Dear Parents
Welcome to the last week of Term 3. Following another postponement we have decided to schedule the K-2 Carnival some time in Term 4. We will notify a possible date early in the term. For those planning their Christmas holidays, I have listed some dates that may be useful.

Weeks 4, 5, 6 Assessment weeks
Reports out Week 10
Celebration Night (ie Awards night) Dec 10
Major P & C Raffle Draw Dec 12
P & C AGM Dec 2
Year 6 Farewell Dec 15
Last Day for students Dec 17
Last Day for Teaching Staff Dec 18
Following a fantastic effort in the coin line for Cambodia I can now report WSPS community has raised a further $783.95. This will certainly mean the toilet block can be built at the school we support. As this will be the last Tallong for Term 3, I trust you have a wonderful break with your amazing children and I look forward to them returning safely on Tuesday October 7.

Ian Hamilton
Canteen

Tuesday October 7.
Megan Leo Ruth Morris
Wednesday
Kylie Robinson Irene Stanners
Thursday
Kim Terry Caran Playtong Joy Gee Leasa Gray
Friday
Helen Honnery Leanne Sendjirdjian Michelle
Schmitzer Sally Wilkinson Natasha Ryan
Uniform Shop
Tuesday 8.45-9.15 am
Tracey Mahoney Ruth Morris
(Becky Gilbert)
Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm
Louise Biles Racahel Metcalfe
(Suzanna Vale)
Friday 8.45-9.15
Helen Honnery Ann Marie Campbell
(Jo McDougall)
**Hunter Wetlands Holiday Program**
There’s always plenty to do at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. But in the September October holidays there’s even more! Kids can book in for the special holiday activities: **Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop** with popular local author Jess Black for 10-13 years ($40) - with the stunning backdrop of the wetlands, Jess will inspire kids to write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants using them as characters in their stories. Thursday 25th September 9.30am-3.00pm

**Bush Skills** for 8-12 years ($20) – build a shelter, make a damper, learn knots and other skills. Wednesday 24 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm

**Weaving at the Wetlands** for 8-12 year ($20) - gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames create an outdoor gallery. Tuesday 23 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm

**Wriggly Wetlanders** for 5-8 years ($20) – enjoy a wetlands wander and craft activities. Wednesday 24 Sept & 1 Oct. 10am-12.30pm

For more information go to www.wetlands.org.au or phone 02 4951 6466

** Daggy Disco**
This Wednesday evening the P & C have organised a disco. Staff and parents will supervise and all children are invited. Excellent behaviour is expected and parents are asked to be at the hall a few minutes prior to the conclusion of the Disco. Some points that may be of help:

- SRC have suggested a Daggy Disco theme, children are welcome to dress up or not as long as they have sensible shoes.
- Entry is $4.
- K-2 Parents are welcome to stay (you may wish to be a supervisor, see P & C message below) but we do encourage you to drop and run, I mean go.
- A food stall will be run by Year 6, see info below.
- Children enter through the doors on the pebblecrete side and exit at the end of the Disco through the doors on the Canteen side.
- Children will not be permitted to leave the hall without a parent or responsible adult.
- K-2 students are invited from 5.30-7.00pm and Years 3-6 are invited from 7-8.30pm.
- Children on a Yellow Card on Wednesday afternoon are not invited to attend.

**School Planning**
On Tuesday night we will continue looking at the Strategic Plan at School Council. All parents are welcome to attend this session from 6-7pm.

The three strategic areas we have decided upon are Student achievement, Teacher Professionalism and Strategic Use of Resources. It would be great if you could join the discussion.

**WH&S Induction**
Could I remind visitors to the school that as you sign on please ensure you collect a copy of the Safety Briefing and Induction pamphlet for our school. Take a few minutes to read it on your way and if you have any questions please ask a member of staff.

**Hats**
From the beginning of Term 4 all children who wish to play outside away from shelter will need to ensure they have a school hat. This is the broad brimmed navy blue surf hat. The bucket hat is not deemed sufficient cover for summer. Children cannot depend on a spare hat being available at school. If this poses a financial strain on your family please see Ian Hamilton for financial assistance. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop for $7.

