Long Service Leave

Ms Phelps is now on long service leave and will return to school on Monday, 14th December. Mr Egan will be relieving Principal during this time.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell was held last Wednesday to celebrate and say our (early) goodbyes to Phoebe, Jai and Xander. We had an assembly in 3/6B room where the students received a special plaque and certificates. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake afterwards! We wish our wonderful Year 6 all the best for high school next year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Year 6 fundraisers this year. Mrs Stephenson took the Year 6 students shopping last week to purchase their gift to the school. The Year 6 gift will be presented on Presentation Night.
Carnival Day

As part of our Year 6 Farewell, we had Carnival Day last Wednesday and what a fabulous day it was!! We had the perfect weather and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, especially the teachers. We had water play, a jumping castle, face painting, plaster painting and lots of yummy goodies to eat. We even had a special visit from Santa! Thank you so much to our fantastic P&C for organising such an awesome day.
A special awards ceremony was held last Tuesday at Hunter Stadium for students involved in the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition. The 3/6B newspaper reporters, Phoebe, Tyrone, Nic and James, along with the Editorialist, Tayisha and cartoonist, Jai, went along to the informative ceremony and picked up some good tips. As always, the students were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done, boys and girls and congratulations again on your excellent newspaper ‘Focus on the Forest’.

Presentation Night

Presentation night is fast approaching (Tuesday, 15th December). Students are working hard practising the end of year play and are looking forward to our great annual event. Attached is an invitation to all families with the date and times.
**Assembly Awards**

**Week 7 – Term 4**

**Principal’s Award**
Xander – Fantastic maths investigation.
Chloe – Great maths improvements.

**Citizenship Award**
Ally – Caring about others.

**Kindergarten Award**
Shelby – Working hard at her reading and writing.

**Stage 1 Award**
Katie – Terrific work in maths – bridging to 100.

**Stage 1 Award**
Austin – Improved effort in reading and writing.

**Primary Award 1**
Tyrone – Fantastic achievement in maths.

**Primary Award 2**
Lauchlan – Taking initiative in spelling activities.

**Mr Egan’s Award 1**
Kelsey – Great reading of number sentences.

**Mr Egan’s Award 2**
Katie – Amazing discussions on the main idea & characters.

**Assembly Award**
Kiara – Excellent singing and actions.

**Playground Award**
Kiara – Helping out with the gardens.

**Fitness Award**
Kaiden – Doing a great job in Throlf.

**TREE of the WEEK**
Kiara – Congratulations...

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**Assembly Awards**

**Week 8 – Term 4**

**Principal’s Award**
Oliver – Improved recorder playing.

**Citizenship Award**
Chloe – Being a good role model.

**Kindergarten Award**
Koen – Showing great focus during learning time.

**Stage 1 Award**
Corben – Excellent cooperative learning in maths.

**Stage 1 Award**
Malcolm – Excellent cooperative learning in maths.

**Primary Award 1**
Riley F – Using effective mental strategies in maths.

**Primary Award 2**
Ally – Making a huge effort in maths.

**Mr Egan’s Award 1**
Michael – Building, reading and recording number sentences for 20.

**Mr Egan’s Award 2**
Trey – Four clearly written sentences on the seasons.

**Assembly Award**
Matty – Great singing.

**Playground Award**
Corben – Always playing sensibly.

**Fitness Award**
Eddie – Going well at skipping.

**TREE of the WEEK**
Katie – Congratulations...

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**Important Dates to Remember**

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Our Friendly Kookaburra

It was amazing to see a kookaburra in our new sensory garden recently. We think that the kookaburra liked the relaxing atmosphere!

By Ally

Picture 1 - By Lacey

Picture 2 - By Mrs Manning