Term 3 Staffing

This term we welcome:

- Miss Bec Wilson who is taking the K/1B class for the remainder of the year and Relieving Assistant Principal responsible for Kinder and Stage One classes.
- Ms Lisa Baker (Ms B) has returned to us and will continue on 1/2H for the remainder of the year.
- Mrs Rochelle Wallis who is working in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term while Mrs Beatty is on leave.
- Mrs Angela Matoka who will be taking library on Wednesdays and Fridays for this term.
- Mr Riley Chivers who is our intern teacher on 4/5B for the term.
- Miss Holly Wright who is our intern teacher on KR for this term.

Congratulations to Mrs Amanda Ross who was successful at interview in gaining the full permanent position at our school with the NSW Department of Education. Mrs Mitchell returns this term and will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays for Term 3 and Mrs Jane Lobsey is currently on leave.

Painting Bee

Our apologies for having to cancel the painting bee; due to unforeseen circumstances it could not be avoided. Thank you for your continued support.

NAIDOC Celebrations

This Friday 17th July the whole school will be involved in NAIDOC celebrations. Teachers and students from Callaghan College Waratah Campus will help facilitate these celebrations. Students will have the opportunity to view a Traditional Indigenous Dance performance, view an Aboriginal Artefact Display and also participate in a range of Indigenous activities.

Stage 3 National Tree Planting Day - Friday 24th July

Our stage 3 students have been invited to attend the National Schools Tree Day at Stevenson Park Mayfield. This has been organised by the environmental officers at Newcastle Council and will involve a range of activities including tree planting and discovering bush tucker. We will be joining with Mayfield West PS and Hamilton PS students for this day. Notes will be going home this week to Stage 3 students not attending the Zone carnival.

Education Week Celebrations

Parents, carers and friends are invited to our Education Week Celebrations on Monday 27th July from 11.40am – 2.00pm. We will begin with the opportunity for parents and friends to visit the classrooms and have children show them around the class and share their work with them. This will be followed with adults moving to the hall and all classes performing a Jump Rope For Heart routine, displaying their great skipping and coordination skills. Parents and friends are invited to join us for a healthy lunch after this. Looking forward to great weather and a fun day together.

Transition to High School

There will be a number of transition to high school activities for our Year 6 students over the next two terms.
The first of these will be for students who are attending Callaghan College Waratah Campus in 2016. These students have received permission notes for a Taster Lesson Day at Waratah Campus next week on Thursday 23rd July. Students will be transported via bus from Jesmond PS and there will be no cost for the day. Students should return their permission notes to Mrs Curry by this Friday.

Later this term, students who will attend Callaghan College Wallsend Campus in 2016 will take part in their taster lessons. Notes have already been sent home about this visit, planned for Week 5.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s transition to high school, please see Mrs Curry.

Careers Through Science

Year 4 students will be involved in an exciting opportunity, ‘Careers Through Science’, over the next few weeks. Each Tuesday during this time students will be working in small groups with University of Newcastle tutors to undertake a series of science experiments and activities. The aim of this project is to introduce our students to the world of science through the eyes of our university. Our link with the University of Newcastle is affording our students wonderful opportunities. The student’s reports from the first session were extremely positive with everyone already talking about and looking forward to next week.

NAIDOC Virtual Excursions - Stage 2 and 3

On the last day of Term 2, our Stage 2 and 3 students entered the virtual world of information. Students connected to the National Maritime Museum to undertake a Virtual Excursion with Indigenous leaders. Students learnt traditional dances, constructed their own canoe and engaged in dialogue with Indigenous leaders about the importance of water to the Aboriginal culture.

Stage 3 Sportslink

Well done to our Stage 3 students who were wonderful representatives for our school at the Sportslink inter-school carnival during the last week of Term 2. Mrs Curry and Mr Bannister were lucky enough to accompany our senior students to Maryland, where our Year 5 and 6 students played in a friendly round-robin competition of benchball against other local schools. The students, who have only recently learnt this new sport, played with enthusiasm and showed great sportsmanship and a lovely positive attitude.

It was a successful and enjoyable day for all involved.

Our Stage 2 students now have the chance to learn how to play benchball in preparation for their Sportslink carnival, which is planned for the last week of Term 3. Mr Horton, Mrs Main and Mr Bannister are looking forward to sharing this fun game with our Year 3 and 4 students in PE lessons throughout the term. Permission notes and further information about the Stage 2 carnival will be distributed to families closer to the day.

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Trivia Night – Saturday 25th July

Trivia Night is fast approaching! This night of fun facts will be held on Saturday 25th July at the Water Board Bowling Club, Compton St, North Lambton, 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets are $10 each if pre-purchased or $15 at the door. The lucky door prize is a double pass to A Day on the Green. Please remember this is an adults only event. For more information contact Megan Gleeson on 0428104345. Hope to see you all there!

Canteen

Canteen will be open from week 2 on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday for Term 3.

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