**Chicken Helpers**
Roy Stanners, our regular Garden and Chicken person is laid up for a while and we are seeking a person/persons who may be able to take over the supervision of the chickens during this time. Duties include checking the water and feed and occasionally cleaning out the pen.

If this sounds like something you or someone you would like to volunteer could do, please contact Colleen Innes as soon as possible. Times are very flexible.

**Lambton High School Uniform Shop Sale**
20% off Tuesday Sept 16 and Thursday Sept 18 for all items excluding Wool Jumpers & Cardigans and Blazers.

**Early Arrivers**
We have had a large number of children arriving very early to school. Could I remind parents that supervision does not start until 8.30am.

**Year 2 and 3 Swimming in Term 4**
Years 2 and 3 will be attending swimming lessons at the Viking Centre during Term 4 in place of Sport. The permission notes need to be returned by Thursday with payment to be paid to the office. These notes will be taken to the swim centre at the end of this term.

Regards Suzana Gillett

**Congratulations**
This week congratulations go to Hannah Pandle, Lucy Phillips and Danica Hugo for being selected in the Newcastle Jets Pom Squad. Well done girls!
Lost Property
There are a large number of items in lost property without names. These items have been in the lost property box for many weeks.
At the end of term I will be donating all the unlabelled lost property to the uniform shop.
Lost property is located near Mrs Gillett’s room, on the picnic tables under the sun shelter for parents to look through.

Please label children’s hats, clothing and lunch items with their name.
This will assist teachers to return lost items back to the child.

Regards Suzana Gillett

P & C News
Canteen News
Due to the disco on Wednesday night and surplus stock held, there will be no treat day this Friday.

Meeting
The next meeting will be held this Tuesday at 7pm in the library. Hope to see you all then.

P & C Disco Helpers
For the Disco on Wednesday evening, P & C would like some parents to help supervise the outside areas. Staff will supervise inside, and parents are needed supervise outside/ near toilets, where children eat etc.
If you feel like you can assist, please complete the slip below and return it to school tomorrow, by placing it in the blue box at the front office.

Your Name ______________________________

Child’s Name ___________________________

Child’s Class ___________________________

Your Phone Number _______________________

I can assist (please circle)........

Door entry at 5.30 for 20 mins
Door entry 7.00pm for 20 mins
Supervision at........

5.30-6.15pm
6.15-7.00pm
7.00-7.45pm
7.45 pm-8.00pm

Thanks, Sue Siderovski on behalf of P & C

DISCO BBQ
Year 6 will run a fundraising BBQ at the disco. All items will be sold from the canteen and students can use cash or a voucher at the counter.
Anyone wanting a meal deal special (a saving of 50c) MUST pre purchase this in the form of a voucher from the voucher counter. A meal deal cannot be purchased from the general counter.
Primary students please take note.
Parents wanting to purchase vouchers for their children can do so from the voucher counter at the canteen as they drop their children off. Children can then use the voucher when they need, rather than being given money then risk losing it.
Packet of chips 50c
Fruit juice poppa or water $1.50
Sausage on a roll $2.50
Meal Deal - all of the above for $4 (a saving of 50c)
Thank you for your ongoing support of the Year 6 BBQ at discos.

Year 6 Teachers

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**Uniform Shop**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the Uniform Shop in Term 3. If you are able to help in Term 4 without any change, you do not need to return a form.

We are now planning the volunteer roster for Term 4, 2014. If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated, as our volunteer numbers have been slowly decreasing. Please complete and return the form overleaf by Friday 19 September, 2014 or email your details to kristinemorgan@bigpond.com

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**Uniform Shop Volunteer Form Term 4, 2014**

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Child’s Name & Class:**

**Availability** (Please circle your preference)

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☐ TICK HERE if you are available at the times you indicated above for the whole year (at this stage)

Rostered on – Two volunteers are required for each shift.
Reserve – One volunteer who could be contacted if someone can’t make that rostered shift.

