



Chalkboard – Term 2, Week 3, Wednesday, 11th May, 2016



Friday Assembly

Friday assembly this week will be held at 2.20pm.
Class 5/6 will present an item.

Friday Sport – Walking

On Friday, 20th May, we will be walking around Carrington. Children will need to carry their lunch and water bottle so a small backpack would be great or make their school backpack as light as you can.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help transport the kids. We still require another 1 or 2 cars to transport, if you are able to help, please see Mrs Bradley.

We will leave school about 11.10am (meet at the KB room) and leave Carrington about 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to walk with us. I will provide you with a map of where we are going next week.

If you haven't provided your Working with Children check and your car insurance, licence details to the school office, could you please do it ASAP!

Thanks again for your help, it is much appreciated.
Mrs Bradley

STATE OF ORIGIN

WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE

Come and join our school for game 1 of State of Origin on 1st June. Class notetakers have today received information leaflets and RSVPs. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this fun filled night for all your family and friends.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder to any parent who wishes to purchase more school t-shirts from Newys.

Newys are unable to accept EFTPOS as the shirts have been pre purchased by our P & C and they request that payment be made by cheque or cash as these funds can easily be transferred to reimburse the P & C.

MONSTER TRUCK COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Ticketek & Monster Events are holding a colouring in competition for families to win a family pass and prize pack to their Monster Slam War on Wheels show at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on Saturday, 28th May 2016.

All students have today received a colouring in sheet. If you would like to participate, the carefully coloured sheet and completed information must be handed back to the school by next Monday 16th May, so that they may be forwarded on to Monster Events.

Student Fundraising

We would like to acknowledge Felicity Pfeiffer who asked for donations for Ronald McDonald House rather than birthday presents and raised over \$600- what a great thing to do.

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall this year. Once again the generosity of the families at Hamilton North School was amazing.

We hope everyone had a great Mothers Day and mums enjoyed their gifts. The P & C raised over \$600 for our school.

Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge

Mrs Robinson's Premier's Reading Challenge book read to KB and K/1

"Keeping up with Grandma" by John Winch

ID Number 2490

"Rose meets Mr Wintergarten" by Bob Graham

ID Number 5011

and to **Class 1/2**

"Cuthbert's Babies" by Pamela Allen

ID number 12291

Congratulations to Madeleine, Abbie and Charlie, Eddie and Billy who have already completed their Premiers Reading Record Sheet.

Presentation Night

This year our end of year presentation will be held on Tuesday 6th December from 6pm till 7:15pm in the Waratah High School Hall. All students are expected to attend wearing full school uniform. More details will be sent out in Term 4.

Friday Sport

Please ensure that your child/ren have a hat every-day, especially Friday no matter which sport they do.

Blackbutt Excursion K-2

Tuesday, 17th May

K-2 students will be having a meeting regarding the excursion at school on Monday,

The main things to remember are :

- ♦ comfortable walking shoes preferably joggers
- ♦ small backpack with fruit break, drink bottle , lunch and recess
- ♦ full school uniform
- ♦ school hat, sunscreen and insect repellent

We will know more about the weather on Monday. If there are any changes or the excursion is postponed due to bad weather it will be notified through the schoolbag app on Tuesday morning.

Thankyou (K-2 Teachers)

Glenrock Excursion

Years 3 and 4

Thank you to everyone for paying for the excursion on time. A meeting will be held with the students on Monday and a note sent home that afternoon outlining requirements for the excursion day.

Year 5 Sports Gala Day

Next Wednesday 18th May all Year 5 students will be participating in a Sports Gala Day at Waratah Campus.

It is a great opportunity for children to meet students from other primary schools in the Waratah cluster, practise teamwork skills and enjoy a fun filled day.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned his or her permission note. Reminder permission notes were sent home with students today, please ensure that these are returned to Miss Drew by Friday.

BOOKCLUB

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY

Just a reminder that bookclub orders are due by this Friday and also that Bookclub is now an online ordering service only.

No money is able to be taken over the school office counter any more. All orders MUST be online using the LOOP method. This process is easily explained in the brochure.

If you do not have a credit card and are unable to make online payments you may send in a cheque made out to Scholastic with your order and Ms Gaunt, Bookclub co-ordinator will be able to forward that for you.

Classroom News

K/1

A class newsletter will be sent home today please check your child's bag as it has a lot of important information in it.

OPERATION ART

Thankyou to all the beautiful and amazing artists who completed their artworks in time for selection into the Operation Art/Exhibition/Competition for 2016.

There were some amazing results and the standard this year was exceptional. Most inspiring, however, was the development and growth I witnessed in many children this year whose final products evolved quite dramatically from the initial pieces started early last term and showed a definite journey of creativity and Imagination!!

