Students are asked to bring a selection of materials suitable to decorate either a cardboard base from school or a party hat from home. These materials could include feathers, beads, ribbon, cotton wool, flowers, braid etc. Now is the time to start collecting and bringing in the bric-a-brac for hats.

The parade will begin around 2.30pm, followed by an egg hunt and the drawing of the P&C Easter raffle. Dress will be out-of-uniform.

Dear Parents and Friends,

**P&C AGM**

Congratulations to the newly elected P&C executives:

- **President** Karen Stevenson
- **Vice President** Melinda McCulloch
- **Treasurer** Deb Walter
- **Secretary** Nicole Dobbins
- **Ass. Secretary** Tracy Thomas
- **Fundraising Sub Committee Chairperson** Terijo Lovasz
- **Non executive member** Amanda Single

The strength of our school has always been the commitment of the community in supporting us. Thanks for taking on this job for 2013 and thanks to those retiring members for all the work and commitment over the past years. Particularly retiring President, Leanne Barile and retiring Treasurer, Liz Cornally.

**Reminder**

A number of families still have not paid the voluntary school contribution ($35 per student per year) or resources fee for this year. It is usually the case that in the busyness of the start of the year, this can be forgotten. We would like to have these accounts settled by the end of this term. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact the office.

**Easter Hat Parade**

An Easter hat parade is traditionally held on the Thursday before Good Friday each year. This is NOT a competition. It is for fun. Hats are made at school during class time, so don’t panic about your millinery skills.

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**Due for Return this week**

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Lower Hunter
Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 27 March
The Lower Hunter Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at the Fred Harvey Sports Complex at Woodberry next Wednesday 27 March. Kindly complete and return the attached permission note to the school mail box by this Friday, 22 March. Transport will be by private arrangements. Please indicate on the note if your child/ren require transport.

Students are required to arrive by 8.45am, ready to be placed into groups with events commencing promptly at 9.00am. All students in years 2 who will turn 8 this year and students in years 3-6 are expected to attend, except in the case of illness, as it is a normal school day.

Students are required to wear full sport uniform including hats. Sunscreen is a must, even if it is overcast as the sun’s UV rays are emitted and reflected from cloud, intensifying their potential to damage skin. Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times.

Please note that the carnival is for students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year and students in years 3-6 only. Kindergarten, Year 1 and those year 2 students who do not turn 8 this year will remain at school.

Dangerous Road
Families living on the Cessnock side of the school would be well aware of the dangerous road surface on the crest of the hill near the old Steggles entrance (approx. 0.7km from the school). A number of families have had near misses with cars swerving to avoid the deep crevasses in the road. This problem was discussed at the P&C meeting last night and it is important that as many families as possible contact Cessnock City Council on 02 4993 4100 to request that this dangerous situation be fixed as a matter of urgency. There is a stark contrast between the quality of Blackhill Road on the Cessnock section and the Newcastle section.

Easter Raffle
Thank you again for all the generous donations so far. Can everyone please return their tickets either sold or unsold by Tuesday, 26 March. There are still plenty of books left if you think you could sell some more, available at the office or they can be organised to be sent home with your child. Remember, there is a giant chocolate egg prize for the family who sells the most tickets! It would be appreciated if all donations could be dropped off at school by Tuesday morning as we will be assembling the gift baskets for the raffle prizes on Tuesday, starting at 9.00am. If anyone has any questions or are free to assist with the assembly, please contact me. Thanks, Melinda. 0407662961, 49303291

Pie and Lamington Fundraiser
Its time for our pie and lamington drive. There’s a great selection of pies, slices and lamingtons, most of which can be frozen. So please pass your order forms around to your family and friends and fill your freezer, ready for Easter. All funds raised support the school. Your orders and correct money need to be returned to the school by Friday, 5 April and the orders will be ready for pickup on Friday, 12 April.

Sausage Sizzle
Friday 22 March
Colleen West Tracey Thomas

Sausage Sizzle $1.50
Poppers $1.00
Up’n’Go $1.50

P&C News

20 March 2013 Term 1 Week 8
Stay and Play
Thursday, 28 March, right after the Easter hat parade and raffle. Bring some afternoon tea to share (fruit, chips, popcorn etc), let the kids have a play and have a catch up with other parents. Hopefully the weather will be better for us this time!

