**Principal’s Message…………………**

Last Friday we hosted the Primary Principal’s Association meeting at our school. Thanks to 3/4H for performing their space rap. It was such a fabulous item to perform and they did a wonderful job. A very special thanks goes to Tracey Ruthven, our amazing canteen manager and her wonderful group of volunteers who provided a stunning lunch for our 32 visitors. Mr Mark Youngblutt, Education Director (Hastings) dropped into the canteen at the end of lunch and spoke to our canteen staff and said the following “In my role over the past 5 years I have visited many schools up and down the coast, and today’s lunch was the best I have ever had at a school.” As Mark never says “best” this is high praise indeed!

**EOI re: Canberra Excursion**

Our senior excursion to Canberra will occur Monday 25th to Friday 29th August inclusive. As in previous years we are asking for a parent to assist with this excursion. The parent will need to pay the same amount as the students ($430). We are therefore calling on parents to submit an Expression of Interest to assist the decision-making process. I have already been approached by a couple of willing parents, which has greatly impressed me, and I truly appreciate the willingness of our parents to support us in this way. I appreciate that this process may seem a little too formal, however I feel it is important to formalise this process in an attempt to ensure a fair opportunity for all parents to consider this opportunity.

The Expression of Interest needs to be less than a page in writing. **It should include:** an assurance that you will be available on the specified dates, a written understanding of the roles and responsibilities that you are prepared to undertake whilst fulfilling this role, any extenuating circumstances that make it important for you to attend the excursion, and anything else that you would like to add in relation to your application. A small committee will be responsible for making this decision. **Please submit your EOI to the school office by 3pm Wednesday 9th April.**

**What's Happening............**

**Week 11**
- 8th April – FAIR Day
- 8th April – Chess at East Kempsey Public School
- 11th April – Assembly & Easter Hat Parade

**Term 2**
**Week 1**
- 28th April – Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS
- 29th April – Students return

**Easter Hat Parade**

Our final assembly will be held on Friday 11th April. Our usual assembly will occur at the usual time immediately followed by the Easter Hat Parade. At the conclusion of the assembly students will return to their classrooms with their teacher, have the opportunity to have a short fruit break and then return from their classrooms with their hats. For parents, it might be a good opportunity to have a coffee and a muffin from our wonderful canteen whilst you wait for the Easter Hat Parade! The results from the Guessing Competition will be announced and the Easter Raffle will be drawn. Please ensure that all tickets and monies have been returned to the office.

**Cross Country Training**

I am delighted by the increasing levels of fitness that is evident as a result of the cross country training. We have initiated a positive reward of a canteen voucher for 5 students each week who have been demonstrating responsible and enthusiastic participation in the training. Our Cross Country event will be held:

**Learning**

I love learning and believe it is important that we are all lifelong learners.

Our staff participate in a range of learning opportunities and I thought it might be appropriate to share some of the learning our staff have been participating in this term. Not only do we participate in professional learning on staff development days, we also meet fortnightly for an hour before school for professional learning. Each teacher also has a professional learning component during their National Partnership day which also occurs fortnightly. As a whole staff we have been participating in learning around the new English syllabus and “Visible Learning”.

**Term 1 Week 10 31st March 2014**
In addition to this, five of our staff (2 teachers and 3 SLSOs) have participated in the first sessions of the Cert IV course offered by the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation.

Our 2 Assistant Principals have completed their Stronger Smarter Foundation Course this term and will continue to participate in the Lighthouse Network this year. I participate in the Principal’s Alliance and the Principal’s Learning Group which is ongoing professional learning for local principals. I have also attended the Future Schools Conference and today I am at the Teacher’s Federation Principal’s Conference.

One staff member has participated in a road safety course and a Teachers Federation training course. Mrs Donnelly continues to participate in the ongoing training for Learning and Support.

