From the Principal…

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Last night we held our first Parent Information Evening, where we looked at the use of technology to support student learning. We had around 20 parents attend and explore iPads and apps used to help students engage with English and Mathematics. We hope the night was successful and useful for those parents who did attend. Our next Parent Information Evening will be held next term, Wednesday Week 8, where we will look at Literacy and Numeracy. Thanks again to the parents who attended and a big thank you to our wonderful teachers for their time and effort demonstrating technology and its use in the classrooms to parents.

LOST UNIFORMS
We have had a number of parents approach the school lately looking for lost items of clothing that have disappeared and can’t be located. Could you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name, and check when jackets and jumpers come home that they are in fact your child’s clothing and your child hasn’t accidentally picked up another student’s clothing.

HARMONY DAY
This Friday is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This year we are celebrating at school by wearing orange and bringing in some food from another culture to share with everyone at lunch time. We will be conducting various lessons around Harmony Day and the students will be playing soccer, the world game, throughout the day. It is set to be a great day and we look forward to sharing in the yummy cultural food.

PERMISSION NOTES
We have had a lot of trouble in the past with permission notes for various events not coming in on time. We have started putting due dates on all notes. This helps us with the organisation and costing of excursions, as bus costs are determined by the numbers of students attending. Also it helps us determine which staff members will attend an excursion, or if supervision is required at school. Could you please take particular note of the return date on notes and get them back to the office by this date or earlier. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

Matt Carter
Principal

SPORTS REPORT
We have had a few sporting superstars achieving great things this week. Amelia competed at the Regional Swimming Championships last week. The region covers schools from the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and all the way into Parramatta. It is a huge area, with lots of schools and students involved. Amelia competed in the breaststroke and freestyle events. She finished 8th overall in the breaststroke and 5th in her heat in the freestyle. What a super effort! We are very proud of Amelia and her efforts.

Outside of school, Jack and Finn continued their conquering all things bike on the weekend. They attended the Mountain Bike Australia Championships, competing in the observed trials at Bright in Victoria. Jack won both the novice and the sports title for this event, being a
national champion twice! Finn did an amazing job finishing in the novice event on 2nd place (only to his older brother). The boys beat grown ups in both races, since there was no junior class. What an amazing effort from the boys. Well done, Jack and Finn!

We also had Zak competing at the State and National Water Ski Racing Championships over the past few weekends. Zak finished 6th at both events. This was a real family affair also, as his dad, Brett, was observing. This makes Zak the 5th fastest Water Ski Racer in Australia in the under 10 age group. Wow!

We are very proud of the efforts of all of these wonderful students. Keep up the great work on the sporting field!

EAT IT TO BEAT IT – NUTRITION SNIPPET

The simplest way
...to make pineapple sorbet.

On a hot summer’s afternoon, there’s nothing better than some refreshing sorbet. Why not make it yourself? It’s easy, cheap and fun!

Ingredients
440g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen

Method
Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scrape down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-5 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, if desired.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Apps of the Week

Geoboard

PhotoMath

Geoboard – Geoboard is a tool for exploring a variety of mathematical topics introduced in the elementary and middle grades. Learners stretch bands around the pegs to form line segments and polygons and make discoveries about perimeter, area, angles, congruence, fractions, and more.

This virtual version of the manipulative is an open-ended educational tool, ideal for elementary classrooms and other learning environments that use iPod Touches, iPhones, or iPads.

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CATTAI CALENDAR – TERM 1 2015

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Macquarie Towns Arts Society's School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program

Macquarie Towns Arts Society will once again be running their popular School Holiday Art & Craft workshops for children 5-15yrs in the Easter Holiday break. (See Program below and Flyer attached)

MTAS is a not-for-profit community organisation promoting Art activity in the Hawkesbury area.

The MTAS School Holiday Art & Craft Workshops will be held in the class room at Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 10 Magnolia Mall, 285 Windsor St, Richmond.

We hope to encourage budding artists and give kids something fun and creative to do in the holidays, in a safe and friendly environment.

Macquarie Towns Arts Society also runs After School Art Classes for children 7-14 years. The next 8 week term begins 20th April, 2015, 4-5.30pm. Ph 0412979731 for information.

