Why: to take care of our local environment and play an active role in our community. Plus, it’s outdoors and fun!

LATE ARRIVALS
Children are still arriving late. By the time they are signed in and arrive in class late vital learning time is lost. If a child arrives 15 minutes late each morning for a week there is over an hour a week that the child is missing out on. This equates to 52.5 hours a year, 12 and a half days a year, or 2 and a half weeks of learning time! Please ensure your child is at school on time so they have the best possible learning and life opportunities.

UNIFORM ORDERS
Uniforms can also be ordered for sizes 10, 12, & 14 for all garments, as well as Large Hats (59cm) and all socks sizes 13-3. These were omitted from the order forms sent home. Order forms can also be accessed on the school webpage under the P&C tab. Orders are due back by this Thursday 28th February.

KINDER STUDY LADDER
Just a reminder. ALL Kindergarten children were given logins and passwords, for the Study Ladder, on laminated cards at Kinder Transition 2012. New activities are added weekly to support concepts taught in class. Please see the teacher if you have lost your child’s login.

Also class finishing time for Kindergarten, commencing next Monday, 4th March, is 2.45pm.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
The P&C are requesting donations of Easter eggs, baskets and other Easter goodies to use as part of their Easter Raffle. The raffle will take place earlier than usual this year, on Friday 22nd March, due to Life Education and Dance commitments. Raffle tickets have been sent home today.

MOBILE PHONES
All mobile phones that come to school with your children must be handed in to the office before school commences then picked up again at 2.45 pm.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

This year Early Stage One (K) and Stage One (Yr 1-2) will be completing the PRC during class time as a whole class. Teachers will arrange to add the books to your child’s PRC reading log. Students from Year 3-6, as written in last week’s newsletter, who are interested in completing the challenge must register on the PRC website. If you do not have access to the internet or need assistance Miss Fox is available to assist. All participants will receive a certificate and their names published in the Sydney Morning Herald. If you have concerns about privacy please let Miss Fox know to ensure your child’s name is not made public.

How do I find out about these books?
The book lists can be found on the Challenge website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

The short list of books is over 30 pages long, so we are not printing it for each family, your child’s teacher will have a copy of the list in the classroom.

What can I do to help my child monitor his/her reading?
At home, help your child keep a record of the books that they have experienced at home on the special recording sheet.

When your child has experienced 30 of the listed books, either enter the information on the PRC website or give the completed list to Miss Fox who will organise to have list’s books recorded on computer and sent to Premier’s website for processing.

RESOURCE PACK—GREAT VALUE AT $22 PER CHILD

This is the last week that the Resource Packs are available. As you would realise the school receives only $50 per child per year to pay for learning equipment. By the time this is spent on books, pens, pencils, folders, glue, colour pencils and textas, whiteboard markers, highlighters, various other stationery supplies, and cover the costs of photocopying, there is very little left! Your purchase of the necessities through the Resource Pack means that all students have the required items and the school can buy the extra items such as art and craft material, books for the library and classroom, technology such as computers and software and of course other games and activities. We thank you for your support with this new initiative as we work towards providing your children with a highly engaging and enjoyable learning environment.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

There has been a huge response to the offer of Parent/Teacher interviews. Notes will go home informing you of your time the week prior to the meeting. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s learning to date.

INTERRELATE

The date for Interrelate this year is: Thursday 9th May 2013.

Session 1: 6pm "Where Did I Come From?"
Session 2: 7.15pm "Preparing for Puberty"

Cost is $25 per family for one session, $30 per family if attending both. Please add these to your diary. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

UNIFORM POOL

The Uniform Pool will not be open until Term 2.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 19th March, after the General Business Meeting at 7pm. During this time elections will be held for the Office Bearer positions. Under the guidelines of the Constitution and By-Laws the no person shall serve more than two terms in the same executive office. It the position is not filled, as was the Canteen Supervisor position, it may be refilled until the next general meeting. This means that we are now in need of a volunteer Canteen Supervisor. If you are interested please make an application to the P&C. The outline of the application is later in this newsletter.
**CANTEEN NEWS**
The Canteen Committee is reforming and will host a meeting in the meeting rooms from 12pm on Thursday 7th March. These meeting will be held in Week 6 at the same time each term. If you have any ideas of healthy food options or would just like to join a great team, come and join us. If you are unable to make it and you have some ideas for the canteen, including recipes and other school menus, please drop them into the P&C box.

