Principal’s Message

We have 4 very excited pupils ready to compete at Olympic Park this week. A huge thank you to parents who have organised extra training in diving and starts and who will take time out of their family life to attend the State Carnival. Good luck Bevan, Marcus, Kaiden and Jamie (Kye will also attend as a reserve). We hope you enjoy the experience and we know you will do our school proud.

Coopernook Cross Country is going ahead although the track is slippery in places. Chairs or waterproofing will be needed for seating, along with mosquito repellent. Good luck to our team in your respective age races: Amberlee, Jaiden, Jaye, Merrick, Shaylah, Lakita, Zade, Aston, Tannor and David. Take a change of shoes with you and expect some mud on your uniform.

Mr Evans has been working with 2 debating teams preparing for debating in the Taree Eisteddfod. We have again entered in the District Debate Challenge beginning next term. Our competitive team will be drawn for this group of children working with Mr Evans. The first debate is expected to take place in Week 5 Term 2.

The Manning Small Schools group will be joining together this year to focus on public speaking and student leadership. MIPS will be leading the public speaking events, beginning with a VC from our school, teaching others the skills and strategies needed to be confident speakers. This will begin next term.

Parents/carers are invited to attend school from 11.30am next Thursday 2nd April (last day T1) for a Y6 fundraiser. Lunch can be purchased, student work shown, a holiday hat will be modelled and games and activities run. Students will be fined a gold coin for not wearing their school uniform. Y6 are showing plenty of initiative in organising this event. Well done to our leaders.

A huge thank you to those who have supported the P&C raffle with ticket sales and donations. This will be drawn at Manning Point Bowling Club on Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm. Please send all money, raffle tickets sold and unsold a.s.a.p.

This is our last newsletter for T1. The school community wishes you a restful, relaxing Easter break from Friday 3rd April until students return for T2 on Tuesday 21st April.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thurs. 26.3.15 Cross country at Coopernook & State swimming in Sydney
- Thurs. 2.4.15 last day Term 1
- Mon. 20.4.15 Staff Development Day
- Tues. 21.4.15 Students 1st Day Term 2
- Sat. 25.4.15 Anzac Day service at Manning Point Bowling Club
- Thurs. 30.4.15 P&C meeting
- 12-14 May NAPLAN
- 25-30 May Eisteddfod tentative performance dates—speech/drama

Reminders

- NO Canteen tomorrow
- Student banking Thursday
**Anzac Day Service** will be hosted by MIPS students at Manning Point Bowling Club on Saturday 25th April at 9.00 am. All students are encouraged to attend in full school uniform. Bevan Smith (Captain) and Amberlee Clark (Vice Captain) will lead the service along with the committee of the Bowling Club. A sausage sizzle will follow the service. Please pencil in the day.

The next **P&C meeting** will be on Thursday 30th April at 2.30pm in the library. All are welcome.

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**REPORTER OF THE WEEK -**

My name is Shiarna and I am the reporter for the week.

At my place we have lots of animals. My favourite animal is the guinea pigs. Aislinn’s guinea pig had a baby because she mated with Speedy Rainbow. Speedy Rainbow is Tannor’s guinea pig. We also have 2 cats. Their names are Chippy and Slinky. We feed them every day. They mainly eat birds and rats. They got bigger in the holidays. We have chooks too. Mainly Aislinn feeds them but sometimes I do too. Denver came over with some caterpillars and they made a cocoon in my hand. It really tickled. We also have dogs. When we feed them they run up to us. It is very funny. We give them lots of food and we also feed them bread.

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**REPORTER OF THE WEEK -**

Hi, I’m this week’s reporter. My name is Shaylah. I’m in Year 5.

I would like to talk about how great this little school is to me. I have been to this school since Year Kindy. The school has great teachers and great friends. I love to play sports, learn, write and read. My goal is to try to become School Captain like my big sister.

Thank you
Shaylah O’Connor

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**PHOTO ALBUM**

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**Good for Kids**

Why volunteer in the school canteen?

Schools and community organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help out. With many parents working or busy looking after children there is a real shortage of volunteers in school canteens.

Volunteering in your child’s school canteen has a whole range of benefits to you, your child and the school community:

- You may be able to have some input into what food is sold in the canteen
- It gives you an opportunity to meet other parents at the school and gives you another social outlet
- You can support your child in their food choices at the canteen

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**Community News**

We provide this section as a community service. These events are not sanctioned by the school.

**Book Fair/Car Boot Sale** Sunday May 3rd, 9-3pm. Killabakh Hall, 1676 Comboyne Rd. Food & drinks for sale. Loads of kids’ books, pony stories, horse care + 1000s general fiction and non-fiction for the whole family. Prices from 20c up to $5. As Comboyne Rd will be closed just north of Wingham at Potts Bridge and it will be necessary to detour via Shorts Rd (off Cedar Party Rd).

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