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Home reading books have gone home already and lots of our students are off to a flying start with their reading. Spending 10-15 minutes each night reading has a wonderful effect on reading progress. Don’t forget that your signature in the reading diary is for nights of reading not books read. Sometimes our younger students may read a couple of books in a night, but our senior students may need to read for several weeks to finish a novel.

Merrita Jeffrey  
Principal

2013 Text and Material charges – Our text and material charges are just $38.00 per child for the entire year. We are asking you to pay this as soon as possible so your child can receive their equipment. If there is a concern with payment please see Miss Jeffrey or Mr. Mason at the office and a payment plan can be arranged.

Dance Fees –
Dancing has commenced. Payment for the term must be paid by Monday 11th February.

PAYMENTS DUE

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If you have any questions or difficulty paying for activities, please contact Mr. Mason to organise a personal payment plan.

Forward all payments in a sealed envelope with student name/class/amount/what the payment is for on the front. (cash / cheques only). Correct money is appreciated as the Administration office or P&C Committee does not have change.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS
Just a reminder that if any of your contact details have changed (eg. phone, address, mobile, work number, emergency contact people, medical information etc) please contact the office immediately.

HEAD LICE – We have had a reported case of head lice this week, so could all parents take the opportunity to check their child/children’s hair tonight and treat if necessary. Let’s stay on top of this situation this year with all parents doing regular checks. Thank you.


LIBRARY NEWS - Borrowing has commenced for Year 1 to 6 students. Please make sure your child has a library bag. Kindergarten will be informed at a later date when their borrowing will commence.

BOOK CLUB – Orders due at the office by Thursday 14th February. If you are interested in ordering from this first issue of book Club, please place your order with money in an envelope marked clearly “Book Club” with child’s name and class and return to the office by Thursday 14th February.

Mrs Blatchford
LIBRARIAN
2013 Swimming Carnival  - Thursday 14th February
Notes went home today with all information for this year’s swimming Carnival. It will be held at Toronto Indoor pool. Please read the notes very carefully as it is $6.00 per child or $10 per family. This will be the charge even if you are travelling by car for the early morning experienced stroke swimmers. All children will travel back by bus. For all our competent stroke swimmers you will need to arrange your own transport and be at the pool at 8:00am. This is for serious swimmers only – please do not send your child for these events if they are not competitive.

Message from Jo Wickham

Welcome back to another school year. I am happy to be back as the School Counsellor at Blackalls Park PS every Tuesday. My role is to support the students, parents and staff. Some of the difficulties for which a child may be referred to me include learning difficulties, behaviour problems and anything else that may be getting in the way of their learning. I need to have a new signed permission note every year before I can see a student. I always keep parents informed about the counselling sessions. If I do any testing, parents are kept in the loop throughout the process and, after I have written a report, a meeting is held with the teacher and the parents. I DON’T USUALLY SEE STUDENTS ON AN ONGOING BASIS. Sometimes I recommend that the child be referred on to another agency if they need further support.

Jo Wickham
School Counsellor
Registered Psychologist

Next P&C meeting - Tuesday 5th March

AGM – Was last night (Tuesday 5th) –
Thank you to the 6 parents who attended. We are hoping that our attendance will grow at the next meeting, Tuesday 5th March. Please come and support your child’s school.

Congratulations to the following P&C Committee: President: Mel Fenton, Vice President & Fundraiser co-ordinator: Alison Fullerton, Junior Vice President: Keely Diggelman, Treasurer: Kathy Duncum, Secretary & Uniform Co-ordinator: Jane Mifsud and Canteen Committee: Mel Fenton, Caroline Davies.

Monday mornings 8:45 – 9:15pm
Wednesday afternoons  2.30 – 3.00pm

On the back of this newsletter is this terms order form. Please note that all orders will need to be returned (with money) by Friday 22nd February. We do keep a small supply of uniforms on hand but to make sure you get the item and size you require please process your order.

Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED EVERY THURSDAY

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LAKE MACQUARIE FOOTBALL CLUB
2013 Registration
We cater for Juniors Aged 5 to 18 and Seniors 19 to 99. Come and play Football (Soccer) in 2013 with LMFC.
Payment days at Tredinnick Oval, Boolaroo on the following days:
Monday 11th February 5-6PM (Payments ONLY)
Tuesday 12th February 5-6PM (Full registrations & Payments)
Saturday 16th February 10AM – 4PM (Full registrations & Payments)
For more information, please contact:
Katie Hastings, LMFC Registrar on 0416 473 350, email: registrar@lmfc.com.au
Greg (Bob) Willis, LMFC Secretary on 0421 573 074, email: secretary@lmfc.com.au

NETBALL
Do you want to stay active and have some fun? Why don’t you consider playing Netball!
Bolton Point Fennell Bay Netball Club is looking for players to register for the 2013 season.
REGISTRATION DAYS for all players will be held at Woolworths Toronto on:
   Saturday 2nd February 9am – 1pm
   Saturday 9th February 9am – 1pm
Any enquiries about registrations should be directed to Jenni Gorick on 4975 5072 or Kylie-Ann on 0438 662 484.
Anyone unable to attend the registration days should phone Jenni to make an appointment to visit her prior to 9th Feb.
2013 fees
   Fun Net (up to turning 7 years in 2013) $60
   Netta (up to turning 10 years in 2013) $140
   Junior (turning 11-17 years in 2013) $150
   Senior (turning 18 years and over in 2013) $160

LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS
AFL CLUB
Tulkaba Oval, York St Teralba
Registration Dates at Tulkaba Oval
   Sunday 10th February 10.00pm - 1.00pm
   Sunday 24th February 10.00am - 1.00pm
NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 8 Years $55 (includes 2013 Auskick Pack)
Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years $90 (no weekly fees) First 2 family members pay full price. Third family member registers for free.
For further information please contact:
Terri Kozlik on 0409 458 725

TORONTO
Group coaching and junior competition
Is conducted at the Toronto Workers Club Tennis Courts every Monday and Friday afternoons for all ages. For more prices and times please contact Bill.
Bookings Ph: Qualified Coach Bill Griffiths on 0402274646
“Hotshots” a modified tennis program for 4-6 yrs (smaller raquets and balls are used and played on a smaller court)
Dear Parents/Guardian,

Due to the changes with our uniform ordering procedures, uniform orders will now be done every term. However we will be keeping limited uniform stock on hand at school. The next uniform order will be Friday 22nd February, 2013. If you would like to purchase new uniforms please complete the order below and return with correct money to the office by Friday 22nd February.

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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