**Is there someone you would like to be rostered with?**

**Are you volunteering for the first time?**  **Yes/ No**

If so, we will ensure you are rostered with someone who has volunteered before.

**Are you interested in being on a casual call in list, to be contacted only if two people cannot make their shift?**  **Yes/ No**
STAR STRUCK 2015
Audition Information for SINGERS

ROUND ONE AUDITIONS – For all Singers October 31 & 1
November 2014.
Venue: Lambton High School

What do I need to do to audition as a singer?

1. Complete the attached application form then ask your Principal or Deputy Principal to sign
the form. Either fax or scan/email the form to Star Struck before 3:00pm on Monday 13
October 2014.

Late applications will not be accepted.

2. Prepare ONE song excerpt of 2 minutes maximum.
   • The excerpt does not necessarily have to begin from the start of the song.
   • You must sing with a backing CD or live accompaniment. Acapella singing is not acceptable.
   • The panel will fade your music out if your excerpt is longer than 2 minutes.
   • Please do not sing along with the original artist on the CD (backing vocals are acceptable).
   • You must sing from memory. Do not read off sheet music or a page of lyrics.
   • Preferably, burn your track excerpt to Track 1 of a new CD-R and check it plays on a
     normal CD player, not a computer or DVD player or you may load your track onto an ipod,
     iphone, iTouch or laptop.
   • You may perform with a live instrument, i.e. guitar / piano, but this is your responsibility to
     organise.
   • The audition criteria is designed to address technical vocal ability as well as your
     performance presentation.

3. Vocal auditions are LIVE. Register early to request and secure an audition time on your
preferred date as places fill up fast. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate your
requests, Star Struck cannot guarantee that you will be allocated your preferred time or date.

4. Your audition date, time and venue will be notified by your student email account.
   Please check your account daily. If you are unsure how to access your student email
   account please speak to staff at your school.

5. Featured vocalists (including backing vocalists) from Star Struck 2014 are not required to
participate in Round One auditions, but MUST forward a completed and signed application
form by the closing date above. When the application is received these students will be
eligible for a Round Two live audition for Star Struck 2015 and notified accordingly.

7. Dates for Round Two live auditions are 6th & 7th February 2015.

Note: If selected as a vocalist in Star Struck 2015, students may be asked to perform
as a soloist, as part of a small vocal ensemble, or as a backing vocalist.
Fletcher in2CRICKET holiday skills clinic

This in2CRICKET holiday clinic will offer boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years the opportunity to learn new cricket skills like batting, bowling, catching and throwing whilst most importantly – HAVING FUN!

This clinic will run on Tuesday 23rd September from 10am till 11am at the Sanctuary Sports Ground in Fletcher. The clinic will be run by Cricket NSW staff and will cost $5 per child. Parents can register their child/ren for this clinic by emailing Matt at Hunter.in2CRICKET@yahoo.com.au

Please include your child’s name, age, contact phone number and school. The $5 payment can be made on the day of the clinic with cash. Cricket NSW will also be operating an 8 week in2CRICKET program in Fletcher during Term 4.

More details will be released soon!

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AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker:
Kim Boettcher, The Aged care Rights Service

Topic:
Planning Ahead:
Wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship, Advance Health Care Directive

Where:
East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME:
10.00am – 12.00pm

COST:
Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN:
Wednesday 29 October 2014

RSVP:
Friday 24 October 2014

For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4921 4958 or 1300 887 776
or Email: CarerS-Admin@hneph.wa.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
Vacation Care @
YMCA New Lambton OSHC
Weekdays from Monday 22nd September to Monday 6th October

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School's back!
Enrol for Before and After School Care at oshc.ymca.org.au

Activities are appropriate for ages 5–12
Day Camp - (DC) Excursion - (E)

YMCA New Lambton
Burke Street, New Lambton NSW 2305
0402 166 617
oshc.newlambton@ymca.org.au
oshc.ymcansw.org.au

BACK TO SCHOOL!

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