Last week Kindergarten classes were formed and the children settled into their new rooms. This year we have three Kindergarten classes: KN with Miss Nielsen, KH with Mrs Heinrich and K/1K with Mrs Keeghan. The supervising Assistant Principal for Kindergarten is Mrs Tamsett. This week the last of our 2015 pre-schoolers will begin their learning journey with us. We have twenty classes in total, including four prior to school classes.

All new classes were formed after considerable deliberation on the learning needs of each student, the mix of students in each class, and the social and emotional needs of each child. Above all else, the main imperative was to ensure that each student continues to grow in their learning. If you would like to discuss your child’s class placement please contact either Mrs Polios or me, as we would be very happy to meet with you.

This Wednesday afternoon we will be celebrating the start of the 2015 school year with an afternoon community BBQ. Please join us after school for a chat and a sausage sandwich while your children play organised games with some of the teachers.

Mrs Lock
Principal
A Message from Mrs Polios

COMMUNITY BBQ

This Wednesday afternoon is our Community BBQ. It will start straight after school and finish around 4.15pm.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from the print room window facing the shed area from 3.10pm. Sausage sandwiches will be served under the shed from 3.15pm.

Sporting equipment will be available on the grassed area outside the hall. Teachers will supervise these activities.

MEET THE TEACHER sessions

Next week, are our ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions. Invitations have come home today with the newsletter. Please return the ‘tear-off” section to your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing you both at our Community BBQ and the Meet the Teacher sessions.

TERM 1 REPORTS

On Monday 2nd March, when the next newsletter comes home, you’ll also receive your child’s Term 1 report. The report will give you information about your child’s social skills and their commitment to learning. Additionally, the report will indicate if your child is receiving additional support for their learning.

Teachers may also request an interview to discuss the learning support for your child. If the teacher requests an interview to discuss your child’s learning, you will receive an Interview request form to complete. On the form, we ask that you indicate the days and times that you’re available to meet with the teacher, and return the form to school.
BRAG WALL

Beginning today, the noticeboards in the courtyard will showcase fabulous work by students P-6.

Our buddy classes will share a noticeboard and student work will be displayed fortnightly. Make sure you come along and have a look at some of the great work by our students.

CLUBS

Our Term 1 and 2 clubs started today. We have a range of club options available throughout the week during recess and lunch times.

See the timetable on the next page

Mrs Polios
Deputy Principal

We would like to congratulate the SRC members, Library monitors and Sport House Leaders for receiving their position. We look forward to working with the SRC members to improve our school.

We would like to congratulate the PSSA teams and wish them all the best in their competition.

We want to remind everyone to wear their hats up on the top oval to be sun safe.

Our Leaders’ Induction assembly will take place this Wednesday 18th February at 9.15am under the cola.
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Beginning today, we are putting a spotlight on some of our playground expectations. Teachers will be rewarding appropriate behaviours as part of our ‘focus of the fortnight’.

The focus for this fortnight is RIGHT GAME, RIGHT SPACE.
✓ We play games that involve large balls such as foot balls, soccer balls and basket balls on the basketball court and the oval.
✓ We play on the equipment when a teacher is supervising the equipment.
✓ We play in areas that are supervised by teachers.
✓ We don’t play games with sticks and rocks or games in garden beds as they are unsafe games / places for play.

Over the fortnight, teachers will reward students who are keeping themselves and others safe, by playing the right games in the right space with CCs.

At next week’s assembly, each class teacher will reward a student who has consistently adhered to the ‘right game, right space’ expectations with a special award.
Parents often identify the following as some of their children’s annoying behaviours at home:

- Putting off tasks that children have been asked to do and saying ‘I’ll do it later’
- Not listening to adults
- ‘back chatting’ to adults
- Not cleaning up or packing up after themselves
- Saying ‘no’
- Swearing & name calling
- Crying, whinging and having tantrums when told ‘no’
- Blaming others
- Not taking care of their belongings and the belongings of others

We have put together a set of ‘At home’ expectations that relate to these annoying behaviours.

Parents and carers can use these expectations at home

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Parents and carers want the best for their children – a good education can be life changing!

The most important thing parents and carers can do to help their child get a good education, is get them to school every day!

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Congratulations 4-6P and 3-6B!!

Congratulations K-6K, 2/3C and 4-6N!!
What does our school attendance look like now?

