

SCHOOL PLANNER

TERM 1 2013

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week	18 February	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23&24 February
4			Student Banking		Canteen	
Week	25 February	26 February	27 February	28 February	1 March	2&3 March
5			Student Banking	Small Schools Swimming Carnival	Canteen	
Week	4 March	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March	9&10 March
6			Student Banking		Canteen	
Week	11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March	16&17 March
7			Student Banking	P&C Meeting - 4pm	Canteen	

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 3

Name	Class	Award
Lillian Solomons	Kg/1	Lovely neat bookwork.
Regan Smith	Kg/1	Improvement in name writing.
Lexy Lockett	1/2W	Consistently working hard in class in all areas.
Samantha Enright	1/2W	Excellent effort with MAB blocks.
Charlie Field	3/4/5/6D	Good work on subtraction questions.
Jacob King	3/4/5/6D	Consistently working hard. Keep it up!!!



P & C NEWS

Diary Dates

P&C AGM Meeting - Thursday 14th March - 4pm

Lunch Bags

P&C are selling lunch bags, cost is \$20. The lunch bags are at the office to view and available for purchase at the Canteen on Friday's.

Canteen News

Canteen is in desperate need of volunteers. Canteen will only be open on Fridays at this stage due to a lack of volunteers.

Canteen Roster

Day	Date	Name
Friday	22 February	Rachael & Candice
Friday	1 March	Jesse & Ang
Friday	8 March	Rachael & Candice
Friday	15 March	Jesse & Ang
Friday	22 March	Rachael & Candice
Friday	29 March	Closed - Easter Friday

SRC AND HOUSE CAPTAIN ASSEMBLY

This will be held next Friday March 1st at 2.15pm. All parents and friends of our SRC and House Captains are welcome to attend.

MEET THE TEACHER

The school will be holding a "Meet the Teacher" evening tonight 20th February starting at 5.00pm with a complimentary sausage sizzle and drink. This is an informal meeting under the cola where you will be able to speak to teachers on their plans for the year and ask any general questions. The evening will conclude at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

PARKING REMINDER

Parents are asked to observe parking regulations outside the school when picking up and dropping off their child/children. We have been contacted by the Council that Parking Officers are targeting schools over the next few weeks.

Additionally I would like to remind parents that when picking their child up after school when parked on the other side of the road to come across and escort their child across the road.

STRANGER DANGER

Recently we have had 3 episodes of stranger danger in Newcastle. One at Islington PS, Booragul PS and yesterday at Toronto PS. Yesterday a man in his sixties was seen taking photographs outside the school fence at lunchtime. We have spoken at the assembly of these incidents and the need to be alert and watchful. Teachers have also addressed these episodes within their classrooms. We ask you as parents to also talk to your children about their safety and stranger danger.

SCHOOL GRAFFITI

Unfortunately our school was a victim of tagging and graffiti over the weekend, on the toilet walls and the Sports Wall. The graffiti has been removed and reported to the police. Unfortunately for us, this is an expense we have to bear and can be a very costly event. If anyone knows anything about this can they please contact the Toronto Police or the School.

SCHOOL TEXTBOOK INVOICES AND VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Hopefully these will be sent home next week. Prices will vary from class to class depending on the textbooks they are using. The school contribution has been set at \$15 a student with a maximum of \$40 per family.

FASSIFERN GARDENS

This year Mrs Pearce and Mr Brooks will be taking the classes for Gardening. 1/2W will be on Tuesday afternoon and 3/4/5/6D will be on a Thursday afternoon. Kindergarten will be done as incidental lessons throughout the year.

This year we are asking children to keep a diary of what they do each time in the garden and we will also include lessons on aspects of gardening and plants throughout the year. We will shortly be ordering new soil and manure to prepare our garden beds.

Look what we produced last year!



LIBRARY UPDATE

My thanks to Danielle Greig and Janine Dickinson for their work in the school library over the past 3 weeks. It has been re organised and all books are now on the system. All students now have a library card and are able to borrow books. Year 3/4/5/6 have now been given a Fassifern Reading Challenge to strive for. This has been met with such enthusiasm that I'm sure many will finish this term. There will be awards for every 10 books read and a total of 40 books are needed to be read to complete the challenge.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Go to www.fassifern-p.schools.nsw.edu.au for regularly updated news, pictures and school information.

UNIFORMS

Could anyone with unwanted uniforms in good condition please bring them into the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assignment starters for the arts

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts>

Primary school

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

In conjunction with WOW Film Festival
Lake Macquarie City Council presents a

FREE

Film Night
Friday 8th March 2013

to celebrate
International Women's Day 2013

7:30 start until 9:30pm
(7pm Doors open)
Lake Macquarie
Performing Arts Centre,
Warners Bay

Program

1. Peekaboo - 10 mins
- Winner SBS Award
and Best editing
2. Playlunch - 9mins 51 sec
- Audience choice award
3. Ceiling Skies - 12mins 26sec
4. Something Fishy - 4mins 30 sec
- Best Australian Fiction comedy
5. Distant Thunder - 7min 19 sec
6. 50/50 - 14mins 30 sec
7. The Burnt Cork - 9mins 26 secs
- The black shorts award
8. Heck - 7mins 36 sec
- Highly commended
Screenwriter award

Free of charge
RSVP:
LMCC Customer Service
Centre on 4921 0333
for bookings
(for catering purposes)
Wine, tea and coffee and
nibbles will be provided

«Class»

«Known As»

*Fassifern
Flyer*



**Strive with pride for
growth, learning
and harmony.**

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NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1 WEEK 4

20th February, 2013

FANTASTIC START TO 2013

What a fantastic start to 2013. Our students are well underway with their class activities and have settled in well to their new classes. Our Peg Spelling books arrived today. Congratulations to all the students who received awards last week and the great items each class presented. I have included some photos of last week's assembly.

