Term 2 Begins
Welcome back to Term 2. Students have returned happily and well rested and have moved into work in a settled and positive way and are enjoying time together. Due to the significant amount of flooding to the playground in last week’s storms, play is currently restricted to hard surfaces whilst our playground dries out. We were very lucky not to have incurred more damage. Bunnings have generously donated their time to come and clean up the area surrounding the back fence to remove debris that has accumulated there. Thank you to parents who offered to help clean up and phoned to check that we were alright. A special thank you to Natalie C who very generously provided lunch for the staff on Friday. And an enormous thank you to staff who worked tirelessly on Wednesday to clean up the school-your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Parent Teacher Interviews Next Week
Parent Interviews will be conducted by each teacher for the students in their class. The interview is a two way communication opportunity for both the teacher and parents. It will allow for discussion of the teacher’s observations of student progress in academic, physical and social areas. It will give each participant the chance to ask questions and raise any areas of concern at this early date. We believe that holding these interviews early, will give both participants much needed information and direction to address any needs highlighted or raised during the discussion.

Please complete and return the note if you would like an interview with your child’s teacher. Interviews will be 10 to 15 minutes in length. If you require a longer interview, please arrange an alternate time.

Naplan Assessments 12-14th May 2015
All students in year 3 and year 5 will be sitting for the National Assessments in literacy and numeracy in the coming weeks. These assessments take about 45 minutes to complete and cover writing, reading, spelling, grammar and numeracy. They are spread across 3 days so students only have assessments during the first part of the morning. These assessments provide students and the school with information about student strengths and areas in need of improvement. A detailed report from the Board of Studies will be returned to the school in Term 3 and these will then be sent home to all parents of year 3 and 5 students.

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ANZAC OBSERVANCES TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE SCHOOL

Our thanks go to our leaders who led our school ANZAC Service on Tuesday, 28th April when all students had returned to school. It is essential that we, as a school, acknowledge these important events in Australia’s history. It ensures that the new generation understands and learns about the sacrifices made and helps them carry on the tradition.

“Lest We Forget”

P&C ASSOCIATION ELECTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2015

Our new P&C Association has been elected for this year and we congratulate the new leaders.

They are:  
President: Tony Williams  
Vice President: Michelle Brown  
Secretary: Natalie Hoover  
Treasurer: Tyrone Hoover  
Uniform Manager: Katrina McKeough  
Fund Raising Manager: Michelle White  
Canteen: Chris Joyce

Our next meeting for the term will be an evening meeting. It will be held at the Lochinvar Hotel on Tuesday, 12th May and will commence at 6:00pm. Families can attend and have a meal before the meeting if you would like. This meeting gives parents who work a chance to attend the meeting and have a say in planned activities or bring along new ideas. Hope to see you there.

CHANGES TO LIBRARY

All students will now have Library lessons on a FRIDAY. Books can be returned to the Library throughout the week, however all class Library lessons will be held on Fridays. It is important that every student brings a Library bag for borrowing. This ensures that our books remain protected and undamaged.

DAY STALL ORGANISED BY OUR P&C

Our P&C has organised gifts to sell at a stall on Friday, 8th May. All gifts cost $5 and cover a wide range of goodies that I am sure mum’s will enjoy. The P&C would appreciate some help if you have an hour to spare. The gifts need to be displayed and wrapped so helpers would be appreciated. The stall runs for the morning only (9:00 – 10:30) so you are not tied up all day.
**Premiers Reading Challenge**
The 2015 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) is well underway. This is the second year Lochinvar Public School has participated and aims to promote and encourage students to read a variety of age appropriate books. While there is a lot of reading going on in our classrooms, (counting towards each students book count) this however will not be enough to achieve a certificate and complete the challenge. Students are asked to aim to read at least 1 PRC book every fortnight and record this in their PRC booklets to be signed off by a parent. Booklets are to be completed and returned regularly to school. Library day for all classes is every Friday and each student has the opportunity to exchange and borrow 2 books a week.

Well done to the students who are already well underway to completing the challenge. If you have any enquiries please don’t hesitate to contact me in the Library or check out the PRC website at [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

Miss McCutchan

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**Regular School Attendance**
Due to the number of students coming to school late and leaving early we have decided to start a reward system in the school to recognise those students whose attendance is consistently excellent. Students with greater than 98% attendance will go into the draw to win a tablet at the end of the year. We are also rewarding classes based on the highest level of attendance for the term. The winning class will be treated to a pizza party and movie.

Regular attendance at school is crucial for the development of key learning concepts. Being on time for school every day is very important. Lateness not only impacts your child’s learning but the learning of those in their class. This initiative will begin next week. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Mother’s Day Assembly**
On Friday 8th May, we will be holding a special Mother’s Day assembly. All mums, grandmas, aunties and carers are invited to join us under the COLA for this assembly. Assembly will begin at 2:30pm so please be seated before this time. We look forward to celebrating with special occasion with you.

**Touch Football Trials postponed**
Maitland PSSA Zone Touch Football trials have been postponed and will now take place next Tuesday 5th May 2015.

**Entertainment Books for Sale**
You can purchase your new 2015/2016 Entertainment Book now for just $60 at the front office from Friday. Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more…..receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers.

A display book is available to look at in the front office.
CAN YOU HELP

Dungog Public School have a number of students who are without school shoes or any other shoes; if you have spares they would be greatly appreciated. All donations are required be in by Friday morning the 1st May so we can forward them on to Rutherford Public School for transport. Donations can be left at the school office.

Mother’s Day Afternoon Soirée

Sunday 10th May 2015

Celebrate Mother’s Day with our High Tea Style Buffet, including Candy Buffet and a glass of Sparkling Wine on arrival for Mum.

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Price: $55.00 per adult
      $30.00 per teen (13-17)
      $20.00 per child (5-12) (children 4 and under free)

BOOK NOW FOR MOTHER’S DAY AT THE SEBEL KIRKTON PARK*

02 4998 7680 or h8797-sb3@accor.com

www.sebelhuntervalley.com.au | 336 Oakey Creek Road Pokolbin

*Bookings are essential and subject to availability. Terms & Conditions apply.

Hunter Valley Physie Club

PHYSIE develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and balance through dance. Our national choreography curriculum is age-appropriately designed to teach the relationship of music to movement, rhythm and musical interpretation. We provide a new syllabus and music every year and run annual competitions for teams and individuals.

Classes for girls 2yrs - Ladies. Branxton, Maitland & Singleton. Check us out at www.huntervalleyphysie.webs.com or email huntervalleyphysie@gmail.com

A huge thank you to Jodi from The Apple Sack who provided the cupcakes and other delicious treats for our P & C coffee and cake fundraiser at the Easter Hat Parade. We appreciate your generous donation and support for our school.