The bar represents 100%. The shading represents what our school percentage for attendance is now, after 13 days of school (92%)

**Jargon Buster**

**HSLO** = Home School Liaison Officer

The HSLO regularly monitors student attendance and may meet with families to implement an AIP.

**AIP** = Attendance Improvement Plan

This plan lasts for 20 school days. It is an agreement between the HSLO, the school and the parents/carers to help improve a child’s attendance.
COMING EVENTS

February

Week 4

Tuesday 17th
After School Sport starts – Years 2 & 3
(Please note – AASS finishes at 4.15pm)

Wednesday 18th
School Leaders’ Induction assembly
Community BBQ from 3.00pm

Thursday 19th
Scripture lessons begin for years 3-6

Friday 20th
PSSA summer competition begins
After School Sport starts – Years 4, 5 & 6
(Please note – AASS finishes at 4.15pm)

Week 5

Monday 23rd
Yarn Up newsletter home today
2-6 assembly
3/4W presenting; Item by 4-6P

Tuesday 24th
K-1 assembly
1T presenting; Item by 1K
K-1 Meet the Teacher
KH, KN, K/1K, 1T and 1K at 3.15pm
After School Sport – Years 2 & 3
(Please note – AASS finishes at 4.15pm)

Thursday 26th
Swimming Time Trials
2-6 Meet the Teacher
2/3C, 2/3B, 2/3K and 3/4W at 3.15pm
4-6P, 4-6N and 4-6A at 4.00pm

Friday 27th
After School Sport – Years 4, 5 & 6
(Please note – ASS finishes at 4.15pm)
Books at Whalan 2015

Our school has many books for students to read and enjoy. Sometimes it is hard to remember which ones need to be returned to school. This may help you.

**Library Books:** *Library books have a coloured label wrapped around the spine, a barcode sticker on the back and the Whalan School stamp inside the book.*

* Students need a **library bag** to protect the books. This can be a school library bag, an old ‘Books In Homes’ bag or a plastic bag.

*Library books are not to keep...they must be returned so other students can borrow them.*

These classes have Library lessons during **Even** Weeks.

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**“Twilight Tales” Books:** Each class has a tub of “Twilight Tales” books.

*Students borrow these to read with their families at home.

* They have a white label with the TT logo

*The Whalan School stamp is inside the book to show that they **belong to the school.**
“Books In Homes” Books:
*Each Whalan student receives 9 books a year through this national program.
*The books are paid for by The University of Western Sydney.
*Students receive three books at a time at three special assemblies throughout the year.

*Students choose the books they would like to receive. These books have an orange BOOKS IN HOMES sticker inside the front cover with the student’s name written on it and come home in a black BOOKS IN HOMES bag. (These bags make great library bags!)

*These books are to keep at home and belong to the student. They do not have to be returned to school. This year our first book BIH assembly is on Tuesday, 17th March.

“Book Club”: Twice a term, Scholastic Book Club brochures are sent home giving families the opportunity to buy books.
*Order forms and money are handed into the school office.
*Books arrive about three weeks after the school order is placed.
These books are bought by families if they choose to and belong to them.

*The first Book Club brochures for 2015 went home last week. Orders and money need to be handed in to the office by 3pm tomorrow, Tuesday 17th February.
Family Links
2015 TERM 1 Activities

TUESDAYS:
WOMBATS PLAYGROUP
9.30am - 11.30am
17th February – 24th March 2015

Wombats Playgroup is a fun filled playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and their families. Light morning tea provided. Everyone welcome! For more information call 8886-6300. Located in the Meeting Room (next door to canteen)

TRIPLE P!
11.30am – 1pm
3rd February – 24th March 2015

Triple P is a parenting group for families. Everybody is welcome! Call Nasrin for more information 8886-6307. Located in the Meeting Room (next door to canteen)

Limited childcare places available.

FRIDAYS:
RED READING MAT
8.30am – 8.55am
6th February – 27th March 2015
(Located under the SHED)

Come read a story with me on the red mat. Take a book home and swap it the next week! Look for Barbara wearing the red hat!

