WEEK 10—TERM 1

Saturday 6th April
- MEPS Working Bee from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Tuesday 9th April
- Last payment day for ICAS competitions
- Last payment day for Dance2fit

Thursday 11th April
- Anzac Day Service @ 10.30am Parents and carers welcome to attend

Friday 12th April
- Out of Uniform & Sausage Sizzle for Year 6 Fundraiser. Please pre-order your sausage sandwich.
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM

Tuesday 30th April
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm library

Wednesday 1st May
- STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 2 (Please note: Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th are Staff Development Days)

Friday 10th May
- Mothers’ Day Breakfast @ 8am in Stephanie Alexander Kitchen
- Mothers’ Day Stall—children are able to purchase a small gift for mum, step-mum or other significant female in a child’s life.

Tuesday 14th May
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Wednesday 15th May
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Thursday 16th May
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MEPS Easter Raffle
Thank you to all our wonderful families for your donations of Easter goodies and for selling so many raffle tickets. This fundraiser was extremely successful, raising $691.40! All money raised will be used in our Student Welfare Program to support our students and ensure equal opportunity for all children.

Working Bee
Just a reminder for our school community that we have a working bee organised for this Saturday 6th April. We are trying to bring the garden back to its former glory and hope that as many families as possible could spare an hour or two to help us achieve this goal.

Following on from the working bee, on April 11th (our Anzac Day Service) Tim Owen MP, and several delegates from ANZAC House, will be visiting, as well as 15 teachers from other schools looking at our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden set up. This is to establish school gardens as part of the Hunter Wetlands Project.

During the school holidays we will have 52 students coming from Newcastle University to do a two day course on sustainability/environmental education here at our school. We need to look our best and with your help we can!

Book Packs
Thank you to parents/carers who have made payments on their children’s packs. This week the school will be contacting those families who are yet to make a payment, to work out how we can ensure that your child is not disadvantaged in any way.
**Trespassers**
Yesterday I found unauthorised people on the school grounds. To ensure that we protect our facilities for our children and school community, please contact Waratah Police on 4926 6599, if you see any suspicious behaviour.

**ANZAC Day Service**
I would encourage all parents/carers, grandparents and community members to join us on Thursday 11th April for our school service, beginning at 10.30am. This will be a special event as we will have special visitors for the day. Tim Owen (MP), delegates from ANZAC House (Sydney), and also from Williamtown Air Base. They will be joining us for our commemorative service, which will be following by the Gallipoli Puppets and the unveiling of our Remembrance Wall. Everyone is welcome to come to morning tea at around 11.35am. We look forward to seeing you at this special event.

**Bushrocks/Landscaping**
We are upgrading our gardens and are seeking the donation of any used landscaping materials such as bush rocks, sleepers, old bath or laundry tubs. We will put all donations to good use in the gardens and hope to establish some additional frog ponds.

**Nightly Reading**
Please ensure your child is reading every night. This is a positive habit and builds vocabulary and confidence in your child. Get them to read out loud as this improves expression and fluency which assists children with oral presentation. It’s also a great way to spend some time with your child.

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**News from the Canteen**

**Sneak Peak for Term 2!**

**Freshly made Homemade Soup**—check the blackboard outside the canteen for each weeks special.

**Every Thursday in Term 2 we will have freshly made Sushi available**—this will be available on a strictly pre order basis. Your order will need to be placed by NO LATER than 10am each Wednesday. Sushi menu will be published in next week’s newsletter.

We still need some volunteers for to help with preparation for an hour each morning and from 1.25pm to 2pm at recess time. No experience necessary, just bring willing hands! Please see Kallie in the canteen if you need more information.

**Year 6 End of Term Fundraiser**
On the last day of school term, Friday 12th April, Year 6 will be holding a “sausage sizzle” fundraiser. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year. Students are also permitted to wear “out of uniform” clothes. Please note, that for catering purposes we need everyone to pre-order their sausage sandwich. A tear off slip is on the last page of this newsletter. Please complete and return with your money to the school office by **no later than Thursday 11th April**.
Dance2bfit Program
All Year 3 to Year 6 students have received notes concerning participation in this program. It is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This program has been specifically developed for NSW Primary Schools online with the PDHPE syllabus. For your child to participate, you will need to complete the permission note and return to the school office with your money by no later than Tuesday 9th April.

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal’s Award last week:

William Murray
Kai Watson-Boyle

This week’s tips for parents.....

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp.

Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


Parent-teacher interviews
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings.


School calendar
What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&catid=2&viewType=yearView

WORKING BEE

THIS
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL
from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

We hope to complete the following jobs:

⇒ Fill gardens with bark chip
⇒ Tidy up main garden area
⇒ Tidy and weed rear garden beds
⇒ Construct fence near pizza oven (to create a chook run)
⇒ Mulch garden beds and pots

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Year 6 Fundraiser

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Nutrition Snippet
What Does 2 Fruit & 5 Veg Actually Look Like?

A serve of FRUIT is **150 grams** or:

- 1 medium piece (e.g. apple) = 2 small pieces (e.g. apricots) = 1 cup chopped or canned fruit

A serve of VEG is **75 grams** or:

- ½ cup cooked vegetable or cooked legumes = 1 medium potato = 1 cup salad vegetables

That means that just 2 ½ cups of cooked vegetables every day will give an adult their recommended daily intake! But don’t leave it until dinner - enjoy vegies throughout the day to be sure you reach your target.


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Cancer Council