Finalists were voted for and chosen by all staff (and included a vote by our School Education Director, Mr Peter Smith). These pieces were chosen based on independence, ideas, and persisting with the creative brief (Theme: Cheerful and uplifting works appropriate for display in hospitals. Do they make you smile?).

The decision was so hard.....we even had to access advice from Operation Art organisers themselves!

Well done kids.... You excelled yourselves and congratulations on fantastic products. Your hard work, dedicated lunchtimes and commitment to improve was inspiring.

Please see the wonderful Operation Art works on the following pages.

Mrs Lyle

MEXICAN MONDAYS CANTEEN OPEN MONDAYS

Don't forget that the canteen is NOW OPEN every Monday!

The Monday specials are Tacos for \$2.50 and Burritos for \$4.00 (Mondays only) with beef, cheese, lettuce, tomato and sour cream,





Support-A-Mathematician

Our wonderful Support-A-Mathematician (SAM) program is beginning again this term - and your assistance would be greatly appreciated!



Types of activities:

- * Using dice to count forwards and backwards
- * Doubling numbers under 20
- * Friends of 10
- * Using fingers to count on and back
- * Memory/match games using simple numbers

Training for interested parents will be on Thursday the 19th of May at 9am in the library. It will take a maximum of 20 minutes. Any parent that has previously completed the training will not need to attend this training session. The actual program will begin in Week 5 (23rd May) and finish at the end of the term.

The structure of the program involves children working through simple games using cards, counters or dice with a volunteer at 9am. Each session takes approximately 10 minutes. Usually parents would work with 1 child.

Please indicate on the slip below the days that you would be willing to help out and return to the office with your Working with Children Check reference number.

Thankyou and I look forward to hearing from you.

Miss Boyle

Requirements:

A Working with Children
Check

Support A Mathematician Confirmation slip for Parents/Volunteers

Yes I would like to volunteer to assist with SAM in weeks 5-10 for term 2.

I am available: (Please Circle) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Please tick the boxes relevant to you:

- ☐ I am able to attend the training on Thursday 19th May at 9am in the library
- ☐ I have already completed the training and have provided my Working with Children Check to the office
- ☐ I have recently completed my Working with Children Check and my application number is _____

Parent attending: _____

P&C News

The first P&C meeting of term 2 was held on Monday night, and we were pleased to formally welcome Kelly Deakin as our permanent Principal - a key attribute to a successful community is good leadership, and I feel Kelly will continue to fill this role very well.

We mixed-up the format of the meeting on Monday night in order to see whether we could attract new people, and allow people to attend for the part that benefitted them. A couple of lessons learned on the night: we've been asked to be more inclusive in the decision making process regarding setting timings for meetings (which we'll do); and three back-to-back meetings over four hours is just too much for one night. We'll continue to seek participation in separate "what's important to you" forums, and fundraising and event management meetings - though likely not both to coincide with scheduled P&C meetings!

Nathaniel presented a community engagement proposal that will allow the community to build a skills bank, so watch out for more details on that as the initiative develops. Fundraising and event management is nicely under control and it's great to see people put their hands up to assist in this key area - listen out for a big social event in term 3. It's also great to see the canteen open for an extra day per week, so thanks to those volunteers too. We're looking into some concerns regarding the convenience surrounding purchasing of uniforms (talk to Jo), and Kelly will also continue to liaise with council to ensure the final Jackson St solution is suitable in terms of safety and practicality.

The informal forum saw some discussion regarding road safety, planting new trees in the parent's retreat, the question of how to get consensus on P&C spending, and more events similar to the working bee in order to (primarily) promote the social aspect of the school community.

The P&C will consider all of these issues moving forward, as well as the issue of Ethics classes as an alternative to Scripture. There is strong support to at least have more than a 15-minute informal discussion, so if you're interested into being involved please let Shelley or I know.

Have a great week, and enjoy the sunshine!

Rich Ley
President

80+ Contemporary Dining Offers!	 \$45 value	 \$40 value	 \$30 value	 \$40 value
160+ Casual Dining Offers!	 \$30 value	 \$30 value	 \$40 value	 \$30 value
160+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 25% off
2,000+ Retail and Travel Offers!				

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

Entertainment Books Have Arrived

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Book and Digital Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers.

