Week ending Thursday, 5th April 2012

### WHAT'S ON

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### NOTES SENT HOME FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(Also available for download on the website)

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### MONEY/NOTES DUE

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL – Ian Latham

FOCUS ON READING UPDATE
We have taken up the challenge to start a ‘revolution’ about the teaching of reading in upper primary classrooms - Focus on Reading 3-6. Initial feedback indicates that the program is having an immediate and dramatic impact in classrooms:

- I feel I’m involved in a program where I can see the difference it’s making, even after a short period of time.
- My students are participating more confidently, enthusiastically and positively in literacy sessions.
- I have noted that many students are transferring their knowledge of the strategies I’ve explicitly taught them into many other areas of the curriculum. (Participating teachers)

Focus on Reading 3-6 is an intensive professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading in the middle and upper primary years, namely comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency. The program draws from a sound research base that justifies the need for these key aspects to be at the forefront of literacy teaching and learning in the middle years.

The program emphasises and highlights the importance of:

- ‘rich texts’, particularly subject-based texts, multi-model texts and the types of texts that interest and motivate learners in the middle years;
- ‘rich talk’ of the kind that encourages them to ‘show their thinking’ through talk;
- ‘deliberate’ teaching that begins with insightful assessment; involves planning for explicit instruction based on students’ needs; supports and scaffolds students through modelled, guided and independent teaching; provides clear and purposeful feedback and constant opportunities for student reflection.

CODE OF CONDUCT for Students, Staff and Parents
All members of the school community, both as individuals and in groups, must maintain acceptable standards of behaviour. At all times, students must show consideration for others, courtesy, and a respect for the school environment.

Port Macquarie Public School exists as a place where a complete education may be undertaken in a helpful and co-operative environment. It is important that an atmosphere exists which will foster the development of the mind, body and character. It is essential, therefore, that all associated with the life of the school regard themselves and other persons with dignity and respect. It is important all learn the importance of co-operating in a community with many diverse interests. Students are encouraged to develop a common concern for the well-being of all members of the school community.

Port Macquarie Public School encourages and focuses upon positive aspects of behaviour and achievement. These strategies are essential in the effective implementation of preventative measures used throughout the school.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) was introduced into the school in 2009. The school community has adopted the following four (4) values: respect, safety, responsibility and co-operation.
Expected Standards of Behaviour for Students
All students are expected to comply with the 'Core Rules for Students in NSW Government Schools'. They are:

- Attend school every day unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and co-operating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

These core rules are supported at Port Macquarie Public School and are reflected in our 5 Fair Rules.

5 Fair Rules
1. I can follow instructions.
2. I can listen.
3. I can use my hand and wait.
4. I can work quietly.
5. I can control what I do and say.

Expected Standards of Behaviour for Staff
As employees of the Department of Education and Communities, the staff at Port Macquarie Public School is bound by a Code of Conduct set by this department. This code clarifies the type of conduct expected of staff in the performance of their duties in a professional manner.

Expected Standards of Behaviour for Parents and Community Members
- You are a welcome member of our school community.
- Show due respect to students, staff and fellow school community members.
- Encourage all children to participate in school activities, without the use of force or threatening behaviour.
- Encourage children to be honest and to conduct themselves within the school rules.
- Encourage children to attempt all tasks to the best of their ability and recognise their efforts.
- Never ridicule a child.
- Have realistic expectations.
- Support the judgement and integrity of school staff. Procedures are available to address issues at an appropriate forum.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of staff and other community members. They give of their time and resources to provide an education for your child.
- School staff, students and parents are expected to be appropriately dressed whilst at school or at school functions.
- Intoxicated or drug affected persons are not permitted at the school. Schools are drug and alcohol-free zones as per guidelines set down by the Department of Education and Communities.
What if you have a concern?
On occasions, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Please Note: No parent should directly approach another person’s child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school’s Discipline and Welfare Policy. It is together that we ACHIEVE a successful outcome in the matter raised. We will always try to get an agreed plan of action and a time-line.

We ask you to follow the process set out below:

- Try to identify the problem clearly before contacting the school.
- If there is more than one problem we ask that you list them to ensure the school becomes aware of the extent of the problem.
- We also ask you to decide if this problem is a concern or complaint.
- Write a note either in the student communication book or to the teacher, or if more urgent, contact the Administration Office. Another alternative is to email the school on portmac-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au advising your concerns. Your email will be forwarded to the relevant personnel. In your communication please advise your times of availability for contact to be made.
- If your concern is about a staff member contact the Stage Supervisor or Principal.
- Stay calm – remaining calm will help you get your concerns across more clearly than if you are angry or upset.

In very rare cases, when people wishing to express concerns do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the ‘Inclosed Lands Act’ to:

- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the Principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

Rude, abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated. Any conversation where one person becomes rude, abusive or threatening will end immediately.

EARTH HOUR 2012
Add a bit of ambiance to your evening and help reduce carbon emissions for just one hour. Become part of the worldwide environmental event that is Earth Hour. This year it takes place on Saturday 31 March from 8.30-9.30pm. More info: www.earthhour.org.

P & C NEWS

We would gratefully appreciate any volunteers to help us in the running of the canteen! We are especially looking for a volunteer to assist in running our uniform shop.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nikki Ferguson (P & C Secretary) on 0410 278 172 or attend our next meeting on Tuesday 3rd April at 7pm in the staffroom. All are very welcome to attend.

