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Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
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Year 6 Federal Member Of Parliament Visit
The Honourable Pat Conroy will be talking to all Year 6 students on Tuesday, November 11 as part of their learning about Canberra and the Parliament.

Year 4 Powerhouse Museum Excursion
Year 4 students travelled to Sydney to explore the Powerhouse Museum and further their learning of Simple Machines. They had a fantastic day interacting and exploring various exhibitions in small groups. Some of the highlights were the zero gravity space lab, experiment room, the fancy costumes from Strictly Ballroom, the transport tour (the guide was very funny!), shopping for a souvenir, chocolate machine, seeing very old Apple computers, listening to the pianist, drawing simple machines in action and travelling on the awesome coach!

Year 2 Celebration Day
On Wednesday, Year 2 had an exciting day learning about celebrations from all around the world. The students loved strutting down the catwalk, trying on different cultural costumes and playing instruments from around the world. They then participated in a cultural feast with lots of different foods. Thank you to those parents who cooked and supplied food. We had an awesome day!

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
Commencing this Monday, November 10 – November 21
All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from this Monday, November 10 until Friday, November 21. Students are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two week program.

Primary Sport Term 4
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#### End of Year Sign Off (previously known as Deregistration Day)

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Principal’s Message

The solar-powered airplane Solar Impulse can fly day and night without fuel. Inventors Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg hope to fly it around the world in 2015. While the plane flies all day by solar power, it gathers enough energy to be able to fly all night. When the sun rises, Piccard says, “It brings the hope again that you can continue”.

Hope promotes the desire of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one’s life or in the world at large. We all have our list of hopes for our children and ourselves. One sure way to brighten our lives is to talk to God and tell Him when we are feeling overwhelmed. In Psalm 62:8 is reassurance that our hopes can come true.

Hope looks for the positive outcome. It’s the ‘light at the end of the tunnel’ attitude. In the Bible we read of positive outcomes and how God is in control (Hebrews 10:23). We can have a positive and upbeat attitude to life if we view it with a perspective of hope.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faulk
Principal

Library News

Primary School Library Books

Please ensure that all Primary library books are returned during Week 6. If library books have been lost please contact the library to arrange payment for a replacement. There will be prizes awarded for the first three classes to return all their library books.

Secondary School Library Books

Please return all books by November 21 so that library records are cleared before end of year sign-off. A charge will be made for replacement of any books not returned before the last day of school. Year 12 students returning in 2015 may borrow over the holiday period to get a head start on study for next year, but they still need to return any outstanding books and re-borrow.

Reading Rulz – Years 7-10

The points have been tallied from this year’s ‘Reading Rulz’ and your reading has made a difference to House points - Hunter (68), Watagan (66), Macquarie (37), and Pacific (29). We hope that you’ve also dipped your toe into reading some genres you may not have tried previously and enjoyed the experience.

Primary Prizes and Parties

Borrowing is now finished for the year. Congratulations to all students who borrowed and read so many exciting books during 2014. Students who borrowed every week during Term 4 will choose their prizes next week and the 208 students who borrowed every week this year will receive their library party invitations during library classes. Well done!

K-6 Library Year-End Timetable

Shown below is the library timetable for the last weeks of the school year:

- **Week 6 (ending Nov 14)**: Return all K-6 student library books. Term 4 borrowing prizes and library party invitations awarded.
- **Week 7 (ending Nov 21)**: Library parties for perfect borrowers.
- **Week 8 (ending Nov 28)**: Library parties for perfect borrowers. Return all student class library books. Return all parent library books.
- **Week 9 (ending Dec 5)**: Last week for library classes.

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