Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in the last two weeks of this term. Report cards will be handed out at this meeting, and it is an expectation that all parents meet with their child’s teacher to discuss the progress that their child has made throughout the semester, as well as any concerns that may have arisen.

This year we have made changes to our report card format. Academic ratings and effort ratings will still be given for every subject, however rather than writing comments for every subject teachers will only write an overall comment and a behaviour comment. Information about each subject will be discussed during the face-to-face interviews.

Forms will be sent home this week for parents to record their preferences for interview times with their child’s teacher. The sooner you return your completed form to school, the better chance you have of securing your preferred interview time slot! Every effort will be made to ensure that families with more than one child at our school are given consecutive interview times. If none of the interview times are suitable, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time.

I have noticed that there have been quite a few students who have not been wearing the correct school uniform bottoms to school. I would like to remind everyone of our Dress Code Policy which was agreed upon on enrolment at our school. Our school uniform consists of our school polo shirt, and dark green skirt, skorts or shorts. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct school uniform each day that they attend school. Please see our office if you require more information or assistance with second-hand uniforms.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

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**Wednesday 25th May, 2016**

**School Office hours:**
Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

**School Watch:** 13 17 88

P&C Association Meeting is held once a month at 6:30pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: TBA

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

June Thursday 9th
School Disco

June Friday 10th
‘Captain Active’ Show

June 13th – 24th
Parent/Teacher Interviews

June Friday 17th
MBSS Athletics Carnival

June Friday 24th
Last day of Term 2

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Our school Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8:15am – 8:45am for the purchase of school polo shirts and school supplies.

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Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time – Thomas A. Edison
Prep/Year 1 News – Ms Vallis

We enjoyed the Emergency Services Smithfield Fire Department’s first visit on Monday and heard lots of information such as action to take in case of an emergency, in particular that of a fire. The children saw a fireman in uniform with his tank of air that he would need to be wearing when called to a house fire (which was quite a frightening look) and heard how fire can be good though easily very dangerous if children play with it. We are looking forward to our second visit, on Wednesday in week 8, middle session, to see and hear about the fire truck. We’ve followed up by reading a big book that the fireman loaned us and practised the ‘Stop Drop and Roll’ and ‘Get down low and go go go!’ directions which were loads of fun.

The Preps are joining the Year 1’s this week by beginning some written homework, just some spelling at this stage which they’re going to learn to spell and write. Prep and Year 1 parents can help their child to remember to read, and learn their sight words daily. Some of the preps are charging ahead on their homework and learning their sight words and their reading is coming along beautifully as a result of this. If any parents would like to volunteer an hour of their time from 9 – 10 during our reading rotations each morning, please come and see me. We can always do with some extra ears to listen to our reading!

Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill

Wow! We are already half way through the term! The students have already finished many of their assessment tasks and I will be starting to complete their reports. It is therefore very important that students are at school every day to ensure they do not miss any assessment. I have also decided to start a class attendance chain in addition to our individual attendance chains. This is to encourage students to be on time each day. It may not seem that being 10 minutes late each day is a big deal but it is almost an hour a week and over 330 hours a year! This puts students who are late at a big disadvantage compared to other students in the class. They also miss our daily organisation and warmups which are an integral part of our class program. I have promised the students a class party day if they can work as a team to be at school each day and get their chain to touch the ground. YOU CAN DO IT 2/3!!
Year 4/5/6 News – Mr L’Orange

Last week our class started their new English unit where students began to examine media stories and articles. They have started learning about how the media use language features to persuade the reader or listener about a particular point of view. I’m encouraging the kids this week to read a newspaper to try to uncover some of the media’s tricks of persuasion. If parents could point out some examples for the children while watching TV or reading newspapers, it will help them a lot.

Yesterday, as part of our Chinese language program, we had some special visitors from the Confucius Institute who ran a variety of different activities for our students. Students learnt about calligraphy, played Chinese chess, made some masks and cooked and ate dumplings. It was a great day, and a fantastic opportunity for our class to get to know our Chinese teacher better.

Students of the Week

**Tahlia** - for great cooperation and behaviour during group work.

**Moharnie** - for showing respect towards others.

**Caleb** – for putting lots of effort into his homework.

**Ta’ala** – for taking responsibility for her learning.

SCHOOL DISCO!!

**WHEN:** Thursday 9th June from 5:30 – 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Machans Beach Community Hall

**THEME:** ‘What I want to be when I grow up!’

For Machans Beach State School students and their younger siblings only. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Firstly we’d like to say a huge thank you to William’s family for donating 3 computers to us! We’ll set up a computer area in the coming weeks.

Last week we welcomed the Stannard boys back! William had a birthday, we dyed some rice for a project we’re undertaking and the book fair brought the book worms out in the kids!

The kids made great ‘thrones’ out of the blocks, very functional and some had homework desks built in!

We finished the week with a bbq at the stadium!

A lovely week with your lovely kids!