Term 3

15th July to 8th September
Woolworths Earn & Learn

30th July
Green Day

31st July
Preschool Visit
Paper Planes

6th August
Small Schools
Athletics Carnival

12th August
“Ship O Fools”
Water Saving Show

**14th & 17th August
Westlakes Zone
Athletics Carnival

24th August
“Matter of Seconds”
Water Safety

24-28th August
Book Fair

17th September
Kaleidoscope Science Show

September 18th
PBL awards Day
Last day of term 3

**Any Item in Term Calendar with an asterisk needs to be added to your fridge Calendar.

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson
Principal’s Message
I hope everyone has had a chance to visit our website and check out what can be found under our new “Fassi Station Tab”. Students and parents have the choice of many educational links including English, Mathematics, other KLA’s or our information on our Parent Station. Go to www.fassifern-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

PBL
Our PBL focus for Week 3 is “No Hat No Play”. All schools have this rule as it is part of our W.H & S responsibilities to help keep our kids safe from damage caused through exposure from the sun. Our students understand this rule and also understand that it is their responsibility to wear a hat whilst on the playground. We have sheltered, supervised areas for students to sit if they do not wear a hat to the playground.

Education Week
This week we have many of activities planned to celebrate education Week. Please see our Education Week flyer for times. Today we welcome Renee Lydiard to our school. Renee will be providing our students with Aboriginal cultural experiences. These will include traditional face painting, bark painting and Aboriginal dance. Also today, there will be a parent afternoon tea and presentation from our GOT IT Team in our school library.

Thursday is our “Green Day”. Lake Macquarie staff will share information with our students on our school site and its neighbouring corridor and explain the importance of protecting it. The students will also help plant some trees and help George to mulch and clean up some of our gardens. We have some garden gloves for students, but if you are able to provide some from home that would be greatly appreciated. Students are invited to wear green on this day. This can be in the form of a shirt, pants or just a ribbon. The canteen will be selling green jelly cups at $2 on the day.

Friday is our K-2 Fun Morning. We will be joined by Blackalls Pre-School students for a huge tabloid event. Groups of students will rotate through 10 activities. Many older students will also be involved as helpers. Then, for our afternoon session, we are welcoming back Dylan Parker to Fassifern P.S. Dylan, an ex-student, was the inspiration for the movie Paper Planes and now tours schools with his show Paper Pilots. Dylan will speak to the students on the science of flight using paper planes to demonstrate. The students will also construct their own planes and then participate in a joint competition. The cost to students is $5.

Fassi
I am sure you will have all had the chance to admire “Fassi’ our fantastic PBL mascot that now sits proudly under our small COLA. On behalf of the whole Fassifern Public School Community I wish to thank Mrs Sally Greedy who, has painted and donated this fantastic piece to our school. He
looks great and will definitely compliment the planned PBL signage we are hoping to soon have around our school. We would also like to thank Mr Norrish for his expertise in placing “Fassi” at it’s station.

**Small School Athletics Carnival**

Next Thursday all our students will be competing at the Small School’s Athletics Carnival at Wangi Oval. Students are to be transported to and from the venue by bus. If you have not handed in your updated permission note it is available on the website or see the Office.

**Student of the Week**

This week our Student of the Week is the very deserving Daniel Pettit. Daniel is in Year 5 and owes his choice to the huge improvement he has shown in all areas of school life. Since the beginning of Term 1 Daniel has moved up three reading levels and he has moved up a spelling group. His achievements in writing have also been improving day by day. Daniel is also working in an extension mathematics group this term and showing great results in the areas of number, time and data. He has taken on the responsibility of leading the ‘Energy Sustainables’ environmental group. He also volunteers his time daily to work in the sports shed, and has recently joined the debating team. Daniel is blossoming into a great leader of Fassifern PS, he shows a mature approach to interactions with other students and is a role model for his peers.

Well done Daniel we are very proud of you!

**Year 5/6 University visit**

Unfortunately the University day has been cancelled due to the University changing the date which clashes with other activities our seniors are doing.

Kate Dedman

**Years 3 and 4 Outdoor Education Camp Morisset**

In term 4, years 3 and 4 students will be attending the Morisset Outdoor Education Camp. The camp will include many exciting activities, such as, high ropes, giant swings, flying fox and more. An expression of interest was sent out last week. A deposit is required to secure your child’s place in this excursion. Please return the EOI and deposit of $50 by the end of week 3. If we do not have sufficient numbers by the 31st of July the camp will be cancelled.

Jack Toole

**K/1 Mathematics**

Our clever Year 1 students have been working hard on the Mathletics program. It is accessed both on the iPads and on the computers. In the photos we can see some students working on multiplication and division activities. Mrs O’Neill and Miss Rogers

**Attachments:**

There are a number of attachments with this weeks newsletter. We hope you find them informative and helpful. They will also be uploaded to the school’s website.

**Office Survey** An office survey will come out soon—watch this space!!
The community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located.

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**Weekly Awards**

**TERM 3 - WEEK 2**

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**Our Debating team**

**Premiers Spelling Bee Team**

**PBL Bronze Awards**

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We are off to a great start with some families already dropping in their sticker cards into the box in the Office foyer. If you don’t have enough to fill a card just drop the stickers in to the Office. Looking forward to getting some great resources from MTA for our students. Thanks for your help!

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www.lakemacdance.com.au