Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our very busy and short term 2.

I would like to say thankyou to all our wonderful parents for the donations of Easter Eggs. Our raffle was outstanding raising $1135 for our students. A big thankyou to Samantha, Libby and Alison for their great wrapping. See some photos on the next page!!!

Congratulations Mrs Gardiner who submitted an application for funding to develop our new outdoor education area. We now have $3300 to cover new vegetable gardens, soil and seating. Mr Flannery has already started work on the area behind the multi-purpose court.

Our ANZAC DAY remembrance service went well with our executives giving us a brief history of this important occasion. I would like to acknowledge Mercedes Hodge, Jessica, Ella & Brianna Guiney, and Zac & Gracie Lloyd for their donations of 2 books in memory of their grandfathers. Also Williams Baer’s donation of a book in memory of his great grandfather. The students will enjoy reading these books.

While our full school cross country carnival was postponed we did run an event to determine our zone team for this Friday. The following students will represent our school Kaman Kariom, Fiacre Munezero, Aiden Turnbull, Kian Ward, Mikayla Pope, Morgan Haimau-Ikihele, Jessica Guiney, Gabi McLoughlin, Zac Lloyd, Josh Wingrove, Josh Small, Hayden Jones, Sami Bawden, Khatana Roberts, Noah Warham Khelani Haimau-Ikihele, Chester Cogan-Aberhart, Tye Beagan, Zane Nielsen, Courtney Willshire, Olivia McGahan, Sabine Copetti, Ashleigh Glendenning, Lucas McGaw, Zac Ambrose, Jacob Turnbull, Jaylen Boyce, Jessie Webb, Kate Greenwood, Davina Ikihega and Ella Guiney.

Good Luck!!

The Mother’s Day Stall is tomorrow with lots of great gifts starting from $1 and going to $8. Please support this great fundraiser. Any student who forgets may bring their money in on Friday in time to take home their gift. Any parent helpers would be greatly appreciated just give Sam a call at home 4953 6780.

On our 1st day back the staff were at Merewether Public School for a fantastic inservice day on Literacy & Numeracy best practice in classrooms & educating our students for the future.

We welcome to our school this term Mr Shaun King on 4K, Mrs Kelly Pitts 2 days a week on 2MP & 3rd year student Jacob Wheeldon working with 5O.

With the weather getting colder please write names on jumpers, jackets & track pants so they can be returned to their owners.

Our school photos went well.

Have a great week & have a happy day to all mums, nans and aunties on Sundays.

Jo Swadling
Principal
**Dates To Remember**

5th May    Mothers Day Stall
6th May    Zone Cross Country
9th May    P&C Meeting – 6.30pm in the staff room
10th, 11th, 12th NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5
18th, 19th, 20th Raw Art
24th May    Uni Computer Test
31st May    Athletics Carnival
9th June    Official Opening of the School Hall at 9.30am
13th May    Queens Birthday Holiday
20th June    School Public Speak Offs this week (more information to follow)
21st June    Uni Spelling / Writing Tests
24th June    K-2 Excursion Reptile Park
WEEK 9    School Reports Home
WEEK 10    Parent / Teacher Interviews
1st July    Last Day Term 2

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**Canteen Roster**

Thursday 5th May    L. Proudlock L. Baer
Friday 6th May    G. McSeveney, R. Sproule, A. Ellevesen
Monday 9th May    E. Hamilton. N. Campbell
Tuesday 10th May    H. Jefferson, L. Parker
Wednesday 11th May    R. Sproule, S. Higgins

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**Star Struck Tickets**

Now on sale from The Entertainment Centre at Broadmeadow.

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Layne Morgan of 6P has been selected for the Hunter Academy of Sport Touch Football Squad 2011. The squad is made up of 14 players aged from 12 – 17, selected from all over the Hunter area. Layne will be attending Myuna Bay Camp this weekend with the squad. Congratulations Layne.

Last weekend Layne refereed the P.S.S.A Regional High Schools Touch Football carnival held at the University. Layne has been selected to referee at the State carnival held at Sydney in July this year.

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**You Can – Schools Program**

Collect & donate old mobile phones to the school – it’s for Cancer Research. Collection box is at the office.

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**Entertainment Books** have arrived you can purchase from the office $60 per book. Great Mother’s Day gift!!!! Cheque or cash only.
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