Happy New Year and welcome to Term 1 of the 2015 school year. Despite the rain we have had a smooth start to the year. The kindergarten children are to be complemented on the way they have settled in. Thanks also to the year 5 children who are acting as kinder buddies, you set a fine example for the young children to follow.

Whilst most of our staff remains the same as last year, we have had a few changes. Mrs Low has been appointed to the position of Instructional Leader at Fennell Bay and Biraban Public Schools and Miss Jackson has extended her overseas teaching appointment.

The Assistant Principals are Mrs Lakeman, Mrs Davis, Ms Filan-Davis, and Ms Burt. We will be interviewing for a new Assistant Principal to replace Miss Hall early this term. Mrs Lakeman will act in the Principal role whilst I undertake the responsibilities associated with the Principal, School Leadership position each Thursday and Friday.

We also welcome Mrs Unwin to the staff as a Learning and Support Teacher, Mrs Collison who is replacing Mrs Jones while she is on maternity leave and Mrs Henderson who is replacing Mrs Low.

Our Canteen will reopen in Week 2, Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th February. Volunteers are always required, please leave your name at the office.

Our annual swimming carnival for the students in years 3-6 will be held at Swansea Pool on the 13th February. Notes will be distributed very soon. It is important that all children attend as there will be water activities for swimmers and non-swimmers. Parents are most welcome to attend and support the children.

It is also important to remember that road rules around the school need to be followed for the safety of the children and pedestrians. The police patrol regularly and will fine drivers.

Please remember all excursions and activities have strict dates for the return of notes and money so that buses can be hired, deposits paid and venues informed of student numbers. If you miss a deadline without communicating with the school we will have to assume that you do not want your child to participate in the excursion or activity.

If you have changed a phone number, address or emergency contact or other details please inform the school office as soon as possible. We rely heavily on the accuracy of the information held in our records to support your child’s education.

The staff are looking forward to a great year of education for the children.

Uniform Shop will open Wednesdays 8.30am-9.30am
We need volunteers to keep our shop open. From 2015 we will open on a Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am. Our Uniform Supervisor will take care of the financial transactions, your role will involve helping parents with sizes and filling orders. If you can help on any Wednesday please contact Kellie Byrnes at the office 49487300 or just turn up, thank you

We also require 2nd hand clean uniforms

Congratulations to Ashlyn Blackstock who has been nominated for the Lake Macquarie Junior Female Sportsperson of the Year. Lake Macquarie has a large amount of great junior athletes and Ashlyn feels honoured to receive a nomination. The Awards dinner will be held at the end of February.
Submitted by Emily Blackstock.
Our You Can Do It program is covering the Persistent strand this term. This week we are presenting you with ways to praise your child for Persistent behaviour.

1. “You really put a lot of work into that.”
2. “You really tried hard. Doesn’t that feel good.”
3. “Good for you. You didn’t give up.”
4. “You found that hard, but you kept trying.”
5. “Well done, you did that even though it was not easy.”
6. “The more you practice the better you become.”

Atuka Netball Club
Registration day at Windale/Gateshead Bowling Club
Saturday 31st January 11am-3pm
Friday 6th February 5:30pm-7:30pm
Tammy; 0448806926 or Toni; 0407466704

Black Swan Dance Studio
- New Dance Studio offering fun classes to get fit, flexible and learn new styles of dance!
- Classes for all ages at affordable prices!
- Professional teacher Chelsea Nisbet has 5 years Teaching experience and 18 years dance experience in Jazz (BBO), Tap (PDA), Ballet, Contemporary, Hip-hop and Latin!
- Learn to develop confidence & performing skills through the art & love of Dance!
- Commencing Monday 2nd February, 2015 (before and after school hours).

Conveniently located at: Jewells Primary School Hall
Email chelsea_nisbet@hotmail.com for a newsletter including more information, a timetable for 2015 and how to register! Alternatively you can call her on 0403406529.

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Ages:
- Preschool - 3 to 4 years
- Mini’s - 5 to 7 years
- Junior - 8 to 11 years
- Intermediate - 12 to 14 years
- Senior - 15 to 17 years

Competitions and Eisteddfods are offered for those wanting more performance opportunities.

Studio Location: Unit 4, 390 Pacific Highway, Belmont

Enrolment Day: Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th January 2015 from 4 to 5pm

For more details contact Nicole Maslovski at theultimatebeat@yahoo.com.au or 0432149430
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Festival of Surfing

Lake Mac Shortboard Masters
Lake Mac Longboard Classic
Lake Mac SUP Classic

Markets, Community Trail, kiteboard demo, sponsor displays, wine tastings

Redhead Beach 14-15 February 2015

For more information, go to www.surfest.com

Community Trail

1. Redhead Men's Shed - Surfing castle, sewage soap, entertainment including Ann's School of Music, Sing Australia Choir and Glen Midibah Pipe Band and Highland Dancers. Ship projects and tools for sale.

2. Redhead Community Library - Bahafoolo Local Aboriginal Land Council display, Story Quilt, Shark in a Bus, live entertainment, and lots of interactive activities inside the library.

3. Coastal Valley Girl Guides - Rock climbing wall, make and take craft activities and information on guiding.

4. Redhead Sustainable Neighbourhood - Information on the group and the local environment, plus displays including OCCi, Redhead Community Garden, Indigenous food tasting, Landcare tree planting and pedal powered interactive activities.

Free goodie bag!* Collect a stamp from each location, between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 15 February, then grab your goodie bag at the beach. *Only available to first 100 participants

Lake Macquarie Junior Rugby Club Presents

JOEY RUGBY

Friday nights 13th and 20th February
5.30 - 6.30pm
4 - 10 year olds
Walters Park, Speers Point

Come along and learn how to play rugby!
Whether you're 5 years or 10 years, we will put you through some basic rugby skills and learn how to play and have lots of fun playing rugby union.
There will be skills training and games provided by coaches, trainers and 1st grade players from our club and for the older kids we will teach you how to tackle.
There will be a BBQ for the participants after each session both Fridays, and don't forget to bring mum and dad! They can come down and relax after a hard week at work and watch you kids have some fun.

For further information contact
Junior President Robbie Taylor 0417 309 588

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