Welcome back to everyone for Term 2. We have a very busy term ahead and we're looking forward to the many events and activities planned!

Our teachers enjoyed School Development Day on the last day of Term 1 where they attended workshops centred on Mathematics, the new curriculum, problem solving and differentiation. Thank you to all our families for your support of our day, ongoing professional learning is a key component for ensuring we have quality teaching staff in our schools.

Parents seeking Opportunity Class (OC) placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Parents with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. If you are not completing an online application, applicants must complete an official printed application form, which is available from the office. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3 & 5 will be held in Week 3 of this term. Tests will be held between 13-15 May and administered by our teachers. Prior to the tests, teachers will familiarise the students with the ‘look and feel’ of the tests in order that they are comfortable with what is required of them on the day and will provide appropriate support and guidance. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way parents can help children prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. NAPLAN results will be made available to the school and to parents in mid-September.

School half-yearly reports will be sent home at the end of this term detailing the progress your child has made so far this year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s academic development at any time throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Grandparents’ Day will be held this term on Tuesday 10 June. We will have a series of activities in the morning for our students’ grandparents and grandfriends to attend. Please watch this space for more details closer to the date.

We are in the process this week of setting up our new school messaging system. The communication system, called School Enews, will allow parents to get school news fast, access news the way you prefer it (via email and phone app), get instant smartphone alerts and easily access new and past news. School Enews is more than just a school app; it’s a complete communication solution! We will send full details in the next school newsletter with information about how to sign up!

Our toilet upgrades are still progressing with the tiling happening this week. We're hoping that all will be finished in the coming week or so and our students will have nice new bathrooms to use each day. It's taken a little longer than expected, but I know the wait will be worth it!

Matthew Fuller
Principal
Things to look for in this Newsletter

- Link to School Calendar
- Mothers’ Day Stall
- Australians’ Biggest Morning Tea Information
- Band Performances with nsswe

Dates to put in your diary

http://www.mimosa-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Mothers’ Day Breakfast
Thursday 8th May 7:30- 9:00am

Groundhogs Day
Saturday 17th May – Save the date!
1pm-4pm. More information will follow.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES:

5 - 8 MAY 2014
7pm each night

at The Forest High School, Frenchs Forest

Come along & support your school band, and enjoy an evening of fabulous music.
Entry by donation at the door

www.nsswe.org.au / 0481 303 803
Mother’s Day Gifts

We have a selection of gifts for your child to purchase.

$10 per gift and payment is required in advance.
Payment due by Friday, 2nd May.
Collection of gifts will be Wednesday, 7th May.
Please bring a bag for your children to carry gift home!
One gift per child, remaining gifts will be sold on Friday, 9th May in the quadrangle before school and after school till sold!

Payment options:
2. Fill in form below with details (cash or cheque)
Please make cheques to Mimosa PS P&C Social & Fundraising Committee

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Cash or Cheque Payment option
This slip with payment should be placed in an envelope and left in the “Mother’s Day” box at the office by Friday, 2nd May.

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Parent Helpers Required!

- **Thursday 1st May – Wrapping gifts**
  If you are able to help with wrapping of gifts at school in the old hall from 9.15am to about 12pm (or any part thereof)

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- **Wednesday 7th May – Handing out gifts**
  If you are able to help with handing gifts out in the NEW hall from 9.15am to about 1pm (or any part thereof)

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Any questions please contact Emma Friedlein - [ja-em@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ja-em@optusnet.com.au)
(Mia 3AW & Zoe 1P)
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 22 May

Mimosa will once again be hosting Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to raise much needed funds in the fight against cancer. Last year, our school donated a very generous $1.064.30 to Cancer Council NSW to provide research, prevention and support services to those affected by cancer – an amazing effort Mimosa!

This year we have decided to split this event into 2 timeslots – one for the grown-ups during drop off time and one for the kids during Recess.

8.45am to 9.45am
Parents and carers please join us outside the new hall for a cup of tea/coffee & some homemade treats. A gold coin or other donation will be happily accepted - receipts will be available for tax purposes.

During Recess for Students
For the cost of a gold coin students are invited to purchase a yummy homemade cupcake to enjoy for their morning tea. A selection of gluten free treats will also be available.

As always we’d love your help with the preparations for this event! If you can help in any way please complete the slip below and return it to the box in the office by Monday 19 May.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the morning tea - thank you!

Kind regards,
Helene Van De Merwe 0421 890 255 timandhelenehore@bigpond.com
Jenine Lax 0404 840 968 jeninelax@hotmail.com

Return to the school office by Monday 19 May – please tick preference – thank you

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<td>Bake 1 dozen cupcakes (nut free) (please label your container or there is a limited supply of cardboard boxes in the office - cupcakes can be delivered to Staff Room the afternoon prior or by 8.30am on the day)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:timandhelenehore@bigpond.com">timandhelenehore@bigpond.com</a></td>
<td>0421 890 255</td>
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<td>Help at the event (collecting donations / serving cupcakes / cleanup etc) 1st Timeslot - 8.45am to 9.45am or 2nd Timeslot - Recess</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jeninelax@hotmail.com">jeninelax@hotmail.com</a></td>
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PS: Any leftover cupcakes will be available for sale after school – all proceeds to Cancer Council NSW.