Welcome to week 8. What an exciting couple of weeks leading up to the end of term. All students will be attending their annual excursion next week. Years 5 & 6 will be heading down to Canberra to visit our Nation's capital for 3 days. Years 3 & 4 will head off to the IMAX theatre in Sydney as part of their HSIE studies and K - 2 will be visiting the Civic Theatre to see the Cranky Bear stage show.

**BOOK FAIR & PARADE**

Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and staff who attended the Book Parade and Fair last Thursday. The students looked amazing in their costumes and it was wonderful to see so many students participating this year. Thank you to the 5/6 class for running the parade. Sales from the Book Fair allowed us to enjoy over $500 in book commission. Thank you to the Hicks family for donating a book to the library and to everyone who made a purchase on the day.

**UNIFORM UPDATE**

The uniform surveys that recently went out have resulted in the introduction of the sports uniform as our full-time uniform. This change will be phased in over an extended period, with the new uniform being compulsory for everyone from the beginning of 2017. This will mean that our Year 5 & 6 students will not have to buy a completely new set of uniforms.

There has been a delay in obtaining new stock of the shirts and as a result the shirts will not be available until around week 4 next term. I will let you know when they are available.

**HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL DADS**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 26 August: Jackson C
- 27 August: Blake C
- 4 Sept: Tayah H
- 5 Sept: Cameron R
- 7 Sept: Chelsy D
- 10 Sept: Lilly M
- 12 Sept: Alex G

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BUDDY BENCH
Our Buddy bench was installed last week thanks to KOFM and Belmont Bunnings. The bench provides a space for students to sit if they are feeling like they need a helping hand during play times.

CONGRATULATIONS
What a great couple of weeks it has been for our school on the sporting arena. The last fortnight has seen a number of students gain selection at a State level. Phillip T has been selected to represent NSW in Rugby Union and has also qualified for the Shot Putt at the State Athletics Carnival coming up. Jake E has also qualified in the 9 years 100m. What a fantastic effort by both students.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
Don’t forget our Fathers’ Day breakfast this Friday morning. Breakfast will be served from 7.30am until around 9am. Dads are welcome to stay and have a game of handball or a kick on the field with their children.

CANBERRA EXCURSION
Just a reminder to families that students in Years 5 & 6 need to be at school no later than 6.45am on Monday 7 September.

IMAX THEATRE EXCURSION
The bus will leave at approx. 8.15am on Wednesday 9 September. Please ensure students in Years 3 & 4 are at school before this time to have the roll marked and board the bus.

PARENT SURVEYS
The parent survey is still available online and I encourage everyone to complete it. It only takes a few moments of your time and provides the school with valuable information to help us improve our services.

You can access the survey at:

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
The parent information session for parents with children starting school in 2016 will be held at the end of term 3. If you know of anyone who has children starting school next year, please pass on the information. Please see below for all the orientation session times.

Parent Information Session: 17 Sept 6pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 12 Nov 9:15am
Kindergarten Orientation: 19 Nov 12:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 26 Nov 12:00pm

Aaron Quinnell - Principal

P&C NEWS
Just under 2 weeks until our Trivia Night. Book it in your diary! Saturday 12 September, 2015. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by contacting Col on 0402 814 202 or emailing us at bpstrivianight@hotmail.com. $100 per table with a maximum of 10 people per table. It is preferable to pre-book your table so we can have an idea of numbers for the night. We have been busy collecting donations for prizes and raffles and would love some help. If you have, or know of, a business that would like to donate, please let us know. It could be a product, a voucher or a cash donation ($100) to sponsor a round. We would be grateful for any contribution. A letter is available if needed and can be obtained by emailing us at the above address. We are looking forward to seeing you there for a fun-filled night!

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Mon 14 Sept | Lisa Hunter | Brad Emanuel |
| Tue 15 Sept | Col Taylor  | Chris Unicomb |

HOME READING AWARDS

| 50 Nights: | Madison H | Kayla K |
| 75 Nights: | Cameron R | Sheridan K |
| 100 Nights: | Chris T | Lily R |
|            | Emma T   | Jasmine W |
ASSEMBLY AWARDS - Weeks 6 & 7

K/1  Sheridan K
     Mitchell C
     Thomas C
     Eddy M

1/2  Finn W
     Tegan H
     Sharna C
     Kahlia C

3/4  Ella P
     Erin B
     Jake E
     Mishayla R

4/5  Lani H
     Cale A
     Zali B
     Isaac F

5/6  Jett F
     Lucy W
     Kaitlyn E
     Jenna H

QUALITY WORK AWARDS

K/1  Thomas C
     Taj M

1/2  Marley M
     Atlanta K

3/4  Haylie M
     TJ T

4/5  Tejay E
     Isaac F

5/6

Celebrating 25 years of Joeys

1st Swansea Scout Group welcomes you to

Joeys Teddy Bear Picnic

12-3pm
At Swansea Scout Hall
Saturday 29th August
2015

Bring your family and a picnic
All activities will be free
Old Fashioned Games *Billy Carts* Face Painting and much more....

For information please call Liz: 0447403535 (After 3pm)

KEEP LOOKING WHEN COOKING
The leading cause of home fires in NSW is negligence when cooking unattended.

IF YOUR PAN CATCHES FIRE, HERE’S WHAT TO DO
1. Turn off the stove if safe to do so and use lid to cover the flame.
2. Never use water to put out a fat or oil fire.
3. Use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket in the first few seconds of ignition. If you are confident.
4. Leave the kitchen, close the door and call Triple Zero 000.

CARBON MONOXIDE FROM OPEN FIRES
Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of Carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

PREVENT FIRES FROM HEATERS
1. Keep everything one metre away from your heater.
2. Install and use as per manufacturer’s instructions.
3. If you suspect a fault, have the heater serviced or replaced.
4. Always supervise young children in rooms with open fires or working heaters.
5. Ensure flues and chimneys are regularly cleaned.
6. String fire screen should be set up in front of open fires.
7. Never use wheat bags in bed.

MAINTAINING YOUR SMOKE ALARM
1. Test your smoke alarm batteries every month by pressing and holding the test button for five seconds. Replace batteries every 12 months.
2. Vacuum dust off alarms every six months.
3. Replace smoke alarms with new photoelectric alarm every ten years or earlier, if specified by the manufacturer.

For more information on smoke alarms, visit fire.nsw.gov.au and planning.nsw.gov.au

BE PREPARED BY MAKING A PLAN OF ESCAPE

Draw a floor plan of your home, including two ways of escape from each room.
Then an escape route and ensure everyone knows how to get out.

Keep door and window keys in or near to locks so they can be opened easily.

Blocked exits are a hazard. Keep exits clear.

Decide on a meeting place outside e.g. the letterbox. Provide alternatives and instructions to assist for anyone with a disability.
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**Hunter Academy of Sport**

School Holiday Program

WHY CHOOSE US WHEN YOU CAN PLAY 9?

The Hunter Academy of Sport is now offering a unique sports camp for boys and girls, ages 6-15. During the school holiday program, athletes will participate in 9 different sports, learn basic skills and get a feel for a number of athletic activities from nationally certified coaches. 1, 2 and 3 day options available. For more information visit www.hunteracademy.org.au/events

SEPT 29, 30, OCT 1

No.2 Sportsground - National Park - Newcastle West

netball • rugby • cricket • afl • athletics • baseball • softball • touch • basketball

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**Saver Plus**

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus is developed by ABF and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered by the Smith Family.
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**AIA Vitality**

**MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls**

An introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015.

Visit the website to find a location nearest you.