PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a great couple of weeks and all our students are returning full of enthusiasm and raring to go! Our Assembly of Excellence went off really well in the last week of Term 2 and many people were really positive and complimentary on how our students and staff are achieving success. Thank you to those lovely people who attended on the day. We welcome Ms Kylie Dorn, from Brooke Ave Public School, who will be replacing Mrs Gillon. Ms Dorn is the new 1G teacher and Relieving Assistant Principal supervising Stage 1 (Kinder to Yr2).

Ready Set Go
Our wonderful Kindergarten Transition Program, run in conjunction with Horizons, commences again from this Thursday and will run for two hours each week from 9.30 to 11.30 until the end of Term 4. I urge all parents with children hoping to come to Mannering Park PS next year to take up this great opportunity. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to come into the school and ask. We have brochures in the office and information in our newsletters and website.

Gymnastics
Following an overwhelming positive response from students, parents and staff members, a ten week program, run by professional gymnast and coach, Gabby, will commence from Week 6 this term until Week 5 in Term 4. The cost is only $25 per student, as compared to $40 and $50 at various other schools. There is a Permission slip in this newsletter so please complete this and send it back to school. Full payment will be required by Friday 7th August.

‘Eat it to Beat it’—Parent Information Session.
All parents are most welcome to attend this great opportunity to be held in the Community Room on Friday, 7th August between 9.00am and 10.30am. Many parents who drop their children off to school in the mornings will find this time quite accommodating so please contact the office and let us know whether you are able to participate. (See flyer in this newsletter).

Hunter Primary Schools Maths Competition.
This annual competition is open to all Year 5 & 6 students in schools on the Central Coast and Hunter Areas. All our Stage 3 children will be participating and the cost will be met by the school. The competition will take place on Wednesday, 26th August.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 21st July in the Staff Room at 6.30pm. All parents are most welcome so please feel free to attend! I would like to discuss a Working Bee for this term and also get the ball rolling for our School Fete next term at this meeting.

Peter Mandroules
Principal

Dates to Remember Term 2
Term 3
Thur 16 July: Horizons Kindy Transition starts - every Thursday
Term 3 & Term 4
Tues 21 July: P&C meeting 6.30pm
Week 3: Mon 27 July-Fri 31 July: Education Week
Thurs 30 July: Open day for Education Week
Fri 31 July: School Athletics carnival, Power Station oval

Fri 7 Aug: ‘Eat it to Beat it’ Parent session 9-10:30am
Week 6: Mon 17 Aug: Gymnastics program starts
Mon 24 Aug-Fri 4 Sept: Intensive Swimming Scheme
Wed 26 Aug: Hunter Primary Maths Competition
Fri 28 Aug: Zone Athletics Carnival - Mingara
Wed 16 Sept: 2/3Y, 3/4R & 4S Excursion Laycock St Theatre

Term 4
Mon 23 Nov-Wed 25 Nov: Year 5 & 6 Forster Camp

Intensive Swimming Scheme - positions still available - get in quick!
The Intensive Swimming Scheme for Years 2, 3 and 4 (and non competent swimmers, in Years 5 & 6) held at Toukley Pool is on again from Monday, 24 August –Friday, 4 September.
If you would like your child to participate in this program please come in to the office and get a permission note, the program only allows 60 students to participate, so hurry and get your form returned.
You can opt to pay off in instalments if you wish or pay the whole amount. This needs to be paid in full by Friday, 7 August. Keep in mind the cost of the program is for a 10 day intensive swimming program and you would find it very difficult to get lessons of equivalent value.

PNG Thank You
Many thanks for all the wonderful donations to the remote PNG village communities. The visit by the team of teachers was very successful, and very welcomed by all they met. All the gifts, medical supplies, glasses, clothing etc were so gratefully accepted with lots of singing, dancing and feasting in all the villages!
*Any old soccer boots will still be greatly appreciated in the next week.
Many thanks
Robin Balcomb

Kindergarten 2016
If you have children, friends children, relatives or neighbours with children ready to start Kindergarten next year, could you let them know to come to the front office and pick up an Enrolment Form for next year as soon as possible.

Manno Munch News
Welcome back everybody, I hope you all had a good break. A new Manno Munch Menu is now available and will be distributed. All prices are the same, just some changes to the items sold.
I still need help in the canteen. Please come in and volunteer any spare time you have. Manno Munch is open 5 days a week from 8:30am-2:00pm. We need help with:
1. serving from 8:30am-9am, 11-11:30am & 1:30-2pm and
2. food prep, mainly from 9-11am and a little from 12-1pm.
Thank you to my volunteers this week - Jen, Rhani and those that just drop in and help out from time to time.
GYMNASTIC LESSONS TERM 3/4

YES, I am interested in my child/ren having Gymnastic lessons in Term 3 and Term 4 and I understand it will be at a cost of $25 paid in full by Friday, 7 August.

