



Calendar

Tues 9 th Dec	Music Recital 9:15am
Wed 10 th Dec	Presentation Night 6:30pm
Thurs 11 th Dec	Choir Greenhills
Mon 15 th Dec	School Musical
Tues 16 th Dec	Year 6 Day Out
Wed 17 th Dec	Students Last Day
Thurs 18 th Dec	Staff Development Day
Tues 27 th Jan	Staff Return
Wed 28 th Jan	1 st Day for Years 2 – 6 Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Thurs 29 th Jan	1 st Day for Kinder & Year 1

Quality Work Folders

Could you please ensure your child/ren have returned their quality work folders to school so that we can start organising them for binding at the end of the year.

Christmas Hamper

P & C has once again provided a collection basket for contributions to our "Christmas Hamper" which is generally presented to the Salvation Army each year. The basket will be placed in the entry foyer of the Admin area where it will be convenient to receive your most welcome donation.



2015 Leaders

We held our elections last Monday, with our Year 5 students speaking very confidently and creatively, presenting their case for being Captain. As a result, Georgia and Asher are our new School Captains for 2015, with Amy our Student Council President.

Hot Dog Day

On the last Friday of term, Friday 12th December we are having a hot dog day instead of normal canteen. Hotdog and either a milo smoothie or a popper for \$5.00. All orders and money need to be returned no later than Monday 8th December.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CARE

Bookings Essential

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

18 & 19th December at MBASC

Wirreanda School, Medowie
and

22nd & 23rd December at RTVC

Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace

JANUARY

MONDAY 5.1.15 – FRIDAY 23.1.15

MEDOWIE VACATION CARE

MEDOWIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
FERODALE ROAD, MEDOWIE

RAYMOND TERRACE VACATION CARE

BOOMERANG PARK CNR WILLIAM & IRRRAWANG
STREETS, RAYMOND TERRACE

COST: \$66.00 PER CHILD OR

\$294.00 PER CHILD FULL WEEK

(CCB AVAILABLE)

Telephone Administration Office: 49800308

Upcoming Events - Reminder

We have these dates in the Calendar section of the newsletter, but I would like to further emphasize the following dates and activities;

Musical Recital: 9.15 am in the Woodville Hall on Tuesday, 9th December for all our musicians—drummers, recorders, keyboard and guitar players

Presentation Night: Wednesday night, 10th December starting at 6.30 pm. This will be a shorter night, as we are having our musical on the following Monday. Our Presentation night includes all our class awards (everyone receives one), major awards, Leader's and Captain's inductions, P&C and school reports, Graduation awards, choir performance and a performance from K/1.

School Musical: This will be held in the Woodville Hall on Monday, 15th December starting at 10.00 am. All children are involved, and since this is the only activity happening at the time, everyone should be able to see and hear the performance more clearly this year. The performance lasts a little less than an hour.

School Choir at Greenhills: Our School Choir, under the tutelage of Ms Hamer are performing at the Greenhills Shopping Centre on Thursday, 11th December at a time yet to be announced.

**** Very Important Information****

As is our traditional practice, at the end of the evening on **Presentation Night**, we will also be having a visit from a jolly old man in a red suit. Parents are asked to supply a gift (\$15.00 value maximum), for their own children, to be placed under the Christmas tree for our special visitor to hand out to each child. These can be secreted with Mrs Mahony or a teacher before the night.

- ***We will still be collecting a gold coin donation on the night as our contribution towards the maintenance of the Woodville Hall. Although our P&C contribute to the hall, every little bit helps, so please support this cause as we do use the hall quite extensively.***

School Basketball Post

Yesterday we had a working bee to erect a new basketball post on our multi-purpose court. This post was very kindly constructed by Peter Kell, who has been associated with our school for many years. It is also a Year 6 gift to the school. I would like to sincerely thank our helpers for the morning, Steve Durrheim, Andy Bird, Kevin Clement, Paul Corocher, Pat Lannen and our General Assistant, Rodney Crocker. We have to order a backboard for the new basketball post before the project is finished. The following photos show our men hard at work—thank you again.




Science Experiment

4/5/6 have been studying Earthquakes and Volcanoes over the last few weeks. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their learning thoroughly under the tutelage of Mr Pat Jones, watching their volcanoes erupt after adding baking powder, water, vinegar and of course, red dye. They worked beautifully, as the following photos indicate.