Last week Mrs Harvey, Ms Ransom, Mrs Evans and myself had the fabulous learning opportunity to participate in Instructional Rounds at another of our local schools. This is a new initiative in professional learning on the north coast, and we are leading the way.

Debbie Bradshaw
Principal

Kindergarten Information

Hi to all our families

This term has flown by and we only have 2 more weeks until our kinders have a rest from the long days at school. This is the last week of homework - thank you to all those parents who help to make sure their children complete the homework. We will be making some Easter Hats and Collages at school.

If you are planning to make a hat with your child at home then they can make an Easter Collage instead. I need to know every child will have a hat on the day- whether it is made at home or school. On Tuesday morning our class will be having our first ‘Connected Classroom' session where we will learn about Bilby’s. Have a great week.

Kind Regards Mrs D.

1O News

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch our assembly performance, we hope you enjoyed it! Our school Easter Hat Parade is approaching fast. Please assist your child in making a hat at home (see the categories listed in the newsletter). If this is a problem, students who wish to make a hat at school will be able to do this with me at lunchtimes throughout week 10.

House Ticket Tally

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning house was Lachlan and the five lucky students were:
Sophie Brandolini, Jorja Mainey, Bailey Parker, and Danielle Bubb-Edwards.

FAIR Day

Fair Day will be held on Tuesday 8th of April. Fair day is an important part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program and its purpose is to celebrate positive 3B behaviour.

Fair Day occurs at the end of each term and serves as a reward for students who have demonstrated 3B behaviour throughout the term. All students except those who are on Red Level can attend.

This term Fair Day will be held at the school and children will participate in a variety of Creative and Performance Arts activities.

SRC News - Be part of a Guinness World Record Attempt!

The SRC are currently assisting with a Guinness World Record attempt and are simultaneously raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The aim is to help Book Expo Australia to achieve a Guinness Book Record for the Longest Chain of Paper Dolls. To break the existing record 60,000 dolls are needed, and these will stretch for 6km.

This expo is aimed at engaging a love of books and reading with non-readers, especially the younger generations, and enhancing the existing love of books for readers of all genres and ages. We want to spotlight Australian authors and illustrators.

We need your help to bring the focus on books and characters back to life!

To participate students can purchase doll templates for $1.

The doll templates can then be decorated as a character from a book and sent back to the SRC who will forward them on for the world record attempt which will take place at Homebush Showground Hall 5 on the 30th/31st August 2014.
TUESDAY CAKE STALL- 1st April, 2014.

THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL JOKE. CAKE STALL TOMORROW.
Please bring along money to buy some delicious cakes from our Year 5 and 6 cake stall. Cakes will be available from 20c to 50c. HELP SUPPORT THE SENIOR CANBERRA EXCURSION. THE CANTOEEN IS CLOSED, BUT WE CAN HELP OUT WITH YUMMY SCRUMPTIOUS TREATS TO BUY.

The term 1 speech task on Japan was due today. All students needed to be ready to present. Names are drawn out daily, hence students need to have their presentation ready to be prepared. Marks are deducted daily if students are not ready to present. This was outlined on the initial note, outlining the task, and was also explained to the students. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing wonderful presentations. A HUGE thankyou goes to all those families who sent in fruit, last Tuesday, for our fruit stall. It was a pleasing success.

Tomorrow we are holding a cake stall. Please support our stall and send in any cakes, slices, biscuits for Tuesday 1st April. A reminder note has also been given to all year 5 and 6 students.

A reminder that pupils will need to make their Easter hat/mask/bonnet at home. The pupils will need to refer to the categories and if any problems please see Mrs Rose. We have discussed and looked at samples they might like to create.

Good luck to the students participating in the Soccer try out this Tuesday. We wish all 8 pupils well.

Cross Country running training still occurs each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to come along and run or walk with us.

