Principal’s Message

We held a thank you morning tea for the Bunnings staff who painted the inside of Room 4 (our new Staff House) during the school holidays. Bunnings donated all materials and labour!

Our new business operating systems are in full swing now. There have been some “glitches” in the new programs and there may be some changes in the way we manage things. Our office staff has requested that I remind families that they report to the office when dropping off their child late or picking them up early, and if there are extraordinary arrangements in pickup person/s. We can then ensure the accuracy of our online absence reports to the DEC. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Regards
Belinda Ryan
Principal

Friends News

We are planning a few fundraisers this year to help us reach our target of a new school bus as mentioned in our recent Friends Newsletter that was sent home last week.

AGM
Our AGM is planned for Thursday 13th March, 2014 at 3.15pm in school staffroom. We invite all parents to attend. Afternoon tea will be available.

Easter Egg Raffle
We will be making Easter hampers out of donated Easter eggs and goodies and raffling over the next few weeks - tickets will go home shortly - if families and staff could donate Easter eggs and Easter items it would be wonderful!

Bunnings BBQ - Kotara
Saturday 12th April, 2014 from 8am - 4pm. Staff and parents welcome to come along - or pop in and buy a sausage sandwich.

Charity Golf Day – Merewether Golf Club
Friday 7th November, 2014 - details to follow later.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Friends Committee

School Fees

$100 per year or $25 per term.
Please contact the office for more information.

Diary Dates - Term 1

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Year 7 vaccinations

Free vaccines for all Year 7 students

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting your child’s school during Year 7 to offer free vaccinations against serious preventable diseases

Vaccines include:
1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (3 doses)
2. Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)
3. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine 1 dose

These vaccines are only provided free whilst your child is in Year 7

What do you need to do?

✓ Year 7 Parent Information Kit will be distributed by your school at the beginning of 1st term
✓ Read the information included in the Kit (translated copies are available on the website below)
✓ ENSURE FORM IS COMPLETED CORRECTLY, AND SIGNED
✓ make sure you tick which vaccines your child requires, see below

Tick the coloured boxes on the front of the consent form for each vaccine/s you would like your child to receive. eg. if you want your child to receive all three vaccines, tick as below.

✓ ensure your child has eaten breakfast the morning of the clinic
✓ ensure your child is wearing clothing that enables the upper arm to be exposed
✓ COMPLETE CONSENT FORMS IN BLUE OR BLACK PEN ONLY

Ask your child for the record of vaccination when they arrive home on the day of the clinic – keep this record in a safe place (eg. babys’ blue book), ideally notify your GP for their records.

What if your child misses a vaccine?

You won’t need to do anything, every effort will be made to catch-up missed vaccines at other clinics at your child’s school during the year.

More questions?

Please contact Hunter New England Local Health District, Immunisation Unit on 49248477 or visit http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx