FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Pumpkin Winners: Congratulations to Saysha and Tyson-Ali whose Cinderella pumpkin coach won first prize in the Newcastle Show last week! Their fabulous design, as seen in last week’s newsletter, has won $50 for the class. A great achievement – well done!

Parent Teacher Interviews: Our parent teacher interviews are going very well this week and are giving parents the opportunity to talk with teachers about their child early in the year. Thank you to our teachers for their excellent organisation of the interviews.

Ride to School Day: Unfortunately with the downpour last Friday morning, our Ride to School Day was postponed. The day will now go ahead this Friday, so come along with bikes decorated ready to learn about bike safety.

Thank You: A big thank you to Kelly White and Julie Warby who did a fabulous job revitalising the sporting house flags – they look fantastic! Also, thank you to our dedicated volunteers who cooked an amazing Year 6 BBQ last week. We appreciate the time and effort all of our volunteers take to help our school.

Reward Day: Our term Reward Day will be held next Tuesday 24th March for any student who has not had a negative incident recorded in Sentral this term. Eligible students will be allowed to go to the park at lunch time with the sporting equipment to play. Parents of any student who is not eligible will be contacted to let them know their child cannot participate in the reward day.

T Ball Gala Day: We have our T Ball Gala Day next Wednesday 25th March with six teams participating. We wish them all the best. Marks Point PS P & C will also be hosting the canteen on this day. Thank you to our parent volunteers for running the canteen on the day.

P & C: The P & C will be holding the Annual General Meeting tomorrow, Thursday 19th March at 6.30 pm in the school Library. P & C is a very valuable part of our school community and I encourage parents and community members to come along and be part of the P & C. Executive positions will be elected at this meeting.

Deb Hall - Principal
HELP NEEDED Please, Please, Please
Unfortunately we have had NO VOLUNTEERS from our school community willing to assist with the construction of our climbing gardens. Therefore this project is going to take a lot longer than anticipated and the school GA can only assist us when he is not allotted other jobs around the school. This is indeed disappointing as children were becoming quite excited about the prospect of having their own cultivation and growing area. If any dads are willing to have a go on a weekend please see Mrs Lowe.

Sporting Congratulations
Congratulations to the following students who represented our school recently at the East Lake Macquarie Zone trials in soccer, Hamish, Jay and Jack who made possibles and probable. In rugby league, Charlie who has progressed through to Hunter selections this Friday at Raymond Terrace and we wish him all the best and netball for Sophie, Emma and Crystal on Thursday of this week.

Swansea High School Taster lessons.
Several students from our school had the opportunity today to attend Swansea High School in the afternoon and experience some taster lessons in different subject areas. Students enjoyed the opportunity to have their first taste of high school life. Thank you to all our parents who assisted with transportation to and from this venue.

Canteen at the T Ball Gala Day
On Wednesday 25th March, Marks Point Public School have entered six teams into the East Lake Macquarie PSSA T Ball Gala Day. We have been fortunate enough to obtain catering rights to the Canteen on this day and with over 600 students expected, 40 umpires and numerous competing school parents we need your help to serve at the Canteen. If any parent who will be at the ground can spare an hour to make rolls or serve at the canteen, please complete the form sent out this week and return to Natasha our canteen supervisor.

Please look out for the note coming from our parliament. It asks all students to come along next Tuesday out of uniform and to make a small donation of an Easter Egg toward the P & C Easter raffle. Students may place their donation in the baskets in their classrooms.

FRIDAY 27th March…..What’s Happening
SCARECROW Construction Competition for Class Gardens
All scarecrows will be paraded and judged on Friday 27th March after 2.00pm. If you’d like to come along and have a look at our children’s creativity and scarecrow constructions then your most welcome.

Can Collection Day…..Friday 27th March
Bring all your class can collections into school on this Friday. Place your cans into the collection area under the cola where you will see your class name. Ruby and Kelsey will weigh each classes contribution and announce a winner at lunchtime assembly.

Cross Country...Friday 27th March
This day will also be the scheduled running of the school cross country. Participation notes should have been returned to our office. Please ensure students wear comfortable shoes, a hat and bring plenty of water to rehydrate.

Deb Lowe - Assistant Principal

MARKETS
ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
24 CHURCH ST BELMONT
SATURDAY
21st MARCH
7am - 12noon
FASHION PARADE OF PRE LOVED CLOTHES
SATURDAY
11th April
1:30pm
Entry Fee $6 (Includes afternoon tea)
Buddy Reading in the Library

K/1J and 3/4G shared a library lesson last Friday. 3/4G students were buddied up with a friend from K/1J and read a story to them. 3/4G students enjoyed the experience as they got to share their skills, knowledge and love of books with the younger students. While the K/1J students got to meet a new friend, see what good reading looks like and enjoy a great story.

I look forward to setting up more buddy reading sessions in the future. Keep up the great reading!

Miss McDonell
Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program. To ensure that your child takes part in Crunch&Sip®, you need to pack a piece of fruit or vegetables and a bottle of water every day.

**Allowed for Crunch&Sip®**

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Tinned fruit in water or juice
- Dried fruit in small amounts and on limited occasions
- Plain water

**Not allowed for Crunch&Sip®**

- Fruit products (e.g., fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups, fruit straps)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips
- Olives
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Baked vegetable breads
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Popcorn
- Flavoured/carbonated water, cordial, fruit or vegetable juices
- Any drink other than plain water

If your family is having difficulties providing a piece of fruit or vegetable every day please let us know and we will assist you in addressing this.

**United Netball Club**

United Netball Club is looking for 5, 6 & 7 year olds to join one of our teams.

We play at Charlestown Netball Courts each Saturday and our focus is on fun, friendship & fitness.

If you are interested, please contact Jodie Mortimer on 0414 917 895.

For any further information please visit our website [www.unitednetball.com.au](http://www.unitednetball.com.au)