Please continue to encourage nightly home reading and homework.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade is on next Friday the 11th of April in the hall after the regular fortnightly assembly. The categories for prizes this year are: fluffiest, most eco-friendly, healthiest, best mask and colourful. Pre-schoolers are more than welcome to wear a hat and join in the parade. Parents, Carers, Grandparents etc are all welcome to come along. Toddlers/pre-schoolers are welcome to come dressed as well.

P & C News

Easter Raffle
Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets and those who have donated Easter Eggs. Please return your sold tickets by Friday 11th April. I still need more eggs to make this a great raffle.

Easter Eggs can be left at the office.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April 2014. The tickets cost $1 each.
**Canteen News**

Lollies or Cup Noodles are no longer sold at the Canteen.

Freshly homemade Muffins - 75c
Pumpkin/Feta, Tandoori Chicken, Chicken/Mushroom, Bacon/Pineapple pizza’s - $4.00
Beef, Veggie & Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Tomato & Basil Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Chicken and Asparagus Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Spinach and Fetta Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Custard and Fruit - $1.00
Elderflower Cordial - $1.00
Small Salad - $3.00
Baked Potato – Corn & Ham - $2.50
Baked Potato – Bolognese Sauce - $2.50
Fried Rice pack - $3.50
Hokkein Noodles Pack - $3.50

Please make sure you write out lunch orders on Monday mornings and leave in letter box by the Canteen as the doors will not be open until 9.30am.

If you are available to help in the canteen please contact the office and put your name down on a vacant date.

Also each week Tracey will have a Weekly Special Dish, this week it is: **Philippine Noodles with chicken.** Small $3.50 and large $5.50.

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**Flying Monsters – a school holiday activity at Kempsey Library**

Join us at Kempsey Library at 2.00pm on Thursday 24th April to investigate the mysteries of the ancient flying reptile – the pterosaur. Pterosaurs were huge reptiles that ruled the skies 170 million years ago, but scientists still don’t know exactly how something as large as a giraffe could even get off the ground, let alone become the ‘ruler of the skies’.

While we don’t know the answer to this, a group of scientists have been working hard to understand more about this amazing flying monster – their findings are presented in an award winning National Geographic movie *Flying Monsters 3D*, produced by the natural history filmmaker David Attenborough.

We’ll show extracts from the film, and kids can have a go at making their own pterosaur. The session will also include an online quiz and the chance to win some great prizes.

This activity is for kids aged 7 to 12 years, and is free. Places are limited so book early to register.

Contact Kempsey Library on 6566 3210 or send an email to ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au


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**Fredo Soccer Club**

Welcome to all our new players. There are a few spaces left for the U 12’s so get in quick. If you are looking at playing soccer and joining a great club then give Fiona a call on 65668767.

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**Canteen Rock Star Award**

Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner: **Ella Ruthven**

Ella please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

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**Canteen News**

Lollies or Cup Noodles are no longer sold in the container. Tickets available in the playground, 50c a guess.

The correct guess wins the container of Easter eggs.

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**Philippine Noodles with chicken.**
The University of New South Wales Exams & the Australian Mathematics Competition

Over a number of years some students at Frederickton Public School have elected to sit assessment exams as part of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) through the University of New South Wales and also the Australian Mathematics Competition. There is an entry fee for each exam.

Students who choose to sit the exam/s are supervised by the school.

Students can prepare for ICAS using Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

The results from each paper provide a comprehensive overview of student strengths and weaknesses. Results and reports are available to parents and students online.

Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels - High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit and Participation.

If you wish you child to participate in some or all of the exams please indicate which tests and complete and sign the permission note below. Entries should be sent back to school in a labelled envelope and with the total amount enclosed.

Entries should be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 10 April (Week 11). The assessments are subjects are listed below.

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I hereby give permission for my child ………………………………………………………………… who is in Year …… to participate in the ICAS and/or Australian Mathematics exam/s indicated above.

I have enclosed the correct amount ______.

Parent signature ………………………………………………………… Date:
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: ................................................................. Class: .........................
Date of Absence: ___________________________
Reason For Absence: _____________________
Parent Signature: .............................................................