From the Principal

I have subscribed to Maths Online for a trial period of six weeks. All students should have been given a username and password to enable them to log in. This is a fantastic, wonderful resource and should be used at home to make improvements in your child’s mathematical ability.

The beauty of the program is that it has a teaching component that teaches each context of mathematics and questions to follow. It also has speed challenges for multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

Please ensure that your child uses this program. If it is utilised well I will give great consideration into purchasing the school licence.

Again, it is excellent - have a look and a play. If you can get your children on it!

Years 5 and 6 have undergone a creative and critical thinking challenge on Monday mornings. Some of the activities so far have been designing a bridge with constraints using a budget; building a tower structure out of straws; shopping for groceries for a family, staying under budget; and this week designing a crocodile, boat and duck out of lego and creating a scene or habitat. (see photos)

Cockburn Valley Swimming Carnival

The annual Cockburn Valley swimming carnival was held last Friday at Nundle swimming pool with a team of five students attending. Jessica received 11years girls runner-up. Tara, Jordan, Daniel and Brayden all performed well on the day.

Aboriginal Apology Day

Last Friday afternoon students were entertained by the Aboriginal dancers from Peel High School as well as Mark Atkins playing the didgeridoo. Guest speakers spoke about the importance of the National Aboriginal Apology Day. See newspaper article attached.

Mrs Robinson’s Class

This term Mrs Robinson’s class will be studying the unit ‘Past and Present’ in HSIE. It is requested that in the next two weeks your child bring in some family photos and stories from the past.

They are also being asked to make up a simple family tree that includes their family and grandparents. Please assist
your child with this task. A template will be sent home for this and names just have to be added.

Parental assistance will make this unit more personal to your child and make the learning more meaningful.

As part of this 'past and present' unit an excursion to Calala Cottage has been arranged for Tuesday 10th March for this class. A separate note is attached.

Tamworth Show
The Tamworth Show is on 13th and 14th March.
Each class will be submitting art for judging that they have completed at school.
Students are encouraged to submit individual entries which are required at school before Wednesday 11th March. Entry forms are available from Mrs Hudson or Mrs Fowler.

Unclaimed Lunchboxes
Already there is quite a collection of unclaimed lunchboxes etc. Please check the box on the office verandah to see if there is anything in it that belongs to your family.
All unclaimed items will be thrown away at the end of term.

Reminders
P & C News
The first meeting of the P & C will be held at the school on Monday 2nd March, commencing at 3.45pm. The P & C welcomes new members.
The trivia night which was planned for Saturday 29th March has been postponed until the middle of September. A date is yet to be made.

School Photos
Montage Fotos will be at the school on Wednesday 4th March to take our 2015 school photos.
For the first time in many years photos will be taken with the students in summer uniform.
Order envelopes are to be returned to school by photo day, Wednesday 4th March.

Assembly Awards
Merit Awards
K-1W - Koby Urquhart
1-2R - Asher Lumby
3-4A - Lincoln Chapman
5-6R - Isis Lumby

Student Choice Awards
K-1W - Jayden Rankin
1-2R - Ben Maybury
3-4A - Shakiya Fletcher
5-6R - Jordan Donnelly
Dates for Your Diary

**Week 6**

- Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March
  - P & C meeting 3.45pm

- Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March
  - School photos

**Week 8**

- Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March
  - Harmony Day