Welcome Back
This term will be very busy with the writing of the Annual School Report, the 3 year Strategic Plan 15-17, student progress reports, and the organisation of the Year 6 Canberra excursion, as well as the Year 6 Farewell, the whole school Big Day Out, a whole school excursion to the Magic Show, School Captain speeches, the year 3 & 4 excursion to the Aboriginal education Centre, the trash and treasure activity, the Christmas raffle, and lots more.

Uniform
The school must insist on students wearing the correct school uniform including black shoes and the correct logoed shirt. Don’t forget that school hats are also compulsory.

Canteen
Please check out the canteen roster inside and note the number of Help Needed days. Maybe some dads or grandparents can help.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Ella Simons on her selection in the Regional Debating team. This is a fantastic achievement. Ella is one of seven Year 6 girls in our school who are all highly skilled at debating. The school also recognises the work of Miss Woodward in her mentoring of the girls and organising the debating program.

Football Champions
Our school was proud of students Jack Read Jones and Declan O’Donnell when, as part of the Newcastle Football team, they won the NNSW State Championships in June but now we are just as proud of class mates Imogen McInnes and Lara Manning who, as part of the Newcastle Football team, won the NNSW Girls State Championships during the holidays. Four State Champions in the one class in the same year. Not only that but Jack, Declan and Nick Collins were part of the regional team that just won the National Futsal Championships. That Newcastle Football program must really be something!

Not just sports stars
Please find inside Sophie Loiselle’s award winning story from the UNSW All Schools Writing Competition. She will be awarded the University Medal for the top mark in NSW.
CAOTNEE ROSTER
October
Wed 8  C Price, A Powell
Thu 9  HELP PLEASE
Fri 10 A Dell, A Muggleton

Wed 15  P Davis, J Robinson
Thu 16  P Anderson Help needed
Fri 17  J Barrett, B Hughes

Wed 22 S Manning, K Mcllnnes
Thu 23 J Baker, J Haines
Fri 24  H Gifford, K Fletcher

Wed 29  HELP PLEASE
Thu 30  U Sandberg Help needed
Fri 31  T Aoake, L Henshaw

November
Wed 5  C Price, A Powell
Thu 6  Help needed
Fri 7  Help needed

Wed 12  P Davis, J Robinson
Thu 13  P Anderson Help needed
Fri 14  J Barrett, B Hughes

Wed 19 S Manning, K Mcllnnes
Thu 20 J Baker, J Haines
Fri 21  H Gifford, K Fletcher

Wed 26  Help needed
Thu 27  U Sandberg Help needed
Fri 28  T Aoake, L Henshaw

December
Wed 3  C Price, A Powell
Thu 4  P Anderson Help needed
Fri 5  A Dell, A Muggleton

Wed 10  P Davis, J Robinson
Thu 11  J Baker, J Haines
Fri 12  J Barrett, B Hughes

P & C News  Next meeting:
Monday 20th October 7.00pm

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Each book will contain 20 tickets at $2.00 each. So, every child will sell $40 worth of tickets.
The prizes will be: 1st drawn: $500
2nd drawn: $250  3rd to 7th drawn: $50

Further, the P & C are asking for donations from businesses to add to the prize pool so
that the draw can be extended. Many businesses are unable to donate cash so gift
vouchers are welcomed. Vouchers from restaurants, gift stores, and any other
appropriate business would be welcomed.

Parents who own businesses, who work in a business, or have a family member or friend
in a business might either donate a voucher or approach the business to donate a voucher.
An official letter of approach is available from the school office if required by the
targeted business.

Now Come On MEREWETHER.

ONLY FOUR BOOKS OF TICKETS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RETURNED.

Sold book count: 4
This year it is expected that EVERY student will sell a book of tickets.

So many parents tell staff how much they love the school but now actions must speak
louder than words.
Let’s really get behind this simple fundraiser and advance our school community
spirit.

Every cloud has a silver lining
I almost burst into tears when I saw the rick-
ety wooden house standing in the middle of
nowhere. Why? Why did I have to move to
country New South Wales? I wanted to go
back to Sydney, to be with all my friends. Out
here I had nobody. I had seen pictures of my
room. It was small and dirty. But when I saw
it in person I screamed. The roof looked like
the product of an avalanche, and when I sat
on the old four post bed, one hundred tiny
spiders crawled out from under the mattress.

“Nellie!” I heard my Mum yell from the
dish. “Come help me.” I didn’t wait to
hear the rest. I was out the door in a flash.

I didn’t even know where I was going. I just
bolted into the dense forest outside our
house. I wasn’t in the mood for unpacking so
I just walked through the towering pines.

Those trees seemed to put me in a trance, a
feeling of eternal calm. I let myself wander
through the forest, forgetting everything else
on my mind, when I came to a truly over-
whelming sight.

I thought the pine trees were big, but the fig
tree I stood in front of was at least five times
my height. I reached for the lowest branch
and heaved myself up. I climbed until I
reached the top branches. I felt as if I was
sitting on top of the world.
From my perch among the leaves I could see
everything for miles—every bird, every	house, every tree every flower was in my
sight. And it was beautiful.

I stood on one of the fig tree’s strong branch-
es and cried in joy, “This is amazing!”

And it truly was. Maybe the country wouldn’t
be so bad after all!

Sophie Loiselle  Year 5  Age 10 1/2

Students to receive awards at this Friday’s assembly:
Grace Coade, Amelia Gifford, Aisha Hickey,
Shaniya Nowicz, Oscar Kunze, Marley Carroll,
Bianca Coade, Bronte Baltussen,
Imane Burke, Tully Baker, Brigitte Davis,
Tessa ibsister, Nicholas Fay, Felix Keon,
Rikki Lee Douglas, Alex Fay, Rebecca Fay,
Benjamin Williams, Ben Gordon,
Leticia Tomlinson, Hugh Fabre,