PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson

Pondee Konara Anzac Day Ceremony
Today 9 students from 4/5/6 attended the Pondee Konara Anzac Ceremony at Lake Macquarie High. This was an excellent opportunity for these students to participate in a larger ceremony with many of their peers from our Network of schools.

Mother’s Day Stall
A huge thankyou to all the parents that volunteered their time to organise our Mother’s Day Stall. To Paula, Sal and Charlie for their wonderful shopping, and Alena, Aleese, Sue, Jessica and Lisa for their creative wrapping of all the gifts. The stall will operate this Friday morning starting at 9am. Gifts will be $5.00 each, so kids raid your piggy-banks!

Got It
The Got It team were on site yesterday afternoon to answer any questions about the program to be implemented in Term 2. Just a reminder that the closing date for these was today, so if you are yet to submit this please do so at your earliest convenience.

Cross Country
Today, finally, after many changes due to weather, 4 students have represented us at the Zone Cross Country at Rathmines. All students performed well and should be very proud of their efforts. Bethany came 5th and is off to the Regional on Friday.

Library
After some initial hiccups with our Library borrowing procedures, all students are able and encouraged to borrow books. Library bags are being provided for as many students as possible, but if your child does have a bag please send it on their designated Library day. K/1 – Tuesday, 2/3- Wednesday, 4/5/6 – Tuesday.

Anzac Ceremony
Our Anzac Ceremony is now scheduled to be held on Wednesday 6th May at 2.30pm. All welcome.
National Reconciliation Week 2015 27th May—3rd June
National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Framed by two significant anniversaries—the 1967 referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision—the week reminds us that great achievements take courage and persistence. Further information about our schools’ participation will be in future newsletters.

K/1 Reading
Our K/1 students have really been making huge efforts to improve their reading. Not only are we practising our reading in our daily Guided Reading Groups but the vast majority of our students are doing home reading every night. In the photos we can see our Guided Reading in action and also some students lining up to change their home readers. Keep up the great work K/1!

Mrs O'Neill

2/3’s Big Move
2/3 have settled in well to their new classroom. Thank you to all of the parents for their help with moving all of the classroom furniture to our new location.
Mr Toole

Office News:
OVERDUE - School Levy
Thank you to those families who have made their School Levy payment it is greatly appreciated. The Levy is used toward technical resources such as Mathletics as well as providing much needed resources for the students. Please be advised that payment of $45 is due by 9th May 2015.

Absent Notes
The Department of Educations policy regarding a student’s absence requires that a reason is given for non attendance. Absentee notes are being sent home today. Parents may advise of absenteeism via written note, phone or email. If parents could please return notes as soon as possible.
P and C News

Uniform orders
As the cold weather is starting to arrive could we please have all uniform orders for winter items placed in the P and C box in the office before or on Friday 8th May. Payment does not have to be enclosed with the order. We understand the hardships caused by the storm and are offering a payment plan for those items ordered. Please contact Kaylene 4959 9627 or advise on your order how you would like to pay.

Drop and Kiss Zone
Just a reminder to parents that our school does operate a “Drop and Kiss Zone”. This is a designated “Drop Off” area that has been allocated for parents to be able to safely drop their children at school without having to park and escort their child into school.

Kiss and Ride rules:
- Kiss and Ride zones and ‘No Parking’ zones operate under the same conditions – may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
- Zone applies only during hours of operation

Drop and Kiss Zone operates from 8.00–9.30am and 2.30–4.00pm. Please do not leave your car parked in the Drop & Kiss Zone. This is for the safety of all students and for the ease of parents with small children and babies.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

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Breakfast Club
8.30am to 8.45am

MONDAY - Kaylene
TUESDAY - Aleese
WEDNESDAY - Rachael
THURSDAY - Alena
FRIDAY - Paula
The community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located.

We are a proud Pondee Konara Community.

REMEMBER OUR ANZACS
At our school service tomorrow 6th May at 2.30pm

Good for Kids good for life

Reminder about Crunch&Sip®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip®, you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

Allowed for Crunch&Sip®

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Tinned fruit in water or juice
- Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
- Plain water

Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®

- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips
- Olives
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pastries)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, Fruit or vegetable juices
- Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.

The simplest way

...to make a healthy afternoon tea.

Try these simple ideas for making snacks that will satisfy even the fussiest eater...

- Home made hot chips
  Slice potatoes into thin discs, and arrange on a baking tray sprayed lightly with olive oil. Grill until golden, and serve with a small amount of tomato sauce.
- Bite sized fruit with yoghurt
  It’s a fast- kids are more likely to eat fruit when it is cut up into small pieces. Try serving some diced fruit with some reduced-fat yoghurt. It’s a winner.
- Vegie sticks
  These are so easy to prepare and make a super healthy afternoon tea. Try cutting up some carrot or celery sticks and serving them with hummus.

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

Phone 4924 6499

$$$ School banking now on Tuesday $$$

2015
WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE
High Tea
SUNDAY 17 MAY 2015
SINCLAIRS - 270 HILLSBOROUGH RD, WARNERS BAY
2.00PM TILL 3.00PM
$15 PER PERSON | $100 PER TABLE

Can’t think of what to buy Mum for Mothers Day?
Why not bring her along to our Helicopter High Tea.
A wonderful excuse to catch up with the girls in your life be it mums, daughters, sisters, best friends, aunts, uncles, cousins or work colleagues. A glass of bubbles awaits you upon your arrival before enjoying an afternoon medley & sampling an assortment of beautiful teas & tempting tea treats. There are limited prizes up for grabs along with our famous suits of pampering.

Special Guest MC’s
CARLY AND TRESSE