Principal’s Report
It has been a huge week for our school community. I was lucky enough to travel with a group of students, parents and staff to ANZ Stadium on Monday night to watch the Socceroos last game in Australia before they travel to Brazil for the World Cup. The students who participated in the March Past were outstanding in both behaviour, and in being an audience for our National team. I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival on Wednesday was a fabulous day. It was wonderful to see our students being active learners in trying their best in whatever event they were in. Our parents support for the carnival was excellent and I would like to thank you for your patronage at the carnival and in your support of offering a helping hand, when needed. Thank you to Greg Moore from Kurri Kurri Little Athletics, for your support in organising the equipment for us, and to Kurri Kurri Soccer Club for hosting the canteen. Hebburn House were the winners of our annual March Past, so the Masterman Trophy will go to Hebburn for 2014. The overall house points winner for 2014 was Hebburn house with 210 points, closely followed by Stanford house with 196 points and Richmond house with 183 points. Congratulations to all of our competitors. The Senior and Junior champions will be announced on our school assembly next week.
**Transport Excursion**
Year 1 and Year 2 classes headed off to the Newcastle Museum today for an excursion related to their Transport theme that they have been studying this term.

**Discover Uni Day**
Our Year 6 students headed off to the University of Newcastle today to participate in the Discover Uni Day. This is an opportunity for our senior students to experience the campus and get a better understanding of University life.

**Multi-Sports Day**
Several of our students will be heading to The University of Newcastle Forum to participate in a Multi-Sports Day for students with disabilities on Tuesday, 3rd June. Mrs Harris and Mrs Prior will also be attending on the day to participate in some professional learning workshops for staff working with students with disabilities.

**Road Safety**
I must stress the importance of road safety to all of our families and to remind you of your duties as a parent or caregiver to ensure your children remain safe near or on our roads around the school. It is imperative that you collect your child from the school gates and monitor them crossing the road on every occasion.

**Playgroup**
Next week is the last week for our wonderful Playgroup, which operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mrs Elwyn Tweedie, before they will be taking a break over winter. Playgroup will then return on Tuesday, August 12th, Week 5 of Term 3.

**Regional Softball Trials**
Next Friday, 6th June, Emily Gordon will be heading to the Hunter Regional Softball trials. Good luck Emily!

**Assembly**
5/6G will be hosting the Assembly next Friday. They will also be performing an item on the assembly.

**Staff Movement**
Mrs Robertson will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday, 2nd June. Our school counsellor Lyn Osbourne will be relieving as DGO for the rest of the term. Kathy Evans will be our school counsellor during this time.

**Author Visit**
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the author visit by Phil Kettle has been postponed for Tuesday, 17th June. This visit and workshop will be re-scheduled for later in the year. Sorry for the inconvenience.
Shark and Ray Centre Excursion
On Wednesday the 4th of June, Year 3 will be heading to the Shark and Ray Centre at Nelson Bay as part of their classroom learning. The class will be treated to a personal guided tour of the sharks and rays, plus two educational talks and shows. The bus will leave school at 8.45am and return by 2.30pm. This will be an exciting and informative day!

Smoking Near the School
I would like to note a recent letter I received from NSW Health in regards to the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. It states that smoking has been banned within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point of a public building (including schools). For the sake of our student’s health, and the health of others in our community, it would be appreciated that any smoking that has to occur around the school be done across the road from the school’s front fence. Penalties for smoking in areas that have been banned can be up to $550.

Live Life Well at School
Tempting taste buds
Some children dislike vegetables, however they are still an important food group. Some ideas to tempt reluctant vegetable eaters include:
• Disguising them by blending, mashing and adding them to soups, stews or sauces.
• Offer them raw. Lots of kids prefer crunchy vegetables rather than cooked ones. Carrots, cauliflower, beans or broccoli are great eaten raw.
• Involve children in preparing or growing vegetables. This increases their familiarity and willingness to try new vegetables.
• Serve cut up carrots, celery, tomato and cucumber with salsa, dips, cottage cheese or salad dressing.
• Add kidney beans, red lentils, baked beans or four-bean mix to casseroles, mince or stews.
Mix mashed potatoes with mashed pumpkin or sweet potato.

Payments at the Office
When making payments at the office, please ensure money is in an envelope or clip-lock bag. It would also be appreciated if the correct money could be given as we don’t have change.

Partners in Print
Next week, Partners in Print will be held in 1K on Friday, 6th June. Please ensure you return the note if you are able to attend this wonderful program.

Eco Explorers Week 6
Riley C 3W, Jade 4L, Max S 3/4K & April 4L.

Shaun Graham - Principal