

## Technology News and Cyber Safety Community Announcement

All Students at Manning Gardens P.S are now enjoying spending time in Technology Classes. This term across all classes students have been learning about Cyber Safety. Below are some fantastic sites to help your child learn more about this issue at home.

On another note please remember that the Computer Lab is open every Wednesday Afternoon from 3:30pm - 4:15pm for any parent or student who needs to use a computer. Our Technology Teacher Miss Barry is willing to help with any technology questions that you may have. We hope to see you all there!

### Staff Profile - Miss Barry (Technology R.F.F Teacher)

**Real Name:** Melissa Ann Barry

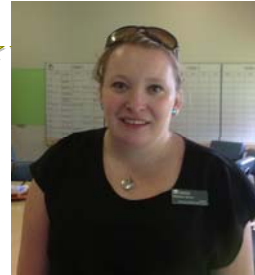
**Age:** 27

**Something you may not know about me:** I grew up in Taree. I went to Cundletown Public School and Chatham High School

**My Passions:** I have been learning the Electronic Organ since I was five years old... I love Music! I also love Teaching, sharing memories with my friends and family and travelling.

**Have I travelled the world?** Yes I travelled to Europe in the 2012 - 2013 Christmas Holidays. I visited London, Paris, Amsterdam, Ireland, Switzerland, Venice, Florence and Rome... Ask me about this I am happy to tell you all of my wonderful travel tales.

**My greatest Loves:** I adore my two nephews named Kurtis and Zachary and my two nieces named Indie and Charlotte



## Schoolkids Bonus

### Lighten the load

#### HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

### Manning Valley Physical Culture

**ENROL NOW FOR 2013**

Dance Classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages. Physical Culture builds good posture, fitness, strength and flexibility through Exercise to music.

Classes Commence 11th February, 2013. For more information please contact:

Nola on 0419237715 or 65 512831



Manning Gardens Public School

## GRAPEVINE

**TOGETHER WE GROW - STRONGER SMARTER**

**Address:** Mudford Street, Taree **Phone:** 65 52 6333 **Website:** <http://www.manninggdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>



**Principal's Message** - Last Friday we held our first whole school assembly for the year. Our school leaders led the assembly and did a fine job. 5/6C gave a class presentation made up of a display of artworks as well as demonstrating some beautiful reading. Clearly, great things are happening in our senior class!

5/6C also conducted some fundraising with a sausage sizzle and the selling of ice blocks. Please support all the class fundraising activities this year!

Parents – I want to remind everyone that scooters are banned from Manning Gardens PS. Students are not to ride scooters to school. Students who are 10 years and older can ride their bikes to school as long as they are wearing a bike helmet and their bike is safe. This policy is all about our students staying safe as we are positioned next to two very busy roads. I thank you again for your support! Our school's Bike Policy is attached to this Grapevine.

Don't forget that parents and caregivers are always welcome at school – your smiling faces at school certainly send a clear message to your children that school is COOL!

