PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson

Principal’s Message

Newsflash! Our website now has a “Fassi Station Tab”. This tab gives students and parents access to some excellent educational links. Please go to our website and click on the “Fassi Station” tab choose English, Mathematics, other KLA’s or our Parent Station. This addition to our website provides an excellent resource to our school community.

PBL

As mentioned last week, Term 3 PBL lessons will specifically concentrate on playground behaviours. Our focus for week 2 is Safe Hands, Safe Feet in the playground setting. All our children are very aware of this rule and why we have it. Most children only need little reminders and are able to keep themselves and others safe in our playground.

Education Week

Next week, 27th July to 31st July is Education Week. We have an action packed week in store, full of fun and interesting activities for both our students and parents. An Education Week flyer with all the details will follow this Newsletter.

National Consistent Collection of Data

This week all Department of Education schools have been asked to collect data on students with disabilities. These disabilities come under many categories. For more information please go to http://education.gov.au//what-nationally-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Merit Selection Panel Training

As you may be aware to fill permanent positions within the Department of Education candidates undergo a process of Merit Selection. A panel is formed which includes a community member. Richard Metcalf, Principal of Teralba Public School, will be offering Panel Training later this Term. If you are interested in being trained as a Panel member please come and let me know, so I can provide you with the relevant information.

Climate Cam

This Term class 4/5/6 will be working on some activities related to the Climate Cam Program. The students have been organised into 3 groups and will work towards gaining silver stars in their designated area of Water, Waste or Energy. One task of the groups is to keep the community informed. This week we have some information from the “Waste Wizards” This Term, as a class we are being friendly to the environment. Charlie is the captain of 1 of 3 groups which is called the Waste Wizards. Our group consists of Abbey, Angelina, James, Charlie and me Dominic. We are going to try to earn stars for what we call Climate Cam. There are two other groups Water and Energy. The Waste Wizards will be conducting a waste audit. We will be re-cycling cardboard, paper and organics and we will organise a waste free lunch day. We will try our best to do these things this Term. Dominic
Term 4
6 October - 18 December
Small Schools Are Fun
We work as one

October 28/29
Year 3/4 Camp
Morisset

November 3-5
Year 5/6 Camp

School banking
on Tuesdays

Book Club Issue 5 is accompanying the newsletter

OFFICE REMINDER
Gymnastics Fee
Due - $46.50
Athletics Fee
Due - $4.00
SCHOOL FEES
Due - $45.00

P and C
Monthly on the 2nd
Thursday at 5.30pm in the Library

CANTEN REMINDER
Canteen is open Wednesday’s and Friday’s for lunch orders!

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Student of the Week
After spending time in the classrooms each week, I am continually being treated to some excellent work. To recognise these achievements I have decided to feature a student and their work in each week’s newsletter. The student’s work will also be displayed in the office. This week Regan Smith from YR 2/3 is our “Student of the Week”. Regan has been working hard to improve his writing skills and this work sample shows what a great start he has made to Term 3. Well done Regan!

Mrs Gibson

Office news
Thank You to those parents who have come forward to pay their school fees in full or arrange payment plans. It is very much appreciated and beneficial to the whole school.

MORISSET CAMP reminder: The EOI for Morisset camp to secure your child’s position is due ASAP please. If your child is opting out of the camp please also notify the office. Thankyou.

SYDNEY CAMP: An EOI form has been sent out today for the years 5/6 camp. Please bring your note and $50 payment before the 7th August. Thankyou

Debating
Last Friday, the Fassifern debating team, debated against Rathmines, in round four of The Premiers Debating Challenge. Fassifern fought hard throughout the debate. Each member of the team spoke clearly and added excellent arguments. Unfortunately Rathmines were too strong and they were the deserved winners. I am very proud of my team. Well done to all of you.

Mr Toole.