All Family Links activities are FREE!
Recipe: Fresh Linguine with herb dressing

Serves: 8 or 20 tastes

Fresh from the garden: herbs

Equipment:
- Large tray and saucepan
- Chopping board
- Measuring cups / spoons
- Colander
- Wooden spoon
- Pasta Machine (mounted to bench)
- Kitchen aide or food processor
- Knife
- Cling wrap and canola spray
- 3 serving bowls and tongs

Ingredients:

**Pasta Dough:**
- 300g plain flour
- 2 tsp salt
- 3 eggs
- 4½ tbsp olive oil

**Pasta Dressing:**
- ¼ cup olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ mixed herbs finely chopped
What to do:

- Add all dough ingredients into kitchen aide bowl or food processor. Turn on slowly until combined then turn up and run until a dough ball is formed.
- Get cling wrap and lay out on bench. Spray with canola oil and place dough ball on it, wrap up for next class to use (or at least 1 hour).
- Grab prepared dough and divide into 2cm pieces, press down to fit into pasta machine.
- Start at the widest setting and start putting through pasta machine. Put through 2 or 3 times then go down one setting. Keep doing this until at second thinnest setting. Put through the linguine cutters or cut into thin strips with a sharp knife.
- Lay pasta on floured tray for about 5-10 minutes to let dry a little.
- Fill saucepan with water and a pinch of salt, put lid on and bring to boil.
- Chop herbs.
- When water is boiling, add pasta and gently cook for 3-4 minutes until al dente.
- Set the colander in to the sink, tip the linguine and water into the colander.
- Place drained pasta back into saucepan, drizzle with olive oil and drop in chopped herbs.
- Add salt and pepper and mix well.
- Divide into 3 serving bowls and place on table with a set of tongs.
Recipe: Master Salad with Seasonal Fruit or Vegetables

Serves: 6 at home or 25 tastes
Fresh from the garden: lettuce leaves of mixed variety, herbs, lemons, seasonal fruit or vegies

Equipment:
- Large bowl
- Salad spinner
- Chopping board
- Tongs / grater (if required)
- 3 salad bowls/tongs for serving
- Knife / Knives / fork / tablespoon
- Mortar and Pestle
- Lemon Juicer on top of measuring jug

Ingredients:
- 15 mixed lettuce leaves
  (if small add a few more)
- 1 large bunch of mixed herbs (coriander, parsley, basil and thyme are the best)
- ½ onion diced finely (if available)
- 10 cherry tomatoes cut in¼’s (if available)
  (any seasonal fruit or vegies can be used)
- 2 grated carrots (if available)

Classic Vinaigrette Dressing:
- 2 cloves garlic
  (peeled and crushed in mortar and pestle)
- 2 pinches of salt and pepper
- ½ lemon
- ¼ cup olive oil
What to do:

- Wash all salad leaves and dry in the salad spinner. Rip leaves into small 3cm pieces (no larger) and place into large salad bowl.
- Remove all stems from herbs, chop finely and place into the large salad bowl with all the lettuce leaves.
- Add any other grated or diced fruit and vegetables you are using into the salad bowl.
- Place peeled garlic into mortar and pestle along with the salt. Pound a paste using the pestle.
- Juice the lemon then grate the rind of the lemon into the juice.
- Add the garlic paste and olive oil into the jug with the lemon juice and rind.
- Add pepper and mix until combined well.
- Pour dressing on top of salad and toss until dressing coats all of the salad.
- Serve evenly into 3 salad serving bowls.
- Place one bowl of salad and a small pair of tongs on each dining table.
Recipe: Rich Napolitana Sauce

Serves: 25 tastes or 8 serves

Fresh from the garden: Tomatoes, Basil

Equipment:
- Electric frypan
- Chopping board
- Knife
- Wooden spoon
- Large serving spoon
- Can opener
- 3 serving plates with spoons
  (Only if not adding directly to pasta)

Ingredients:
- 2 tblsp Olive oil
- 2 brown onions – finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic – finely diced or crushed
- 2 – 3 tin diced tomatoes
- 3 tblsp tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon raw sugar
- large handful of chopped basil
- Salt & pepper (pinch)
What to do:

- Pre heat frypan on medium heat
- Chop onions finely
- Chop garlic finely
- Add onion & garlic to frypan with the olive oil, cook stirring for 5 minutes
- Stir in tomato base, diced tomatoes, tomato paste and sugar. Bring to a very gentle boil then turn to low
- Add chopped basil (saving a small amount for garnish), salt and pepper, stir in and let simmer on a very low heat for 10 minutes or so
- When fettuccine is ready divide the sauce over the fettuccine and mix gently with tongs, garnish with left over basil or place sauce into 3 serving bowls by itself
- Place on dining tables with either tongs if mixed with fettuccine or spoons if served alone
Junior Indoor Cricket

STARTING Thursday 19th MARCH 2015

- Thursdays and Fridays U/8’s, U/10’s, U/12’s, U/14s and U/16s
- Times from 4:20, 5:10, 6.00 and 6:50pm
- 6 a side
- U/8- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child. A free team shirt when registering!
- Individuals and teams welcome!
- Register any Thursday or Friday 3-6:30pm from January.

Where to Find Us:
20 Forthorn Place  www.stmarysindoorsports.com.au
St Marys NSW 2760  info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au

WHEN YOU PLAY INDOOR CRICKET AT OUR CENTRE $5 FROM YOUR REGO IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR OUTDOOR CLUB!

Junior Winter Indoor Soccer

STARTING MONDAY 20th April 2015

- Times from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20 and 5:55pm
- 5 A SIDE
- U/6- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child
- Individuals and teams welcome!

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: January 2015

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PH: 9623-5523
0406 237 779

Junior Indoor Soccer
$10 per Child
Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus would like to invite parents and students to a display of students’ achievements. This will provide the opportunity to view students’ talents, the school’s progress and to meet the teachers.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 24th February

**TIME:** 4-6pm

**WHERE:** Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus, Stuart Rd Dharruk Ph. 96259750

We look forward to meeting with you
The Mt Druitt Quirky Kids Support Group

Autism, Asperger’s, ADHD, ODD, ADD, OCD, PDD-NOS, Fragile X

Are you a family and/or carer whose child (or children) has been diagnosed with one of the above or thinking of getting your child diagnosed?

We are developing a support group for families and carers of children whose behaviour and medical condition is misunderstood, to share experiences and strategies in supporting these children and celebrating the gifts these children have to offer.

We are also interested in promoting understanding and awareness to other families, teachers and health professionals in the community.

When & Where?

Monday Afternoons (fortnightly) 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Whalan Public School (meeting room)

For more information contact

Debbie on 0459 705 123

Facebook Quirky Kids Support Group
Aftercare Hills PHaMs invites you to our
SECOND AND FINAL Carers Cruise

In recognition of your commitment to the care of your family member or friend living with mental illness, Aftercare Hills PHaMs is providing a **free** afternoon of fun, fine food and harbour cruising.

**Please join us on a Majestic 4 Hour Cruise around the harbour + sightseeing + a deluxe buffet lunch (includes vegetarian)**

**Date:** Thursday 19th of March, 2015

**Time:** 12:00-4:00pm *(meet at 11:45am SHARP)*

**Departing King Street Wharf 5, Sydney**

If you would like to join us please call our Castle Hill office on 9849-5250

**RSVP:** 05/03/2015

**Phone:** Rosalind or Katrina

*alcohol free event*
BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

cordially invites

Years 5 and 6
Parents and sons

to the

Year 7 2016
Information Afternoon

on

Wednesday, 4 March, 2015

at

4.30 to 5.30pm

Blacktown Boys' High School Library
Fifth Avenue
Blacktown

- Explore the best choice for your son's future.
- Consider the benefits of a boys' school, which values
  learning, respect and safety.
- Gifted and Talented Program information available.
- Selective High School admission test information.
  (Blacktown Boys' is a partially selective high school)
- Meet and mingle with teachers, staff and other students.

For further information or to confirm attendance for
 catering purposes, please contact the school:

Phone: 9622 1558  Fax: 9831 2282
Email: blacktownb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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M $70
L $80

Package 3
Full head foils
Treatment
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Toner
S $80
M $95
L $110

Package 4
Full color
10 foils
Treatment
Cut & blow dry
Toner
S $60
M $75
L $85

All tint regrowth $25
Bleach regrowth and toner $60
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PH: 02 9623 0568

1/12 Parklawn Place
North St Marys NSW 2760
Make an appointment today!
How can you be in the draw for a WET N WILD pass at the end of the year?

By meeting the criteria for outstanding attendance.

Less than 5 whole days absent and less than 5 partial days absent.