### Whole School Assembly - 22/2/13

**Class awards were presented to the following students:**

**KT:** Lachlan, Tristan, Tykia and Rory.

**K/1S:** Shianne, Summer, Zanzie and Jamarli.

**1/2B:** Answon, Charli, Lachlan, Zander, Carmelitta, Ben and Alannah.

**2/3S:** Hayden, Gregory, Jardin, Connor and Dion.

**3/4M:** Lydia, Tasmin, Tamyka and Taylor.

**5/6C:** Dimity, Chris, Brock, Malachi, Izayah and Tyra.

**1-3SCR:** Ryan and Makaiden.

**3-5SCG:** Gordon and Hunter.

**4-6SCS:** Kai and Allan.

**5/6SCB:** Robert, Jack, Alex and Arnold.

**DA:** William and Darren.

**Principal's Privilege:** Christopher McLeod and Sarah Simington-George.

### What's Happening at the Gardens!

#### THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday 26 Feb** - Life Education Sessions start.

**Friday 1 March** - Whole School Assembly 9:30am.

#### NEXT WEEK:

**Wednesday 6 March** - 4-6SCS Excursion.

**Thursday 7 March** - 3-5SCG Excursion.

**Friday 8 Mar** - Whole School Assembly.

#### WEEK 7:

**Wednesday 13 March** - 4-6SCS Excursion.

**Thursday 14 March** - 3-5SCG Excursion.

**Friday 15 March** - Buddy classes.

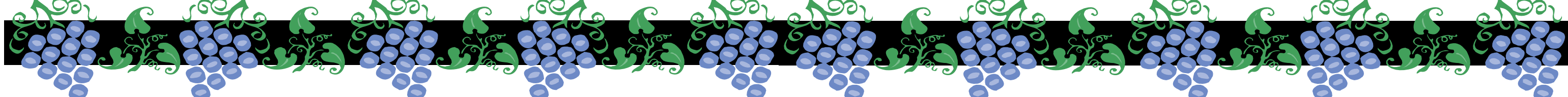
#### **Breakfast Club**

**everyday from 8:45am!**

#### **Active after School:**

**Monday and Thursday.**





Mr Sortwell presenting the Principal's Privilege



Mrs Blick's Award Winners



5/6C presenting their Assembly Item

Photos from Our 1st Assembly

# Fundraising Friday's!

Every FRIDAY is Fundraising Friday where food is sold to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell/Gift to the school. Please encourage your children to bring money for food to school every Friday. There are lots of different things on offer and the food is so yummy and scrumptious.... Please help support our Year 6 students in their Fundraising efforts.

## Week 6 - Fundraising

Every day in week 6, Year 6 will hold a fundraising week where there will be fun activities to take part in, every lunchtime, at a small cost... For Example - Wii games, treasure hunt, cake stall, decorating biscuits, colouring competition etc. Please help our Year 6 students reach their Fundraising goals.... This is going to be a fantastic week for all!

**Canteen News!**

The canteen is now open 3 days per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday thanks to the fantastic effort by the P&C and our fabulous volunteers!

If you are able to volunteer to help out in the canteen please see our wonderful office staff! We welcome all new volunteers and appreciate all of the efforts in helping our school canteen to continue to run.

**P & C News**

Thankyou to everyone who attended our first P&C Meeting. We welcome all new and returning families to attend our next meeting which is to be held on the 20th of March in the School Staffroom. The P&C does a fantastic job in helping our children and we thank them for all of their support.

**Library for 2013**

The Library program is up and running for all classes as per the timetable below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/3 Somerville	Kinder Theo	3/4 Madden	Mr Amidy	SCRichardson
1/2 Blick	1/2 Stevens	SCStace	SCGoodwin	
5/6 Cattell				
SCBeckton				

Students will be borrowing books each week during their library lesson, to read in their classroom during quiet reading time. However **students can still borrow extra books to take home, providing they have a library bag** to protect the book while in transit. Drawstring cloth bags are ideal, but thick plastic bags, cloth shopping bags and pillow cases are also acceptable.



Once again, to help our students develop a love of reading we are encouraging all students to participate in the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The challenge is that students in K-2 must read (or listen to) 30 books and Yrs. 3-6 students must read 20 books by 1st September 2013! The majority of the books read must be listed on the PRC booklists – for more information, go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. This year, each class will adopt a rocket to race the other classes Across the Universe, to the moon. As each student completes the PRC Challenge, his or her class rocket will shoot one galactic step closer to the moon! What they find on the moon will be a book-lovers surprise!

Parents and carers, please help your children achieve their reading goals. Developing a love of reading can be life changing!

**Sports Stars**

Congratulations to Ethan and Malachi Walker who participated in the NSW State Touch Cup competition a few weeks ago. The boys represented their team with pride and enthusiasm and are to be congratulated on their wonderful sporting efforts.

# Life Education

This Week all students at Manning Gardens Public School will be attending Life Education Van sessions. The Life Education Van will be visiting Manning Gardens P.S between Tuesday the 26th of February and Monday the 4th of March. Life Education offers a broad, positive health program with a particular focus on preventative drug education and is aimed at children in their formative years, with a preschool program also.

This is a great program for students! There is also merchandise available for students to purchase so that they can remember their wonderful experience, a list and pricing details are provided below.

- Life Education Australia Merchandise:**
- Calculator - \$5.00
  - Harold Stationary Set - \$3.00
  - Harold Key Ring - \$3.00
  - Harold Hand Ball - \$3.00
  - Wallet - \$4.00
  - Harold Tattoo - \$0.50
  - Sticky Note Pad - \$1.00
  - Harold Soft Toy - \$20.00
- Healthy Harold - If you wish to purchase any of the merchandise mentioned you need to write your name, class and cost on an envelope with correct money inside it and hand it into the office. Items will be distributed Friday and Monday Afternoons.
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