Vanessa Bollard
President
HONOUR AND PRIDE
MERIT AWARDS FOR OUR STUDENT ‘STARS’

EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1
Mackenna, Oliver, Mia, Noah, Michael, Rylie, Rory, Lillyan, Kurtley, Callum, Chloe, Alex, Angel
Sid, Kate, Josh, Arnykah, Jett, Christopher, Benjamin, Samuel, Rebecca

Principal’s Awards

Nominations for Assembly Values Award
Locky, Sam, Dominic, Lilly, Jordan, Gabi, Ebony-Rose

Special Awards
Jordan, Yoori

STAGE 2
Xavier, Kirra, Abbie, Jada, Billy, Layla, James, Kael, Ryan, Kasey

Principal’s Awards
Tyson, Amy, Nicole, Phoebe, Tyrone, Ethan, Tiana, Taryin, Tahlia, Jonathan, Daniel

Star of Assembly Nominations
Codi, Ethan, Charlie, Jonathan, Kevin

Winner
Codi

Assembly Presenters
Jayden, Teniel, Phoebe, Jye

STAGE 3
Amy, Mason, Tina, Kade, Amber, Thomas, Jaiden, Maddison, James

Principal’s Awards
Isabel, Ruairidh, Garrett, Jaydon, Jack

Gold Pass
Cayla, Jett, Josh, Ashley, Hudson, Reuben, Amber

Star of Assembly Nominations
Mackenzee, Isabel, Hannah, Ella, Ashley, Ben, Summer

Winner
Ashley

VALUES AWARDS

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Easter Street Market
Saturday April 7th 8am – 2pm
Bold and Seymour Streets, Laurieton.

All proceeds from the Laurieton Public School P&C Market Day support the education and development of students at Laurieton Public School.

For Market and Stall Holder enquiries please contact –
Laurieton Public School 6559 9084
Operating under Port Macquarie-Hastings Council’s Health, Food, and Public Liability & Market Policies that are current at the time the Markets are in force.

VACATION CARE FOR APRIL 2012
Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre Children’s Services run a fun filled holiday program of activities, theme days and excursions specifically for school aged children (5-12 yrs).

The program will run from:
• Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th April
• Monday 16th to Friday 20th April

Child Care Benefit (to reduce your fees) is available to all families through the Family Assistance office. We are a community based – not for profit service.

Enquiries are now being taken. Please contact the Centre on 6584 2627.

Port Macquarie Surf School
5 day comprehensive surfing clinics - Easter school holidays.
Separate clinics will be catered for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate surfers.

The programs are designed for school students. Port Macquarie Surf School will not only teach children how to surf or how to improve their surfing skills but also instil in them invaluable surf awareness skills – something they will use for the rest of their lives. Your child will receive the best guidance on water safety and surf awareness whilst enjoying the 2 hour surfing experience in a fun and safe environment.

The Surfing Clinics will commence each week at 2 separate locations – Flynns Beach and Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills. Cost is $130 per student.

Class sizes are limited so bookings are essential by phoning Peter Hudson (Huddo) on 6584 7733 or booking via the webpage www.portmacquariesurfschool.com.au

Book early to avoid disappointment. Class sizes are limited.

Now is the time to enrol for After School Surfing for Term 2.
KEYBOARD & ACOUSTIC GUITAR LESSONS

Beginner keyboard and acoustic guitar lessons in small groups at school on Tuesdays from 8:15-8:45am. Children are required to bring their own instrument to lessons each week. Lessons will begin as soon as possible Term 2, subject to sufficient interest from parents and students.

All lessons incorporate music theory and practical components at a nominal cost as a way of gauging your child’s interest and commitment. The children perform in the Academy of Music Concert annually and have the option of private lessons and exams after an initial tuition period.

Port Macquarie Academy of Music also offers tuition for all ages in drums, violin, brass, woodwind, piano, keyboard, guitar and singing after school at the studios in Jindalee Road, Port Macquarie.

For details and enrolments contact:
Anne on 0412 071162 or email: music_academy@bigpond.com

GIRL’S FRIENDSHIP CLUB

For girls 7 years to 12 years old
Every Monday during school terms, after school till 5.30pm.
Cooking, games and crafts.
Cost: $5.00 per week
Enquiries: Kerrie 0403 600 446 or Elizabeth 6582 5938

Kids - School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Learn to play, improve your game and have fun.
All ages and abilities catered for. Prizes to be won, plus fun for all!

Bookings are essential

When: Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th April, 2012
Time: 9am to 11am
Price: $20 per day or $50 FOR 3 DAYS
Where: West Port Macquarie Tennis Club, Woods Street (Stuarts Park behind Wave Bowl)

Please contact Steve Taylor’s Tennis Coaching: 6585 5908 or 0411 488 123

TERM 2

“PARENT & CHILD SOCIAL TENNIS COMP”
FRIDAY 4.30PM- 6.30PM - $5/PLAYER
ADULT COMPS. MON & TUES EVENINGS
HOT- SHOT PROGRAM 4-6YR OLDS - TUES & WED
PRIVATE, GROUP, SQUAD TRAINING (WEEKLY)
CONTACT STEVE 6585 5908 OR 0411 488 123