Absences
From the beginning of this year there have been changes to the Department of Education and Communities’ attendance policy. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travelling overseas to visit family or go on a holiday during term you still have to apply but the absence and the school days missed will be counted as leave on your child’s attendance record and no longer exemption as it was in the past. This is to encourage student attendance on every school day. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of school!

Years 3- 6 Cross Country
The Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 25th March on Monarch Oval commencing at 9.00am. Parents are welcome to come along and watch. All of the students will be competing and should wear their House colours and bring a water bottle and if necessary, a puffer.

Assembly
There is no Thursday afternoon assembly this week due to school photos.

School Photos
Please make sure children are wearing full Summer school uniform on Thursday including school shoes. Please make sure no one is wearing a yellow sports shirt. All envelopes should be returned into the hole in the wall. If you would like a photo of siblings at the school please complete an envelope available at the front office.

National Young Leaders day
Leaders will be going to the city to this amazing event on 23rd March. They will have the opportunity of hearing from a variety of leaders to learn more about leadership skills and development.

Easter Hat parade, Mufti and crazy hat day
Students in K-2 will be making hats ready for a parade on the last day of term Thursday 2nd April. On this fun day all children may wear mufti for a gold coin donation to go towards gifts for the Mother’s Day stall and students in Years 3-6 are welcome to wear a crazy hat for some added fun.

Hindu Scripture
If there are any parents interested in training to teach Hindu scripture from the beginning of Term 2 please contact me so the training session can be organised. We have many families interested in Hindu scripture but it cannot go ahead without a scripture teacher.

Ingleburn High School Information Evening
Tonight there is an information evening for students going to Ingleburn High school next year 6.30-8.30pm

Anaphylaxis
In the lead up to Easter please do not send chocolate eggs with your child unless they are cadbury as some eggs available at the shops contain tree nuts which may cause an anaphylactic reaction for some of our students and this could be life threatening. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Survey
Students in Years 4-6 will be completing an online survey as part of our school evaluation. If you do not want your child to do it please return the note that was sent home.

Kerrie Hayman
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**ELOUERA NEWS**

The library is back in action again and so that means that you can come in every day (except Wednesdays when Chess Club is on) and borrow, read a book, do some art work or simply say hello to our resident Hermit Crabs. There will be special awards for EVERYONE who borrows regularly, so make sure that you bring your library bag to school. You can borrow in the big break on any day, too! Mrs Thornhill has made some sensational displays, including a wonderful tribute to 100 years since the first ANZAC commemoration. See you in the library!

**FIVE MINUTES OF FAME**

(Mrs) Sam Bowman School Administrative Officer

- **Favourite Pastime:** Travelling
- **Went to School:** Dungog PS and Dungog HS
- **Favourite Place:** On a cruise ship
- **Interesting fact:** I was a postie in a previous life. I would like to be a bear
REMOVING HEAD LICE AND NITS

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

PARENT CAFÉ

Parent Café is starting up again!

Place: Macquarie Fields P.S. staffroom
(next to area D)
Date: Wednesday, 1st April 2015
Time: About 9.15 am - after the morning assembly

All parents are welcome to join us for our first meeting of the year. We are looking forward to having morning tea and a chat with new friends and old. We will be talking about our ideas for Harmony Day as well as finding out what you would like to discuss in Parent Café. There will be a short presentation from the Life Education teacher as well.

As always, toddlers are welcome. Activities will be provided to keep them busy while we chat.
We were greatly encouraged by the parents, relatives and friends who participated in Parent Café last year and hope to see even more of you this year.
We hope to see you on the 1st April

Sharon Tyler and Radhika Dutta
KIDS' STUFF

Can you spot the differences? See how many differences that you can find and tell your teacher. Maybe the winner for each class could score some extra House Points.

DID YOU KNOW?

Everyone has a unique tongue print, just like fingerprints.

WHERE'S WALLY?

Wally is in Monuriki? Find out where Monuriki is. Name 3 special features about this place and the person who gives Ms Miller the most interesting and accurate facts, will receive something a bit special.
One lucky family will be receiving a $100 Coles Myer Gift voucher! If you’ve listed yourself [www.schoolparents.com.au](http://www.schoolparents.com.au), it could be you!

For those yet to sign up to [www.schoolparents.com.au](http://www.schoolparents.com.au) do so before 31 March and go into the draw to win a huge Easter Basket.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2015

Public schools do not ask parents to pay school fees but are able to ask families for a contribution towards the funds used to run the school. Funds collected under the scheme will go towards the purchase of resources and learning materials for students. In 2015 our school, like all public schools, is conducting a voluntary contribution scheme.

The cost is $30 per child or $50 per family. We encourage everyone to pay this cost so that learning resources for classrooms can be purchased. These include supplies for art and craft lessons.

Receipts will be issued for all donations. Please make cheques payable to Macquarie Fields Public School.

Thank you for your continued support to make our school a wonderful place for children to learn.

Kerrie Hayman
Principal

MACQUARIE FIELDS PS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2015

I enclose $__________, as my voluntary contribution to the Macquarie Fields Public School.

Name: ____________________________________________ (please print)

Signature: ________________________________________

Parent/Guardian of ____________________________ Class: _________