PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson

Principal’s Message

Climate Cam
Last Thursday I accompanied 4 enthusiastic students to the Wetlands for a workshop on the fantastic Climate Cam Program. Our students were given the opportunity to share experiences with other schools and participate in hands on activities to improve our environmental skills. We learned many ways to save water and energy and also reduce waste. Next term will provide further opportunities for other students to become involved with additional workshops. We will form environmental groups who will then become responsible for planning and acting in each of these three areas. The students will make presentations at our assemblies informing every one of our progress in these areas.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Our PBL focus for Week 9 is “Be ready for work” Children need to learn to take some responsibility for their own learning and this needs to start slowly through their
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early schooling years. Children should be able to look after their own belongings and bring the correct equipment ready for their day at school. It is understood that some children have more difficulty with this than others, but we all need to encourage this responsibility in our children when we can.

**Easter Hat Parade**
All students have been busily practising for their short performances at our Easter Hat Parade Assembly this Thursday. The assembly will commence under the COLA at 1.45pm where we will complete all the formalities including the performances and the Hat Parade. The children will then move to the oval area for the Easter egg hunt while the parents enjoy afternoon tea under the small COLA.

**School Holidays**
As we are all aware the school holidays commence this week with Thursday as our last day of the school term. Please remember all our safety rules while you are on your break so you can have a safe and happy holiday be ready to return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

**OCCI Visit**
What a great experience for our children! Today we had a visit from representatives of the Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative. The children were shown specimens taken from our local Fennel Bay area. We were also given information on how to care for this fantastic resource.

**2/3 News**
This week year 2 and 3 have been learning about volume and capacity. Students have been measuring using informal and formal units.

Mr Toole

**Premiers Sporting Challenge (PSC)**
Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking all of year 5 and 6 along to the PSC at Lake Macquarie High School.

Students participated in dance, football, soccer, golf, netball and tennis workshops, all run by Year 9 and 10 students. All students showed great sportsmanship and maturity in the high school setting. It was also a great opportunity to strengthen our ties with the other local primary schools, and make some friends before heading off to 'big school'. It was an extremely hot day outside but students behaviour was wonderful, and all students represented our school with pride. Apologies to Year 4 students, due to transport reorganisation we had to leave you behind at the last minute, however your turn will come soon enough! Thank you for understanding.

**TERM DATES 2015**

Term 2  
21 April - 26 June

Term 3  
13 July - 18 September

Term 4  
6 October - 18 December

**Office**

Have a great holiday!!
Office News

Online Payment System (POP)
Good News! Our online payment system (POP) went live on Monday, 23 March 2015. It is a secure Westpac site available on our website www.fassifern-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under the “MAKE A PAYMENT” icon. Easy to use instructions have been uploaded to the website, should you need them. Alternatively, you may call into the office for a quick demonstration. Congratulations to the Field family for being our first customer!

P and C
Pie Drive - A delivery of pies is due Wednesday morning 8.30am
Easter Raffle – Raffle tickets were handed out yesterday please have them returned by Thursday for drawing Thursday 2nd April at the hat parade.
AGM: The date is still to be announced as we await our books being audited.

Breakfast Club
8.30am to 8.45am
MONDAY - Kaylene     TUESDAY- Aleese
WEDNESDAY - Rachael
THURSDAY - Alena
FRIDAY - Paula

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

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WOULD EVERYONE TRY AND BE VIGILANT IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND RING THE BELOW SECURITY NUMBER TO REPORT ANY SECURITY INCIDENCES AT THE SCHOOL

School Security Number
1300 880 021

Fassifern PS Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday!

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**NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE AVAILABLE**

Lake Mac Libraries are excited to launch a new school resource on the Lake Macquarie History website (www.history.lakemac.com.au) to help our local students and teachers.

This free resource supports the current K-6 Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) syllabus and new NSW K-10 History syllabus that will be introduced in the near future.

Access is free and simple, just visit www.history.lakemac.com.au - no logins or passwords are required. Click on the dedicated exhibition spot School Resources on the home page.

Should you require further information, please contact the Community History team at Speers Point Library on 4921 0710.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

**MOBILES AND CHIMES**
Create your own hanging artwork from natural and man-made materials.
10.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday 7 April
$15 per child
Level: ages 5-12 years

**ARTHIC WEAR**
Add your clothes to life! Create your own fancy dress accessories from recycled materials. For boys and girls.
10.30am-12.30pm
Tuesday 14 April
$15 per child
Level: ages 6-12 years

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**WAVING CONNECTION**
Young children and their carers can enjoy craft activities together during this popular holiday program. Story time included.
10.30am-11.30am
Wednesday 8 April
$10 per child/duo couple
Level: ages 3-6

**LEATHER, BEADS, RINGS & BOOS**
Design and make your own jewellery. Granny go for guys and girls.
10.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 15 April
$10 per child
Level: ages 6-8 years

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**CLAY DAY**
Make fun learning hand-building and decorating techniques while making something you can eat or drink out of. All work will be glazed and fired.
10.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 16 April
$20 per child
Level: ages 8-11 years

**CONNECT TO COUNTRY**
Experience traditional, local Aboriginal culture while making a possum skin armband.
10.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 16 April
$20 per child
Level: ages 9-11 years

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
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