A reminder that the Canteen is now open full time 5 DAYS A WEEK. We are however operating with MINIMAL volunteers on several Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to assist it would be appreciated if you could fill out the slip in the newsletter and return it to the office or Canteen.

The following items are now available for purchase:
- Bags of FROZEN Seedless Grapes @ 50 cents
- FRESH Traffic Light Fruit Sticks (pineapple, grape, watermelon and strawberry) @ 50 cents.

There will be a Canteen Meeting on **Thursday 7th March**, midday, in the meeting room at the front of the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

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**CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR  GLENDORE PS SNACK SHACK**

Glendore PS Snack Shack requires an efficient, enthusiastic canteen manager to work in our school canteen.

To be considered you must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating
- Demonstrated ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member as well as supervise others
- Demonstrated time management skills and ability to control day-to-day operations of a school canteen
- Experience with volunteers and/or parent groups
- Knowledge of basic financial management
- Knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- Understanding of OH&S principles
- Interest in food preparation, nutrition and children

Qualifications in the Fresh Tastes @ School Strategy, Canteen Operations and/or Food Safety and Hygiene will be highly regarded.

It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening checks will be completed.
Maryland Wallsend Netball Club requires players in the following age group:
7 years, 8 years, 10 years and 11 years.
New Players welcome. Birth certificate will be required upon registration.
All enquiries- (Christine- Club Registrar) 49514500 or (Gail- President) 49558741

MILO in2CRICKET at MARYLAND

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys 5-8 years of age to the game of Cricket, one of Australia’s favourite sports. Once participants register they will take part in a fun, inclusive, action-packed 6 weeks of program of skills and modified games in 1-hour sessions. Each participant will also get a MILO in2CRICKET backpack with a bat, t-shirt, ball, hat, drink bottle and MILO product. The sessions are run by Cricket NSW staff and all equipment is provided.

MILO in2CRICKET
When: Commences Monday 25th February, 4:30-5:30pm
Where: Grange Avenue Reserve, Maryland
Cost: $65 (includes participant pack)
Registrations can be made on-line at www.in2cricket.com.au or at the first session.
Go to the website for more information or contact Matt Williams on 0419288690.
Get into fun, get in2cricket today!

Go4Fun
Free childhood Obesity Program for Local Families

The Go4Fun Program is a free, community, family-base program for overweight and obese children aged between 7-13 years. This multi-disciplinary program combines all the elements known to be vital in treating and preventing overweight and obesity in children, including family involvement, practical education in nutrition and diet, increasing physical activity and behavioural change. With an emphasis on practical, fun learning the program is designed to deliver sustained improvements in families’ diets, fitness levels and overall health.

We will be hosting an information evening at Belair Public School, 34 Carolyn Street Adamstown on Thursday 21st March. We would like members of the school community to attend the evening to learn more about Go4Fun and how they can be a part of it. We would appreciate if you could please RSVP by Thursday 14th March to Maria or Katie on 49214113 at the John Hunter Children’s Hospital.

Canteen Volunteer Return Slip

Name: ______________________________
Telephone No: _____________________________
Mobile No: ________________________________
Please circle your choices:
Preferred Day:
Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri
Preferred Time:
8.15 am – 2.15 pm 9.00 am – Midday 1.00pm- 2.15 pm
How Often:
Once a week Once a fortnight
Once a month Emergency Roster
Please return slip to the office