**Mac's Memo!**

**Term 1, Week 3—Thursday 12th January, 2015**

**Important Dates:**

- **Friday Mornings**
  - School Assembly: each Friday in the COLA

- **Wednesday 18th February**
  - Book Club Due

- **Wednesday 18th February**
  - Zone Swimming Carnival

- **Monday 2nd March**
  - P&C AGM

- **Wednesday 4th March**
  - Surf Lifesaving Day—Nobbys Beach—Years 2-6 to attend.

- **Thursday 5th March**
  - Hunter PSSA Swimming—Regional Carnival

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**Congratulations** to students who attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival this week. Our students displayed a high level of sportsmanship and strong participation in events. Zone Swimming qualifiers, will be notified as soon as practicable. Thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents for coming along to support our students, and for their assistance in the running of the carnival. Thank you to the school staff for their wonderful work in organising, and running this year’s carnival.

**Some safety reminders:**

Please assist us in teaching our students to cross roads safely. A reminder that all students need to remain within school grounds at school pick-up time, until they are in the care of an adult.

If waiting for parents to arrive, our procedure is for students to sit on the silver seats. This lets the teacher on duty know exactly who is still waiting.

A reminder also, that teachers are not on playground duty until 9am and therefore, it is important for students not to arrive prior to this time, unless arrangements have been made in advance, with Miss Lennard.

**Expression of Interest Forms:**

This week Year 6 students have received “Expression of Interest” forms for going to High School, in 2016. Please take the time to read them carefully, and then complete, and return to our school office, no later than March 20th, 2015.

**Permission Notes:**

Thank you to families who have already returned all of the General Permission notes. Please keep them coming in, as it is important for us to have this written permission on record.

**Nobby’s Beach Excursion:**

Just a reminder regarding payment and the return of permission notes for this excursion, which is taking place on Wednesday 4th March, for students in Years 2 to 6.

“Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Always Try Your Best”
CONGRATULATIONS - WEEK 2

AWARD WINNERS

K/1/2:
Hunter - “A great start to the year” – Year 1, Charlie - “A great start to the year” – Year 1.

3/4:
Fletcher - “Being very convincing and persuasive in Talking and Listening activities!” - Year 4, Kalab - “Excellent use of adjectives and adverbs in sentence writing!” - Year 4.

5/6:
Sophie - “Being a well mannered, organised and settled member of 5/6” - Year 6, Joshua - “Creating an excellent piece of work in researching the ‘Honey Bee’” - Year 6.

Miss Lennard’s library award went to Charlie - Year 1 for “Her Positive participation in Library lessons”.

A big welcome to our Kindergarten Stars for 2015!

P and C NEWS:

Firstly I would like to thank Kath Webster and Amanda Bihler who have volunteered to be our new banking co-ordinators. Banking will still be on Mondays, however due to the ladies commitments elsewhere they may not be able to process the banking until later in the week, so bank books may not be returned home till Thursday or Friday.

We have an election coming up on Saturday March 28th. We will be running our usual raffle and cake stall, which is always an excellent fundraiser for our school. We are asking families to assist by bringing in non-perishable items to the office for hampers. Also a list will be placed at the office asking for names of people who can cook for the cake stall, whether it be cakes, biscuits, slices etc., savoury or sweet, all donations will be greatly appreciated. We will also be looking for people to man the stall on the day for an hour at a time. Again a list will be in the office.

An invitation is attached for every family for the welcome dinner we will be holding on Thursday 26th February. Come along and join us and enjoy.

Please also start thinking about Easter raffle donations. This draw will take place on Thursday 2nd April.