Name ______________________________________
Signature ____________________________________

Child’s Name ___________________________________ Class_____
Child’s Name ___________________________________ Class_____
Child’s Name ___________________________________ Class_____

Please find enclosed $25 being for 10 weeks Gymnastic lessons.

Office Use Only
Paid_______________Date__________Sig_______

EAT IT TO BEAT IT FRUIT & VEG SENSE WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 9:00-10:30AM

Yes I would like to attend this workshop

Name _______________________________
Signature _______________________________

Please find enclosed $25 being for 10 weeks Gymnastic lessons.

Office Use Only
Paid _______________Date _______________ Sig ______
Newsletter Item 1

Aim: To provide an introduction to the Friendly Schools & Families Program and an overview of the goals of the program.

Our Friendly School

Our goals for our Friendly and Safe School

Schools throughout Australia and worldwide are increasingly recognising the need to address bullying, resilience, social skills and self-esteem. Our school will be implementing the Friendly Schools Program to make our school a ‘Friendly School’. This program is based on ten years of rigorous scientific research with over 6000 school students, their parents and teachers. It is one of a few evidence-based programs designed to improve social skills and reduce bullying in Australian schools. The aim is to help schools and parents prevent bullying. This will include a review of our school bullying policy, introduction of activities to prevent or reduce bullying, strategies to help students cope with bullying and the development of social skills and resiliency factors.

Some of the goals that we will be working towards include:

- Providing all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities;
- Creating a more positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying;
- Modification of the school grounds and supervision during recess and lunch times to discourage bullying;
- Continuing to encourage all staff, students and parents to treat all school community members with respect and tolerance;
- Implementing a clearer and more consistent approach to managing reported bullying incidents; and
- Providing parents with resources and strategies to help them communicate more effectively with their children about bullying.

Horizons

Are you starting school next year?

THURSDAYS

9.30-11.30am

Starting 16 July 2015

Manning Park Public School

Every week—Terms 3 & 4

Not in school holidays

Get extra support through a FREE fun playgroup to learn and practise skills for ‘BIG’ school, that will encourage development, confidence and positive self-esteem. The activities are designed to enhance developmental skills, increase confidence and assist children to start their school years in a positive manner.

For more information or book in: (02) 4351 5008
Horizons Central Coast Family Services Inc.
The simplest way...

to be SunSmart!

Unlike sunscreen, clothing can’t be wiped or washed off, making it one of the best ways to protect your skin from damaging UV radiation.

For best protection choose:
- shirts with collars or high necks, and sleeves
- trousers or longer shorts and skirts that come to below the knees
- loose clothes, rather than fabric that is stretched across the skin
- fabric that has a close, dense weave
- dark colours (navy, black, dark red) absorb UV rays and prevent them reaching the skin better than white and light colours

Don’t forget!

To ensure the best UV protection from April – September all sun protection measures are needed between 10.00am – 2.00pm

For information about SunSmart visit: sunsmartnsw.com.au

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Welcome back to another fun term 3. We hope everyone had a fun, relaxing, safe holiday and managed to keep warm.

We have plenty of spaces available for Before and After School Care here at Manning Park and offer a high quality program that combines active games, quiet times, homework time, art and craft, planned and unplanned activities and a healthy snack.

We would love for you to join us. If you are in need of care for your child and are interested in finding out more, enrolling them with Camp Australia is quick and easy.

Enrolling your child at OSHC:

If you are interested in registering your child or finding out more about our fun program, please do not hesitate to drop in to the service in the Community Room or give me a call on 0413876221.

Registering your child is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin the enrolment process on www.campausstralia.com.au and follow the online process.

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details online, any time.

You can also save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300 109 343 Mon – Fri or drop in to see me in the Community Room.

Jennifer Brown - Coordinator
**Cancer Council NSW**

**The simplest way**

to improve the health of your family and save money

**Come to our**

FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Friday 7th August 2015  
**Time:** 9:00am until 10:30am  
**Venue:** Manerig Park Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don’t miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 31/07/2015 by:

**emailing eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au**  
**visiting www.cancer council.org.au/eatittobeatit/register**  
**or phoning (02) 4923 0704**

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**Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.**

We’re bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB  
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Headphones  
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

**Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win**

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal) to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning)

**Win books for your school library**

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children’s books for their school library; valued at $200.


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Things to know before you Can

[See the full page at commbank.com.au/can](http://commbank.com.au/can) for more information.

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