**Principal’s Reflections**

Last week was Education Week with the theme “Creating the Future”. Our school for the sixth consecutive year running received a District Education Week Award, which in itself is both wonderful and remarkable. The award this year was for our, “Structured Playground Environment”.

Other award recipients were:
- Allison Bourke - Excellence in Teaching.
- Tony Callinan – Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member.
- Liam Kulupach – Excellence in Student Achievement.

The reception was held at Maitland Grossman High School on Tuesday 2nd August.

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts:
- Brayden Stair
- Gabrielle Neville
- Matthew Cheetham
- Ben Callinan
- Ashley Robson
- Mykailah Wilson
- Stephanie Foster

Seventy-five awards so far this year!
We had fifty-four awards at this point in 2010. This is an increase of 46%.
Keep up the good work everyone!

**Anti-bullying Policy**

Thank you to our Welfare Steering Committee for all of their hard work. This revised document will be uploaded to our school web-site.

**New Departmental Logo**

You will notice with the change of State government that our State logo has now been changed. We are now the “Department of Education and Communities”. The new logo is at the bottom left footer of this page.

**Creative Arts Camp**

Congratulations to these students for being successful in gaining entry to this camp.
- Taylor Ahearn
- Cohen Geddes
- Shania Huxley
- Liam Kulupach
- Gabbielle Spiers

Have a great time kids!

**Mr Pedder’s Retirement.**

Mr Pedder will officially retire as of 10th October. I am hoping we will be successful in being allowed to advertise for his vacant position. Staffing decisions for schools are not locally made and follow a strict Departmental Policy and Procedure. I will be in there fighting for a merit selection advertisement for our school!

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**Christopher Parkinson**

TPRG PPA H/CC
Principal 😊
August
Tues Aug 9th, Wed Aug 10th, Thurs Aug 11th – Public Speaking Stages 1, 2, 3
Friday August 5th Aug – Zone Athletics
Thursday 11th Aug – Little Athletics Visit
Monday 15th Aug - National Science Week
Monday 22nd August - Book Week

Last day of Term 3 – 23rd September

SCHOOL INFORMATION
PSP FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOL
Next year a survey of our school community will take place in week 5 to 9, March 2012 to identify school for Priority Schools Program funding from 2013 to 2016. We are currently part of this great program which is worth an additional $22000.00 per year to support our students in Literacy and Numeracy.

Reminders
SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Sport in Schools Program began yesterday, the cost is normally $40 per student for the term but the P & C have kindly agreed to subsidise each child $10 making it $30 per student. For families with more than 2 children the 3rd child will be free of charge. Please pay your $10 deposit as soon as possible to be able to participate in this great program.

5/6 3 DAY EXCURSION – KATOOMBA/BATHURST AND JENOLAN CAVES
TUES 20TH – THURS 22ND SEPTEMBER
DEPOSITS DUE TO BE PAID NOW
Cost $290 per child which includes: coach, sightseeing, lunch, breakfast, morning tea on days 2 and 3, dinner on days 1 and 2 and two nights accommodation. Please remember payments can be made at any time for any amount.

YEARS 3-4 OVERNIGHT CAMP TO GOSFORD
THURS 1ST - FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
DEPOSITS DUE TO BE PAID NOW
Please remember payments can be made at any time for any amount.

Coles and Woolworths
We are collecting both Coles vouchers and Woolworth docket boxes for both are at the office. Thank you once again for your support.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD 2011
JRock WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2011
AT SYDNEY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
We are well under way with our dance routine for JRock and our costumes and props are coming along nicely. BALANCES NEED TO BE PAID TO THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SUPPORTERS BUS
JRock tickets are available at $40 each and the return fare for the bus is $20, please Karyn at the office to secure your seat and ticket/ or just the ticket if you want to drive yourself.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
About the Education Tax Refund
Who is eligible?
- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FBT) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school
- People on other allowances may be eligible

For more information go to www.educationaltaxrefund.gov.au

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