FRIDAY SPORT — TERM 2
Sport choices for next term have been handed out and need to be returned by Friday 11th April.
If your child is allowed to choose a sport that incurs a term fee, **that fee must be paid in full before they commence sport on the first Friday of the first week of term 2.**

Basketball $18
Tennis $24
Hockey $20
Barefoot Bowls (yrs 3-6) Free
Netball (at school) Free
Walking (school environs) Free

SOCCEROOS MARCH PAST
We only have 8 student places left in our amazing trip to see and be a part of the excitement when the Socceroos play their final game in Australia before the World Cup in Brazil.

The cost of the coach per student (tickets free) will be $25 each. The 12 parents attending will also pay $25 each for the coach. Parents require game tickets and Mr Sparke will be sending information today or tomorrow to the 12 parents involved regarding ticket purchase.

PLEASE SEND NO MONEY THIS TERM. THE COACH COST OF $25 WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FIRST DAY BACK IN TERM 2 and the FINAL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE 20th MAY 2014.

EXCURSION — PADDOCK TO PLATE
Congratulations to all of the children on their beautiful manners and behaviour on our excursion last Wednesday. We had a lovely day and the children were able to reflect on what they have been learning in class time.

Students seeking Yr 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2015
(Dept of Education Notice)
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. There are a number of these classes located in Newcastle schools.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 8 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. **Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.**

Application packages will be available in schools from 28 April 2014.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be lodged at school by Friday 16 May 2014.
8:30AM STUDENT ARRIVAL
There have been quite a few students arriving before 8:30AM recently. Please note that this is not allowed as we do not have a teacher on duty until 8:30AM. Legally, children are not to be on the school grounds before this time unless they have been booked in at OOSH. I would appreciate if parents would adhere to this for the safety of your children and so that teachers can concentrate on preparation of lessons during this time of the morning.

GARDEN PARTY
Tomorrow is the last day that you will be able to purchase tickets for the Garden Party. If we do not reach the magic number of 40 people attending, we will cancel this event. If this is the case, money will be refunded to those who have paid.

EGG CARTONS
Our chicken keepers have been busy planning for the arrival of our hens and are now ready to start collecting empty egg cartons. If you have some cartons, could you please bring them into school? We will be selling eggs next term at Market Garden.

EARTH HOUR
All students enjoyed learning about how to look after our planet during the Environment Club’s presentation of the Earth Hour video Monday afternoon. Abbey and Owen introduced the movie and asked some questions to students after the movie. This was a very worthwhile experience. Thank you to Mrs Ramsay and the Environment Club for organising this event.

ENVIRONMENT
The children have been pollinating the pumpkin plants in our pumpkin patch and have relocated the strawberries from strawberry mountain to the grow tunnel.

LIMES—We have made $45.00 over the past 2 weeks selling limes from our overload 5 for $1.00.

BASIL SEEDLINGS—Xanthe Roxburgh has donated basil seedlings. Grab some at Market Garden only 20c.

FAMILY DISCO
Tickets are for sale each morning and afternoon on the library verandah. It is $5 per child or $10 for more than one in a family. There are two door prizes which will be drawn on the night. Don’t forget, Hamilton North Bowling Club, Thursday, 10th April 6.00-8.00pm. Children must be supervised by an adult. The them is “Super Star”, come dressed up. Food is available at the Club.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Class K/1 will be presenting an item.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS
Class KB
This week we have started reading. These are words that children need to learn by sight—“sight words”. Some can be sounded out but are so common they should be read without looking at individual sounds. The students are also learning how to use pictures to help them read. They are not expected to read all the words in the Reading Book, only the “sight words” in their own individual Reading Book.

Our beautiful eggs will go home today. You will need to finish them by helping to take off the wax by fingernails then holding against a hot candle flame and wiping with a paper towel. They will last forever as long as you don’t crack them.

Have a great holiday and enjoy your Easter.

Class K/1
An end of term note was sent home on Monday. Please see the teacher if you did not receive one.

COMMUNITY NEWS
School Holiday Workshops at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
These half-day workshops allow primary school aged children the opportunity to create their own artworks using a variety of materials and techniques. April 15−24 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays visit the gallery website for details www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au
**EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you to everyone who donated beautiful chocolate eggs, baskets, rabbits etc for our Easter raffle. We had a number of great prizes and hope the winners enjoy them.

**All profits from fundraising**, such as the Easter Raffle, Mothers Day Stall, Entertainment Books etc go to help the school buy resources such as the recent purchase of I Pads and Notebooks.

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**MOTHERS DAY**

Mothers Day is on Sunday, 11th May 2014.

Our school holds a Mothers Day Stall generally the Friday before Mothers Day, so that the students are able to purchase a surprise gift for mum.

The stall relies mainly on donations from parents, staff etc. As Mothers Day falls not long after we return to school for term 2, it would be appreciated if you could, over the holidays, consider purchasing or making items to donate for the stall.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The new Entertainment Books for 2014 / 2015 will be sent home tomorrow, although they are ready for pre-order now via the web address below. This year they are available in two formats:

- **Entertainment™ Book** – offers are redeemed via Entertainment™ Gold cards and vouchers
- **Entertainment™ Digital Membership** – allows you to redeem offers directly from your iPhone or Android smartphone

Entertainment™ Memberships include over $20,000 worth of valuable 2-for-1 and up to 50% offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! To find out more about this year’s book, go to [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/Newcastle](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/Newcastle)

Order before 3 April and you will receive over $245 worth of bonus offers that you can redeem straight away.

Both formats are $60 with $12 going towards P&C fundraising. Orders can be made on line at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1) or wait till you receive the book next week and pay by cash, cheque or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

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PRINCIPAL’S HIGH TEA
Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who attended the High Tea yesterday. We had a lovely time out in the orchard.
**Punctuation Power**

Congratulations to Sophia Deeg 2/3 who won our Punctuation Power draw last week. There will be no problem this week as Punctuation Power only operates for Term 1. It will be back next year. I hope you enjoyed honing your punctuation skills this term.

Last week’s solution:

Proper nouns – are nouns with capital letters for names of people, places, events, etc.

a. Tony Abbott, is the Prime minister of Australia.
b. Tony Abbott, is the prime minister of Australia.
c. Tony Abbott, is the Prime Minister of australia.
d. Tony Abbott, is the Prime Minister of Australia.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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