4 December 2014

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make healthy Santas.


This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they're cute to look at, and delicious to eat!


Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:

1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the 'hat' on top
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at *Eat It To Beat It!*

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit







A Musical adapted for the students of
Martins Creek Public School

Tuesday 16th December 2014, 6.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Free Admission

Come down for fantastic entertainment,
Carol singing, Santa and the chance to win
a Christmas Hamper

A light supper will be provided.

Santa will need some help so please bring
your child's gift wrapped and clearly named
to put under the Christmas Tree.

10 Cook Street, Martins Creek.



Awards Week 6

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1

Seth D for telling fantastic maths stories

Zali for great interpretation of weather map

Riley for fantastic skipping

Nash for fantastic maths skills

1/2/3

Zac for always putting 100% effort into all activities

Fang-Chi for great work in maths

Jona for working well in all areas

Joel for great reading response to sail's text

Eaden for great reading response to guided reading text

4/5/6

Bailea for her positive leadership with the student council

Nyah for her diligent approach with all school work

Amy for her positive attitude to all school activities

Linden for completing her narrative story

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award

Zoe for being a caring and considerate friend

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award

Chelsie & Amy for being exceptionally helpful peer support for new kinders

Library Award

Eaden for consistent reading

Environmental Award

Kimberley for volunteering to help the environmental groups

Healthy Food Award

Grace for having consistent healthy food

Birthdays:-

Gabby turned 10 on 3rd November

Katelin turned 8 on 18th November

Joel turned 8 on 23rd November

Tilly turned 7 on 24th November

Nyah turns 12 on 4th December

Lily E turns 7 on 5th December

Fang-Chiao turns 7 on 8th December

George turns 6 on 18th December

Bailea turns 12 on 27th December

Awards Week 8

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1

Madeline for impressive writing

Zali for being a great speaker

Jessica for an excellent speech

George for great improvement in reading

Seth D for pleasing improvement in his reading and writing

Keeley for always trying her best

George for being a sensible and mature class member

1/2/3

Brodi for participating well in word ladders

Hillary for working well in maths

Kyan for great work in writing activities

Phoebe for great work in all class activities

Felix for constantly thinking of others

4/5/6

Rachael for persevering with tricky tasks

Chelsie for an excellent creative narrative

Gabby for energetic drama effort

Kimberley for excellent literacy pieces of work

Whyatt for an excellent effort as a pirate

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award

Oscar for playing fairly in soccer

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award

Amy for supporting the younger students at the Talent Quest

Library Award

Keeley for being quiet in the library

Environmental Award

Phoebe for volunteering to help in groups

Healthy Food Award

Kyan for eating a variety of healthy foods



P&C News

With tradition, we will be holding a lunch on the last day of school for anyone who is interested. I have booked a table at Largs Hotel on Wednesday 17th Dec at midday.

At this stage, I have reserved 20 places and will need to confirm this closer to the day.

This is always an enjoyable afternoon to catch up one last time before we pick up the kids and head off for the Christmas break.

This offer is open to everyone, so please let me know if you want to come.

A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH - NO. 4 - Week 9

Hello Year 6,

I am really looking forward to Week 7, Term 1 next year (Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th March 2015), when we will go on an exciting adventure together to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This camp is a tradition for Year Seven students at Dungog High School. The camp will have loads of fun activities planned for all of us. It will help us get to know each other and ourselves better. For three days we will be participating in activities such as kayaking, rock climbing, archery, and the Giant Swing, which I am sure, will set more than one pair of knees shaking!

What is a Bay? Until I arrived at Dungog High School I had never heard of the term bay used in reference to where people sit. You may or may not have heard about it yourself. At Dungog High students tend to sit in their friendship groups in different little areas of the playground which are called 'Bays' during lunch and recesses. When you are in Year 7, there is a special area set out specifically for Year 7s. It's a great place to start out if you do not have somewhere to sit, or don't know anyone else that you would like to sit with. You never know you might find some new friends and end up sitting there for the rest of the year! Another great place to start out in is in the Barn. It has lots of seats and is undercover, so you won't get wet when it rains and you will be protected from the sun. Of course you can move around the playground and sit with different people when you like, there is somewhere for everyone!

Mrs Judd ☺

PATERSON RIVER NETBALL CLUB

Registration Dates for Season 2015

Saturday 31st January 2015 10-12pm and Wednesday 4th February 2015 3.30-6pm at the Paterson School Library.