Community News
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the USA and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover—all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator, Dianne Axam on 0429 406 126 for more information.

CORE RULES
All students in NSW government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behavior of any kind, will not be tolerated.

Spaghetti Bolognese

**Ingredients**
- 500g mince beef
- 2 large onions
- 2 carrots
- Mixed herbs
- Chopped capsicum
- Chopped bacon
- Tomato paste
- Can chopped tomatoes
- ½ packet spaghetti
- Grated tasty cheese
- Grated Parmesan cheese

**Method**
- Bring water in a large saucepan to boil.
- Add spaghetti, stirring constantly, cook according to directions on packet.
- Drain.
- In a large frying pan and a little olive oil and brown the onion and bacon.
- Add meat, herbs, tomato paste, can chopped tomatoes, peeled and chopped carrots, chopped capsicum.
- Simmer on low heat until meat is cooked (approx. 30 mins).
- Serve spaghetti into a bowl and top with meat sauce.
- Sprinkle with grated cheese.
Event: Lower Hunter Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival 2012 (Years 2-6)

Destination: Woodberry Oval, behind Francis Greenway HS

Date: Wednesday, 27 Mar  
Commence: 8.45am sharp  
End: by 2.15pm

Dress: Full winter sports uniform including sunsafe hat and suitable, fully enclosed footwear to be worn at all times. Please ensure all items are labelled with names. A warm coat is advisable. It can be extremely cold.

Permission Note: Mail box

Requirements for the day: Plenty of enthusiasm, energy, sunscreen

Food Requirements: Packed recess and lunch or canteen facilities including BBQ are available.

Transport: Parent transport. Please fill in the slip below to indicate your child/ren’s travel arrangements.

Permission Note—Small Schools Athletics Carnival 2013

I give permission for my child/children _____________________________ of class/es _____________ (years 2-6) to participate in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 27 March at Woodberry Oval. I understand travel will be by private arrangements.

My child will require transport. ☐ yes ☐ no

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _______________
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

We will be running a BBQ at Bunnings Maitland on SUNDAY 19th MAY. This is one of our fundraisers for the year, and can potentially be very rewarding for the school. Bunnings require us to be selling sausages between 9am and 5pm, so we are going to need some volunteers to make this happen successfully. Please fill in your name and phone number below and indicate what time you will be available to lend us a hand, or if you can help out in any other way. Ideally we need 4 people per time slot. Please contact Tracy Thomas if you have any questions 0425 391 600.

Please return this form to the office by FRIDAY 3rd May

Name/s: ..........................................................

Phone Number: ....................................................................................

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I can provide a large esky to store drinks on the day. I can drop this off to the school during the week before the 19th May ..............................................
# BLACK HILL SCHOOL: THOMPSON'S PIE & CAKE FUNDRAISING ORDER

| Name | Family Plain Meat Pie $6.00 | Family Bacon & Cheese Pie $7.00 | Family Steak & Kidney Pie $7.00 | Family Mornay Chicken & Veg $8.00 | Plain Pies (Pkt 6) $9.00 | Bacon & Cheese Pies (Pkt 6) $10.00 | Chunky Steak Pies (Pkt 6) $10.00 | Sausage Roll (Pkt 6) $6.50 | Party Custard Tart (Pkt 6) $6.50 | Party Caramel Tarts (Pkt 6) $6.50 | Apple Slice (Pkt 6) $5.50 | Vanilla Slice (Pkt 6) $5.50 | Finger Bun (Pkt 6) $5.00 | Brownie Slice (Pkt 6) $5.50 | Choc Chip Muffins (Pkt 6) $6.00 | Cream Lamingtons (Pkt 12) $9.50 | Plain Lamingtons (Pkt 12) $9.50 | Total Items | Total $:

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Order form and Money to be returned to School by: **FRIDAY 5th APRIL '13**

Students Name & Class:

Parent / Contact Name:

Pie Drive Collection Date: **FRIDAY 12th APRIL**

*All pies, sausage rolls and lamingtons can be frozen for up to 6 months unfortunately vanilla slices and custard tarts do NOT freeze* as advised by Thompsons Pies.