Dear Parents & Carers

The P&C are organising the Mother’s Day stall for 2014. To make it easier for you, we have allocated a gift theme per class to ensure we have a variety of gifts of similar value.

You **DO NOT** need to wrap the gift this year. All gifts donated must be new and unused. We would appreciate the following gifts:

Kindergarten: coffee mugs/wrapped lollies/boxes of chocolates e.g. “favourites”,
Year One: face washers/bed socks/hand & body creams/scented drawer liners/sachets
Year Two: photo frames/small trinket boxes
Year three: notepads/pens/bookmarks/fridge magnets/key rings
Year Four: gardening gloves/seeds/little terracota pots/watering cans
Year Five: candles/incense/soap/body wash
Year Six: nail polish/lip gloss/nail files/mirror compacts

We would also love any donations of clear cellophane, small baskets & colourful ribbons.

Please deliver gifts to the school office by Monday 5th May.

The earlier the better!!

Thank you
MPS P&C

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**WARNING:** We have students who are at risk of ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergic reaction). This condition is potentially life threatening. Please do not send nut based products to school with your child for lunch or recess. Products which should not come to school include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, tahini spread, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

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**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

We love Grandparents Day. It is such a happy event. Thank you to all the grandparents who attended and made the day so special. The number of grand parents who visited classrooms was excellent. Our assembly was very enjoyable with the Mixie Chicks beautifully singing two lovely songs. Please find photos of grandparents in the rooms throughout this Newsletter.

**Kindy Club**

Prospective 2015 Kindergarten children start Kindy Club at the school tomorrow. The Kinder teachers have planned a weekly program of school readiness activities for the children to enjoy. Already, 10 children have registered!!

**CALENDAR NOTE:**

EASTER HAT PARADE is scheduled for **Thursday 10th April** starting at 9.30am.
The School ANZAC ceremony will be held on **Friday 11th April**, (the last day of term)

**Visit**

The School Education Director for this area, Mrs Jenny Moody, visited our school today to monitor the progress of the implementation of the school plan. These types of visits are mandatory as part of the Principal Assessment Review for all schools. Mrs Moody met with Mr Hartley and Mrs Mckean and was impressed with our management structure and processes.

**Football Representatives**

Congratulations to Imogen McInnes, Aisha Hickey (girls) Jack Read Jones, Nasser Balfour Brown, and Declan O’Donnell (boys) on being selected in the Newcastle Zone Football teams to contest the Regional Titles on 4th April.
P & C News
Next Meeting: Monday 12th May
7.00pm staffroom

Library News
There are two new ANZAC Day books in the library this week. One, simply entitled 'Gallipoli', is a beautifully illustrated retelling of the ANZAC story through the eyes of two boys, Bluey and Dusty. 'I Was only Nineteen' is about the Vietnam War and is more suitable for senior students, discussing the implications of conflict for a nation and individuals.

Linda Gesling Teacher Librarian

EASTER RAFFLE
Please keep the donations of eggs coming in. Well done to those that have already returned the ticket stubs and money. Looking good!!

Parent Teacher interviews
All parents should now have booked a time for the parent teacher interviews. Teachers have been released from class for a day to ensure all parents can be accommodated.