K/1 Mathematics
During Week 1, K/1 learned about the concept of length in Mathematics. Children were able to identify items longer than, shorter than and the same length as other objects. Year 1 also explored the use of informal units such as hand spans and shoes to measure length. In the photos we can see some clever Kinder mathematicians creating long and short paths.

Mathletics
Congratulations to Noah, Finn and Lara W on achieving the top results in Mathletics for Fassifern Public School. Mathletics is a computer based numeracy program used school wide from Year 1 to Year 6. Well done to these students.
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**Weekly Awards**

**TERM 3 - WEEK 1**

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<td>Enthusiasm in Mathematics lessons.</td>
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<td>An excellent start to term 3.</td>
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<td>Great knowledge of 9x tables.</td>
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Fun Friends is a program that enhances children’s emotional resilience and social skill development which will stay with them for life.

The **GOT IT!** Team, from the local Health Service, who have been working in the school have recently trained the Teachers to be accredited facilitators for *Fun Friends*. The Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Teachers will now be able to run the program as part of their classroom activities during Term 3 2015. Miss Dedman will also be running a modified Fun Friends program in the 4/5/6 classroom.

All of the K- Yr3 children will be completing activities in class time - giving them the opportunity to further build their social and emotional skills, helping them to improve their self-confidence, problem solving skills, ability to get along with others, make new friendships, identify support people, and to effectively cope with new or difficult situations. It engages children through games, role plays, puppets, story books and discussion.

The program also includes home practice tasks for the parent/carer and child to work on together, taking approximately half an hour each week. Setting a time aside on a particular day is a great way to manage this special time for you and your child. A parent workbook will be given to each child to take home to guide the parent and child in these activities each week.

> “Children who are emotionally and socially skilled relate better to other children, teachers and parents. They are more competent in dealing with stress and school work”
> 
> (Aber, Jones, & Cohen 2000)

The Got-It Team will be available at Fassifern Public School to provide further information regarding Fun Friends on Tuesday the 28th of July at 2:30pm. Head to the Library if you wish to attend this information session.

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The NSW Government

Hunter New England Local Health District

Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Participation in Fun Friends

Term 3 2015 - Fassifern Public School

Delivered by the Teacher as part of class activities
Includes parent support with home activities

*Fun Friends*
Woolworths “Earn and Learn” in co-operation with Modern Teaching Aids is operating again this year. All you need to do is shop at Woolworths and collect stickers for your purchases. Place these stickers on the “sticker” cards (there are some located on the office counter) drop the completed sticker cards into the collection box in the office foyer and we are on our way to collecting great Mathematics and Learning resources supplied from Modern Teaching Aids. This is a fabulous program and a great way to obtain terrific free resources. Anyone can do it so collect all the stickers from your friends and families!

My name is Emma Freedman and I’m a media chick living the dream as a presenter on TV, radio and also as a writer. I am taking part in Channel 7’s Dancing with the stars.

Each contestant is asked to choose a charity to represent on the show. I have chosen the Captain Courageous Foundation and I couldn’t be more excited. The foundation is working hard to help find a cure for children who suffer a life threatening Bone Marrow Failure disease. I am hoping to raise awareness and hopefully some money for Captain Courageous.

Take a look at the website for a few more details—https://au.tv.yahoo.com/dancing-with-the-stars

Emma xx

Who are The Paper Pilots?
Dylan Parker and James Norton are Paper Plane Champions, founders of the world’s first professional paper plane sports team, THE PAPER PILOTS, and the inspiration behind the box office hit PAPER PLANES. THE PAPER PILOTS have been travelling across Australia since 2008, visiting schools and businesses to share their expertise and love of paper craft. The duo use paper planes to demonstrate the science of flight and share their journey to success whilst motivating and inspiring audiences.

Does your child love to dance?
There’s something so precious seeing your child perform with absolute confidence & their eyes sparkling with joy

Enrol now for Term 3 - 0411093771
Lake Macquarie Dance Centre

www.lakemacdance.com.au

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