

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday
Term 1, Week 1—2018



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Principal's Message

Welcome back for another fun filled and exciting year.



I would like to welcome our new families to our school and of course an extra big welcome to the students. Gracie (Yr 4), Kady (Yr 1) and Oscar (Yr 1), we hope you love our wonderful school as much as we do.

Our new kindergarten students have settled in nicely and are enjoying 'big school'. I would like to make a special welcome to them all; so welcome Zali, Phoebe, Lilliana, Lachlan, Connor and Saxon. We are all so excited to have you at our school.

2018 Staff: As you are all aware, Mrs Brown has decided to take long service leave, leading into her retirement. To replace Mrs Brown we have Miss Nicole Sneddon who will be working with Mrs Wilson on 3-6.

Mrs Vicki Bevitt and Mrs Mel Bingham continue in their roles as K-2 teacher and School Learning Support Officer. While Mrs White enjoys her long service leave, we have Mrs Kayleen McCowan in the office relieving as School Administrative Manager.

Mrs Helen Atkins continues to keep our school sparkling clean. You may notice we have two General Assistants this year as Mr Warren Anthoney is joined by Mr Mark Hayward from Oxley Island Public School. They will work together to maintain both schools on Mondays.

We are all looking forward to making 2018 a great year for our school.

Canteen: There is **NO** canteen tomorrow. Canteen will start next Thursday.

The weather is still going to be very hot over the next couple of days, so please remember to pack extra water.

Homework: This year we will be trialling homework contract books. The children will be required to complete 1 contract and additional spelling activities, which are set for each week. The children will be sent home with their contract book, and exercise book to complete spelling activities, each Monday. Kindergarten will be set sight word activities instead of spelling.

Homework is due in by Friday each week. It is important to understand that homework is usually a consolidation of what is taught at school and therefore should be a reasonably easy task for the students. Homework will start next week.



School Tennis: This term we have been lucky enough to receive tennis coaching from Wayne Deer. These lessons will be held on Friday Mornings. Due to a sporting grant that we received, tennis lessons will be free.

Tennis Trials: This year the Zone PSSA tennis trials will be held at Tuncurry on Monday 12th February at 9am for a 9.30am start. Students selected to represent the Manning Zone must be available to attend the Hunter PSSA Tennis selection trials on Friday 23rd February 2018 in Newcastle. Students/parents will be responsible for organising their own transport to and from this event. Permission notes will be sent home soon.

Swimming Carnival: Our swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 15th February 2018 at Wingham pool. We will meet at the pool at 9.00am and the day will conclude around 2.00pm. A letter will be sent home closer to the event with more information.

Book Club: This week Scholastic Book Club brochures have been handed out. These brochures arrive monthly and are a source of books at usually a cheaper price than retail outlets. Purchasing is entirely voluntary. If you choose to order books at any time simply fill in the form on the back of the booklet and return to school with the money or you can order and pay online. Usually about 10 days are allowed before orders are done. The items are usually back at school within the week. The school receives Reward Points for orders. For further enquiries see Mrs Wilson or Mrs McCowan.

Year 6 Fundraising: Year 6 have already started thinking and planning for their end of year gift for the school. They have decided to kick off with a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition starting on Monday, 5th February and continuing through weeks 2 and 3. They will be selling a guess for 20c each during recess and lunchtime.

Reminders:

5/2/18	20c Guessing Competition begins P&C Meeting 2pm.
8/2/18	Thursday—Canteen
12/2/18	Tennis Trials at Tuncurry
15/2/18	Swimming Carnival at Wingham Pool
23/2/18	School Photo Day

Library: This year K-2 will have library on Tuesdays and 3-6 will be Wednesday. Students will need to have a library bag on these days.

Parking: Please ensure that when you park in the car park that you reverse in so that you can drive out with the best possible visibility. Students must wait at the green shed until the teachers let them go. Our Kindy students are still learning the rules, so please be mindful when entering and leaving the car park.

P&C Meeting: Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be on Monday at 2pm.