Follow PRNC www.patersonrivernc.nsw.netball.com.au or like us on Facebook "Paterson Netball Club". Contact us patersonnetball@gmail.com or PO Box 136, Paterson NSW 2421.

Hot Dog Order

Name: _____

Hotdog with:

tomato sauce BBQ sauce no sauce (please circle)

Milo smoothie or popper (please circle)

Orders and money (\$5.00) need to be returned no later than Monday 8th December



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28 November 2014

RE: Preparation Program for Children to receive the Catholic Sacraments in 2015

Dear Parents,

This is an invitation to families who would like to prepare their children for the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2015.

We will be holding **FOUR** parent information sessions in early February for the eight Catholic parishes of the Chisholm Region: East Maitland; Maitland, Largs, Paterson; Morpeth; Dungog, Clarence Town; Gresford; Lochinvar; Beresfield and Rutherford. The first of which is on:

Tuesday 3rd February 2015	7:00pm St Pauls Church Rutherford
Wednesday 4th February 2015	7:00pm OLOL Church Beresfield
Thursday 5th February 2015	5:00pm St Mary's Hall Dungog
Thursday 5th February 2015	7:00pm St Joseph's Church East Maitland
Friday 6th February 2015	10.30am Corcoran Centre, Morpeth

If you wish your child to prepare for their sacraments in 2015, it is essential for you to attend the first two parent information sessions in the program. If you are unable to attend the first two information sessions, please contact the appropriate team member (after these first two information sessions have been completed in 2015, all other families seeking preparation for their children for the sacraments will need to wait until the following year). These initial information evenings will include a complete overview of our preparation process. These are parent information nights only; children are not required to attend.

After this initial introduction to the process, and if you feel as a family you are ready to commit to the process you will be invited to attend the second parent only meeting. At this meeting a more detailed explanation of the process will be given and resources needed to support you during the preparation process will be given out.

We look forward to meeting you and providing support to you and your children in this very important part of their journey in faith.

Yours sincerely,

Father Paul and the Regional Sacraments of Initiation Team

PARISHES (established)

1835 East Maitland – 1841 Maitland – 1871 Morpeth – 1875 Dungog
1892 Gresford – 1905 Lochinvar – 1947 Beresfield – 1961 Rutherford

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

ELECTIVE MUSIC LESSONS 2015

In order to organise the music teachers' time for next year's lessons, we need an idea of the number of students who are interested in learning an instrument at school next year in elective music lessons.

Students may choose either guitar or keyboard, *not both*, lessons for which are conducted during school time on Tuesdays (keyboard) and Thursdays (guitar). Guitar and keyboard lessons are only open to students in Year 2 and above. Keyboard students will need to purchase a textbook which Mrs Tuyl usually sources – approximate cost will be \$15/book. Small group ability-based lessons for guitar and keyboard cost \$10/week and fees are payable at the beginning of each term. All lessons need to be paid for, even if the student is absent. Teachers do try to add extra time to subsequent lessons where possible to make up for lessons missed. Some students choose to have individual lessons which can be arranged with Mrs Tuyl or with Mr Loi. Cost for these is \$20/week.

Drum lessons will again be offered with Col Hatchman. These will run on Friday mornings *before school*, from 8:45 am – 9:15 am. If your child wishes to learn drums, Col will supply the bucket drums for the lessons, but students will need to purchase a pair of drumsticks, which will cost approximately \$15.00. Lessons are \$10/week plus a \$1.00/week hall levy (paid separately to the school). These fees are also payable in advance each term.

Finally, Ms Hamer (and Mrs Tuyl for the Opera House performance group) will again be teaching recorder to students who wish to learn. There is no charge for these lessons.

Any students who wish to undertake any of these lessons must make a commitment to practise their instrument regularly, otherwise they are wasting the tutor's time and their parents' money.

If you wish your child to be part of this program, please complete the election form below. Parents may wish to attend the school Music Recital next Tuesday to see how far the students have come under the program. I need this information returned by Friday, 12th December.

Yours faithfully,

Gail Hamer
Classroom Teacher

Child's Name: Please tick your child's choice

Guitar

☐

or

Keyboard

☐

Small group lesson/ Individual lesson

Small group lesson/Individual lesson

(Please circle your choice of small group or individual lessons for the above)

Drums

☐

Recorder

☐