Easter Holidays, 2015

Tuesday 7th
10 am - 12pm Pottery
1pm - 3pm Make Dragons

Wednesday 8th
10 am - 12pm Paint Pet Rocks
1pm - 3pm Draw Dinosaurs

Thursday 9th
10 am - 12pm Watercolours
1pm - 3pm Pottery

Friday 10th
10 am - 12pm Jewellery

Monday 13th
10 am - 12pm Paint a Landscape
1pm - 3pm Papier Mache Sculpture

Tuesday 14th
10 am - 12pm Make Tin Can Robots
1pm - 3pm Draw Amazing Creatures

Wednesday 15th
10 am - 12pm Draw Butterflies & Bugs
1pm - 3pm Make Clay Animals

Thursday 16th
10 am - 12pm Draw Fairies & Mermaids
1pm - 3pm Make Mini Monsters

Friday 17th
10 am - 12pm Cartooning

Cost: $14 per 2hr workshop; all equipment supplied.
Venue: Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 10 Magnolia Mall, 285 Windsor St, Richmond
Bookings Essential: phone Deidre 0412 979731
MTAS After School Art Classes for Term 2, 2015, also Now Enrolling.
LOTS OF THANK YOU’S
To Sarah Telfer who has planted out garden bed in carpark – huge job!!!
To Mark Mitchell and Colorwise for the plants!
To Matt and Natalie O’Keeffe for the shelves for the paint cupboard in the art room.
To all on the committee for all the hard work they put in last year and for continuing on this year!!!
To Sarah Thompson for her initiative in setting up our school banking program and coordinating all those huge deposits (hehe). Good luck with your studies.
To Linda Hughes for taking on the banking job!
To Kris Waters for organising new school brochures and movie night advert.
To Shontelle Armstrong for delivering school brochures.

Hot Lunch – 25th March
Rebecca is organising meat pies, sausage rolls or vegie pasties this time – order forms have been sent out, so please get your orders in as soon as you can. Parents and friends who are attending the school assembly are welcome to order also. If you can help out with setting up and serving please contact Rebecca to let her know.

Election Day – Saturday 28th March
We need volunteers to cook some bacon and egg rolls on the BBQ from 8am when polling commences at the school. We are aiming to finish by around 11.30am. Please fill in the slip below and send in to the office or text/email Kim Smith on 0419 435 022 / ksm13@bigpond.net.au. Please advise the time you are available and your contact number (in case of changes). If we all chip in we need only do 1 hour each.
We are also running a cake stall so please drop off donations to the office on Friday (non-perishable) or direct to stall on Saturday morning. This is a great opportunity to fundraise for the school.

Cake Stall; NRL Gala day – South Maroota Oval Tuesday 31st March
Our whole school is participating in this sports day and we are running a cake stall, for the kids to be able to purchase some snacks. If you would like to donate something yummy please send in to school on Monday 30th or Tuesday 31st and they will be taken along on the day. We are also looking for helpers to man the cake stall and for someone who has a small fold up table, they can take along for us. All help greatly appreciated!! Contact Kim Smith.
Fun Run – Thursday 2nd April
Hopefully you have all received a copy of the fun run sponsor sheet.
If not please ask at the office.
If you are planning to sponsor per lap, remember that some of the children can run 20 laps or more!!
Please return the forms the day before the run so the teachers have them on the big day.

School Uniforms
The order of new winter jackets are currently being embroidered with the school logo and we are expecting to have them back very soon. There is a price difference between the old and the new so if you have an order in and are waiting please contact Jo Roughley (4572 8598) to discuss.

Parents & Citizens Assoc.
We held our Annual General meeting in March. The new committee is as listed above, if you have any feedback or ideas please feel free to contact one of us or come along to a meeting – first Thursday of each month.

IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS
Cake Day Wed 1st April: Families Rostered – CARRIGAN, DAVIS, DAVIES, DELANEY
Next P&C Meeting: Thursday 2nd April - 2.30pm under the COLA.
SCHOOL BANKING – every THURSDAY
MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 8th May; Please tell all your family and friends!!

Election Day Volunteer Slip – Please return to the office.
Name:........................................................................................................ Contact Number: ..............................................................
Circle the time slot you are available:
7.30am-8.30am 8.30am-9.30am 9.30am-10.30am 10.30am-11.30am 11.00am-12.00pm
Set up Pack up