Newsletter News!
Welcome to the second newsletter for the term! This term we are trialling a new system of delivering a newsletter each week. In this way, our news and information will be more current and the newsletter should be shorter, so less to read and digest!! You would have read in last week's newsletter about the introduction of School ENews to Mimosa. The School ENews team are developing our phone app at the moment, so as soon as it is ready we will let you know how to sign up!

Warringah Zone Cross Country
Yesterday our Cross Country team competed in the Warringah Zone Cross Country Carnival at Lionel Watts Oval. All members of our team put in a huge effort in their races and we are very proud of all of their achievements. The behaviour of the students was wonderful and they certainly represented their school very well! Special congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Sydney North Area Cross Country Carnival at Gosford next month: Wilson Sarkies (1st 10 Yrs Boys), Liam O'Brien (1st 11 Yrs Boys), Madeleine Wallace (2nd 11 Yrs Girls) and Elise Wallace (3rd 8/9 Yrs Girls).
Many thanks to Vanessa Wallace for acting as Team Manager on the day and to Louise Grigg and Janine Smith for organising our team and officiating at the event.

Uniforms
Now that the weather has become cool, we are asking that all students be in winter school uniform from the beginning of Week 3, Monday 12 May 2014. Students are expected to wear the full uniform on non-sport days and not a combination of winter/summer uniforms! Please ensure all uniform items, particularly jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name to ensure any misplaced items can be returned to the owner as soon as possible.

New Librarian
I am pleased to announce that our new teacher librarian has been appointed to our school through the Merit Selection process. Her name is Giulia Mamott and we are all looking forward to her starting with us soon. Mrs Mamott will officially begin at Mimosa on Monday 19 May.

Mothers' Day Breakfast and Stall
The Mothers’ Day Breakfast and Stall will be held this week and I'd like to thank all our parents who have spent many hours organising these events. A lot of time, effort and energy have gone into organising the events and we appreciate everyone's input.

National Allergy Awareness Week 12th to 18th May 2014
Food Allergy Week supports all Australians living with food allergies. In the last decade severe food-induced allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) in Australia have dramatically increased. There is no cure and currently no one understands why allergies are increasing at such an alarming rate.
FACTS

- Life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) in children aged under 4 have increased fivefold over the last 10 years.
- Currently food allergies cannot be cured; avoidance of the food is key to management.
- Most food allergic reactions occur when people are eating away from the home.
- Approximately 10 Australians die as a result of anaphylaxis each year.
- Most deaths are preventable. Teens and young adults are most at risk and represent 70% of food allergy deaths.

For more information and to access free online training visit http://anaphylaxis.ascia.org.au/. More information will be sent home to families next week.

Matthew Fuller
PRINCIPAL

Things to look for in this Newsletter

- Link to School Calendar
- Australians’ Biggest Morning Tea Information

Dates to put in your diary

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

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

Office News
With the latest Book Club order we received a book that had no name attached to the order. If you ordered a book titled “Eye Boggles” then it is waiting in the office for your collection.

Stewart House Donations
Stewart House Donation Envelopes have gone home today. Please fill in the details on the back and include a $2 coin seal and return to the office by Friday 16th May. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Whopping Cough
We have had another case of whopping cough at school. Please see your GP if you are concerned.

School Fees
There are still a number of families who have not yet paid their term one expenses which were due on 4th April. The total amount outstanding is almost $5,000 and has a significant impact on the school’s budget. Reminder notices have been sent home so please pay asap if you receive one. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying, please contact the school office to discuss the matter. If you have any questions regarding your account please do not hesitate to contact us. Partial payments are most welcome.
Term two expenses are currently being finalised and should be sent home next week.

Libby Cleary
Office Manager
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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| 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) |
| Help at the event (collecting donations / serving cupcakes / cleanup etc) 1st Timeslot - 8.45am to 9.45am or 2nd Timeslot - Recess |

PS: Any leftover cupcakes will be available for sale after school – all proceeds to Cancer Council NSW.
JOIN THE GROUND-HOGS CREW FOR A MIMOSA WORKING BEE ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY FROM 1-4PM (SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 3.30PM)

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP CLEAN-UP OUR SCHOOL GROUND?


ALL THAT’S NEEDED IS YOUR TIME AND MUSCLES, AND ANY GARDENING EQUIPMENT THAT YOU CAN BRING ALONG! (SHOVEL, RAKE, GLOVES, WHIPPER SNIPPER, BLOWER, WHEEL BARROW ETC)
LET THE KIDS LEND A HAND, OR JUST BRING THEIR BIKES AND SCOOTERS!

IF GARDENING ISN’T YOUR THING, WE ALWAYS COULD USE A HAND WITH BBQ DUTY OR TO KEEP THE SOFT DRINKS COLD.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL, PLEASE EMAIL CATH BASHFORD: catherineb@finishengroup.com.au or RACHAEL ANTCLIFFE: rachael@mwps.com.au

TO ALLOW FOR CATERING AND TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR OUR CLEANUP, COULD YOU PLEASE TEAR OFF THE SLIP BELOW AND HAND IT BACK TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 9TH MAY

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MIMOSA GROUNDS WORKING BEE

NAME _______________________
NUMBER OF ADULTS ____________ NUMBER OF CHILDREN ____________
Have you heard of Code Club World?

"The mission of CodeClubWorld.org is to give every child in the world the chance to learn to code by providing project materials and a volunteering framework that supports the running of after-school coding clubs." (http://codeclubworld.org)

Hey kids,
We are looking for people who are interested in learning more about computers. We will meet once per week before school in the tech space.

Check out this YouTube clip to learn more... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFtxaOHSi9A

Hey parents,
Do you work in IT or are wanting to learn more about coding? We are looking for parents who would be interested in volunteering to support this before school program.

Check out this YouTube clip to learn more... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACYsz7sZvH8
If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know more, you can email our parent organiser, Peter Whitfield at peter.whitfield@viz.com.au

The Mimosa Code Club World will meet Wednesday mornings 8:00am-9:00am starting from Week 4.

Please return your completed ‘Expression of Interest’ form to the office by Tuesday 13th May

Expression of Interest

My child/ren is/are interested in joining the Mimosa Code Club World.

Student_________________________________________ Class ________
Student_________________________________________ Class ________
Student_________________________________________ Class ________

I understand that this is a before school program and that students are expected to attend unless they are unwell or due to other school commitments.

Signature_________________________________________ Date ________________

Email address____________________________________

(Should your child be selected, a parent email address is required to set up an account for them).

Parent Volunteer

I, __________________________, am interested in volunteering for the Mimosa Code Club World.

Currently, I can commit to volunteering for ____________ mornings per term.