Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week our community lost two mums. Our deepest sympathies go out to the two families who have both lost their mothers. We will be providing both families with hampers leading into the holidays. If you would like to make a donation of non-perishable items please drop them off to the office next week.

Regional Athletics
Congratulations to Hannah Jarvis and Sophia Walton who competed last Friday at the Hunter PSSA Regional Athletics carnival. Both girls represented our school and the Hunter proudly. Hannah placed 2nd in the 800m and is off to the State titles in September. Well done Hannah.

FATHERS DAY
The P&C Fathers Day stall will be on Thursday 3rd September. Gifts will be priced between $1-$10. Also on the same day Bunnings will be having a Fathers Day craft class that is free. Our P&C will also be hosting the BBQ on the same evening at Bunnings. Make sure you get along to Bunnings and support our P&C and make something great for your dad, uncle or grandfather.

Netball
Both our junior and senior netball teams have made it into the semi-finals. We wish both teams all the best for their games on Friday.

Soccer
Due to other commitments at school we won’t be able to play the last fun game this week at Speers Point. Unfortunately the senior team missed out on a place in the finals. Thank you to Mr Lobston and all of the parents who have helped out with transport during the last two terms.

Spelling Bee
Our spelling champions Jett, Jarvis, Annika and Claire will be competing at Hamilton Public School on Tuesday 8th September. We wish all of our students all the best.
Jump Rope for Heart
Our Jump Off will be on 9th September between 9:10 – 11:10am. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on this day. Please make sure that your sponsorship forms and money are returned to school by the 9th September.

Oakvale Farm
Tomorrow our Kindergarten students will be heading off on their big excursion to Oakvale Farm. We are sure that they will have a great day playing, feeding and patting the animals. Please ensure that your child is in their sports uniform and has their lunch and recess packed in separate plastic bags.

Stage 1 excursion
All stage 1 students will be going to the Hunter Sports Centre to participate in a gymnastics program on 17th September. This excursion complements the gymnastics program that stage 1 students have been working on this term. Please ensure that all notes and money have been returned to the office this week.

Book Week
What a fabulous community day we had last Wednesday at the Book Week Parade. Special thanks to Mrs Williamson for all of her efforts with this event. It was great to see so many family members having a lovely time. We raised over $1000 from the sales of the books. Thank you to the P&C for running the cake stall and providing drinks from the canteen.

Stage 2 excursion to library
Thank you to Miss Montgomery and Mrs Williamson for organising the stage 2 excursion to Lake Macquarie library last Friday. Students were actively involved with the authors Boori Monty Pryor and Craig Smith. It was a great experience for everyone who attended this free book week event.

Kindergarten 2016
Enrolments are being taken for Kindergarten next year. If you have a child or know of any children who are coming to Kindergarten next year could they please see the office staff for enrolment forms.

Canteen
The Canteen committee is putting together a recipe book in time for Christmas. If you have any recipes that you would like to have included please see Janelle in the canteen.

SURFING
Next term we will be offering surfing as a sport for stage 3 students. Surfing NSW will run a 7 week program for 35 students. At this stage expression of interest forms will be sent home and a deposit of $50 will secure your child’s place in this program. Our school has received some funding to help run this sport for term 4.

Fitness program
Next term as part of our whole school sporting program Mr Todd Ennis – “Commando” will be running a fitness program for each class to experience. It is great that we have such passionate community members who are able to offer their expertise to benefit our students and staff.
Important Dates
1st September: Kindergarten Oakvale Farm excursion
3rd September: Fathers Day stall
3rd September: Bunnings Fathers Day BBQ and craft night
9th September: Jump Rope for Heart
17th September: Stage 1 Gymnastics excursion
18th September: Last day of term 3.
6th October: School resumes

Kate Foley
Principal

Canteen Roster:

Tues 1st Sept: Sally, Maree
Wed 2nd Sept: Christie A, Jude
Thurs 3rd Sept: Janet, Janice
Fri 4th Sept: Leanne, Kate
Mon 5th Sept: Sally, Penny
Tues 8th Sept: Mark, Naomi
Wed 9th Sept: Jude
Thurs 10th Sept: Kath, Christie A
Fri 11th Sept: Victoria, Jody, Marcia
Mon 14th Sept: Ian
Tues 15th Sept: Naomi, Ruth
Wed 16th Sept: Rebecca, Hillary
Thurs 17th Sept: Christie A, Cassie
Fri 18th Sept: Penny, Kirsten, Helen

If you’re unable to do your rostered day, please phone Janelle on 4945 4858.

Next canteen meeting: Wed 9th Sept at 9:30am – all welcome!