). They love the book ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’, just like we do! Our technology is the same, and we like the same games. So we discovered that Canada kids are quite a lot like us, with only a few differences.

Report by Keira Benson and Tori Finn
Robin Balcomb
Librarian
Reading Recovery Teacher
Irlen Screener

Cans for Fundraising Project

If you have any empty cans - washed - (baked beans, spaghetti etc) can you please send them in to the front office.

Thank you.

Canteen News

The end of Week 9 and we are all gearing up or down for the Easter break. The canteen has started to sell out of some products and this will continue until Thursday, 2 April.

The canteen will be releasing an updated price list for Term 2 next week, and again in the first two weeks back next term. Remember that we are always looking for volunteers to help us in the canteen, come in and have a chat and a coffee if you are unsure of how the canteen works. The children always love seeing their parents in the canteen.

RED DAY

Thursday, 2 April, the canteen will be having a Sausage Sizzle - $2.50 each, Curly-Wurly’s - $1 and cans of soft drink - $1.50. Please fill out the order form below and return to the canteen asap. If parents would like to stay on after the Easter hat parade they are most welcome.

Fundraising News

Easter Raffle

Thank you again to all our wonderful children, families and carers who have generously donated to the Easter raffle. Looks like we could have over 30 prizes!

Please leave donations, tickets and money at the office.

Raffle draw will be next Tuesday, 31 March after the Assembly of Excellence.

Mothers Day Stall

Date: Wednesday, 6 May from 9:15am
Donations: We appreciate donations of gifts to sell at the stall.
Please leave donations at the front office.
Volunteers: We need volunteers to help run the stall. Please leave a message for me at the office if you are able to help, for any amount of time, at the stall.

Thank you for all your help and supports this term.

Jeannette
## BELLY DANCE CLASSES

**Mannering Park Community Hall**

**Wednesday - 4pm Children’s Class**  
**Wednesday - 5pm Teens Class**  
**Thursday - 9.30 am Ladies class**  
**PH Suzi on: 43591563 or 0412698746**

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Mannering Park Rewards Day
Mini Carnival

This term the students who have received 32 points or more on their behaviour card will be invited to attend a mini carnival to reward them for their fabulous behaviour. This carnival will be run on Tuesday 31st March between lunch and recess. Please be aware that the carnival is for students only. They will be able to participate in a variety of activities which will be run by the teachers. For this mini carnival to be a success we are asking for donations to assist us in having enough supplies to reward these amazing children.

We require arrowroot biscuits, icing sugar and small lollies (mm’s, jelly beans, smarties, teeth, musk sticks, jelly babies—just to name a few) for biscuit icing, coloured hair spray and any temporary tattoos. If you are able to donate any of the above items, it would greatly appreciated and will ensure your children have a great time.

Please send donations to Miss Gruden in the hub.

Thank you kindly

MPPS Staff

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Animals of the Rock Pool

At this FREE event, children will learn about rock pool creatures, do some hands on sorting of shells and play a game of rock pool bingo.

**Wednesday 8 April, 10:30am-11:30am**
Tuggerah Library – 4350 1560

**Tuesday 14 April, 10:30am-11:30am**
Gately Bay Library – 4350 1500

Bookings are essential.

Children under 12 years must have parent/carer attend to provide assistance. Children 12 years and over must have a parent/carer remain on library premises during the event.
Charity Day Cake Stall

When: Monday 30th of March. (After school)

Where: Mannering Park Public school next to the main school gate and crossing

Why we need your donations:

Zane Aaron Stirling was born to Rick and Kim on July 11th 2014 and two days later our good friend Kim was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The cancer had spread to her liver, spine and both hips and Kim started chemotherapy almost immediately.
The treatment so far has shown some progress but there still is an enormous mountain to climb.
Kim had a hip replacement in December last year and is currently undergoing more chemotherapy.
The Radiology will be commencing soon to try to tackle the bone cancer.

Rick has been a full-time Dad to Zane and Taj, their 9 year old son, whilst being a carer to Kim as she has been going through this painful process.

As Rick and Kim are both unable to work my friends and I have set up this cake stall to try to help our GREAT friends out.
So please take the time to do the same and help us help them...

Also we will be holding a charity fundraising day called "Adios Mr Rasta" (find the page on Face-Book) at the BeachComber Hotel on Sunday April 12th where EVERYONE is welcome to join in on the great day. Look for the Posters.

Thanks,
Dayna Launders
0431 993 828
Be Super Brave and Colour or Shave!!

Join Mr Bryan Dorfling, family and friends for raffles, auctions, games, face painting, live music, jumping castle, kids activities and of course the shaving and colouring of hair!

Sunday 12th April - 12pm to 5pm
Bands will be playing from 6pm onwards

For Online Donations:
Mama Cocha - http://www.justgiving.com/bryandorfling/

See you @ The Beachie!
200 Main Road, Toukley 2263
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Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst clearing out the fridge.

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- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover vegies into a frittata
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).

For more information visit
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The simplest way
...to add fruit at breakfast time

This easy + delicious recipe will give your kids’ a great start to their day!

Ingredients
2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2 1/2 cups low-fat milk
3 ripe bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method
In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

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