The books and digital memberships sell for \$60 with \$12 from every book sold contributing to P&C fundraising. They can be ordered online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1> or you can pay by cash – just put the money in an envelope and place it in the P&C Dropbox (next to the canteen). If you have any questions, please call Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

A sample of the offers available this year:

*Operation Art
Kids...*

2016



*Bella Donn — Year 6
(Finalist) ★*



Sophia Deeg — Year 4



*Xanthia Nash — Year 1
(Finalist) ★*

Ginger Flanagan—Year 4



Linh Dinh—Year 6

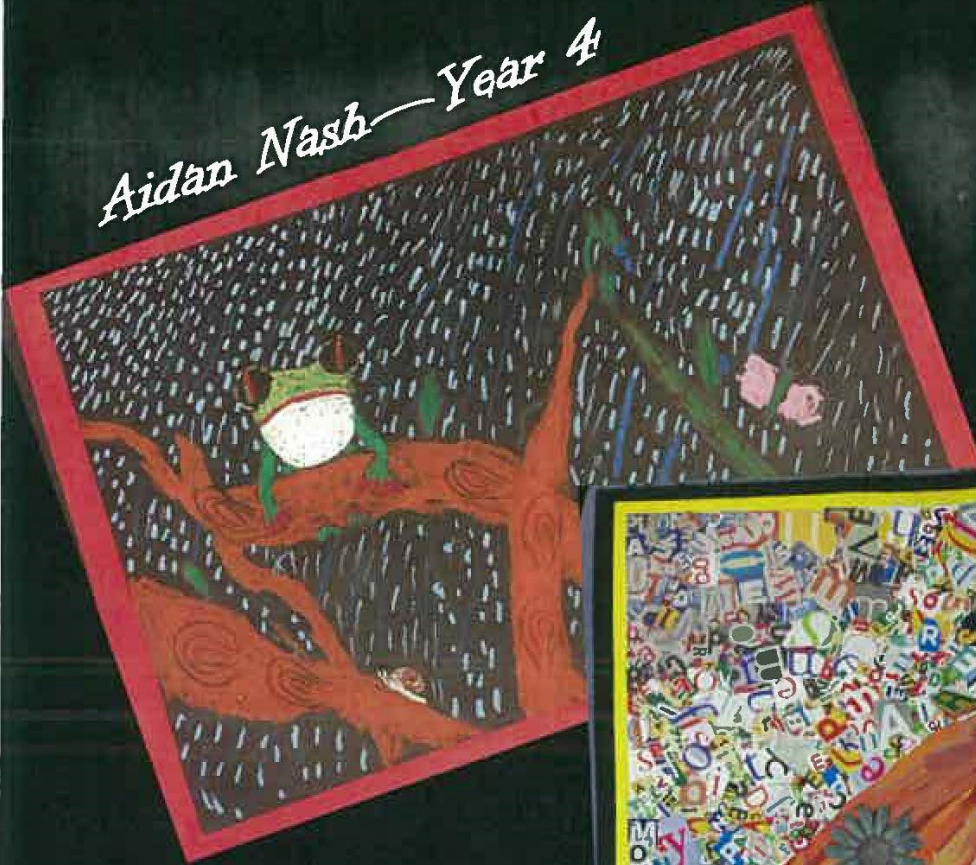


Jaima Taylor—Year 5



Asha Broe—Year 3

Aidan Nash—Year 4

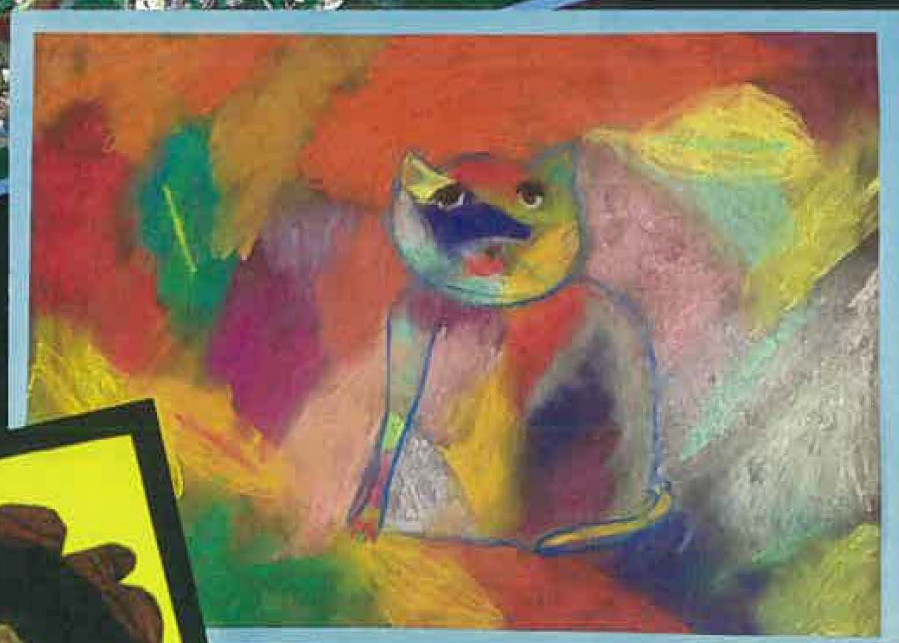
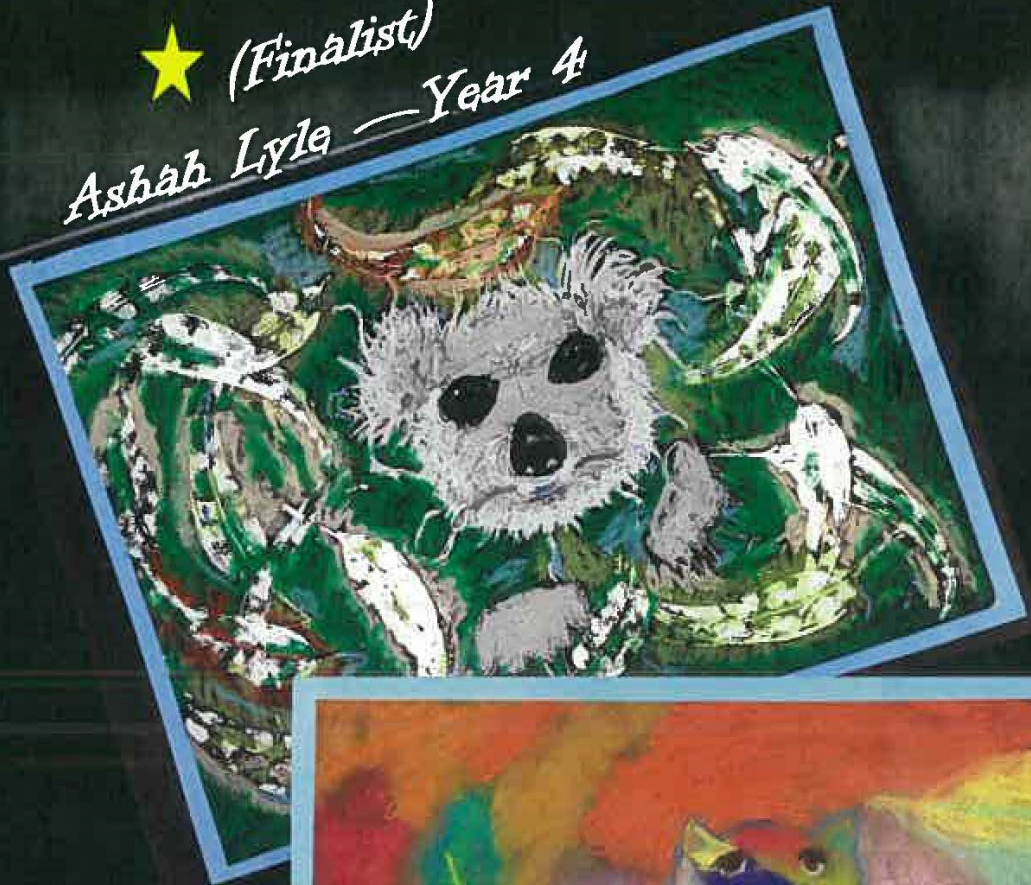


*Madeline Newton
Year 5*



Anna Taper—Year 2

★ (Finalist)
Ashah Lyle — Year 4



Erin Nash — Year 1 ★ (Finalist)



Ruby Edwards — Year 3



Sally Ramsay — Year 1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday-Thursday	10th -12th May	NAPLAN
Friday	13th May	Guitar classes commence
Monday	16th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Tuesday	17th May	Yrs 3-4 Glenrock Excursion Yrs K-2 Blackbutt Excursion
Tuesday	17th May	ICAS – Computer – Exam
Wednesday	18th May	Yr 5 Sports Gala Day
Thursday	19th May	Girls soccer v Stockton
Thursday	26th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Tuesday	31st May	ICAS – Science –Exam
Monday	6th June	Whole School Photos
Friday	10th June	AFL Gala Day
Monday	13th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday	14th June	ICAS – Writing Exam
Wednesday	15th June	ICAS – Spelling Exam
Tue/Wed/Thur/Friday/ Saturday	14/15/16/17th/18th June	Starstruck
Wednesday	22nd June	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday	28th June	Semester Celebration
Friday	1st July	Public Speaking Finals
Tuesday	6th December	Presentation Night, 6pm – 7.15pm Callaghan College, Waratah

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 13th May	Wednesday 18th May	Friday 20th May
Charlie Pfeiffer Jodie Cooper	Frances Guest Elizabeth Bray	Eryn Atkinson Jenny Nicholas