TERM 2 CHANGES TO ST MARYS NORTH

- NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Commencing in Term 2, our new Assistant Principal, Donna Smith, will be the new class teacher of 1S (formerly 1V). We welcome Mrs Smith who is an experienced Assistant Principal with a wealth of knowledge from working in Western Sydney Schools. Our school wishes to thank Miss Vella for the outstanding job she has done with the students of 1V. Miss Vella will be returning to Norths later in 2014 to work with another group of students. Best wishes to Miss Vella in her future teaching career.

- ROOM CHANGES
From this term, four of our current classes have changed rooms. Mrs Barnett’s 2B, have changed rooms with Mrs Donas 4D, and Mrs Bowen 2V and Miss Ward’s 3/4W have also swapped. This arrangement now permits all Year 6, 5, 4 and some of Year 3 to be on the Willow Rd side of the school with Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and the rest of Year 3 on the Debrincat side. Class 2/3A will remain where they currently are. This internal reorganisation was necessary to accommodate school programs and student support.

- INTERNAL EATING AND PLAY ARRANGEMENTS.
To accommodate a wealth of research knowledge about young children eating earlier in the day, our school is making some changes to our play and eating times. From Term 2 onwards, the children will have a morning play break from 11.00am to 11.17am with no food or eating permitted. Once the bell goes at 11.20am the children will be given their lunch food with their class teachers. This will allow all children to have their healthier, bigger meal earlier in the day, permitting them to concentrate better when they return to class learning time. The bell to end lunch eating time will sound at 11.30am. Younger aged students may be given another 5 minutes to eat as they do currently. The students will then be in class from 11.30am to 1.20pm. At 1.20pm they will have an afternoon recess break, involving an afternoon snack. This afternoon play break will conclude at 1.57pm. The final learning session will occur as usual from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Under these new arrangements there is no difference to the amount of play time, 17 minutes at morning break, 10 minutes eating time and 37 minutes in the afternoon break.
TERM 2 CHANGES (CONT)

- CANTEEN
Thank you to the members of the community who have recently volunteered to work in the canteen. Due to your kindness the canteen may be able to be open 3 days a week. The changes to our eating and play arrangements may also help out canteen volunteers. As there will only be one session for the children to purchase items we will be able to offer volunteers two shifts in which to work. Shift one will commence at 8.30am (for lunch orders) and conclude at 12.00pm. No canteen service, other than pre-ordering of lunch, will be required. This shift will make all our students lunches. Shift two will only serve students during the afternoon break. This shift will commence at 1.00pm and conclude by 2.15pm. Please see the office if you are able to assist and volunteer some time in these new canteen arrangements.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
From Term 2 onwards the primary method for distribution of our school newsletter will be online. You will be able to view the latest newsletter on the home page of our school website. Previous newsletters will be found under the newsletter tab. If you still wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter can you please return the attached note contained in this newsletter by Wednesday 7 May, 2014.

NAPLAN
The annual National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy testing for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 takes place from 13-15 May. Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. We request that all our students have a good night’s sleep, arrive at school early and have a healthy breakfast so they will be able to concentrate and do their best. If you wish for further information about the NAPLAN test please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs McSpeerin. Alternatively, you may access more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, at: www.nap.edu.au/.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS (OC)
If your child is currently in Year 4, you may be considering applying for an opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015. You need to check the web for more details about applying and the application process involved. To apply online please visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/placement.

Students who are selected to be placed in these specialised class settings are viewed as the most capable, academic students in their current Year 4 cohort. If you wish to seek further information about these settings, please discuss with your child’s class teacher or Miss McDonald.

PROPAGATION LESSONS
On Tuesday 1 April, all students from years 3 – 6 participated in native plant propagation lessons with Mr Tangye and Brenden Moore from The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. Students discussed various aspects of bush tucker, learnt how Aboriginal people traditionally cared for the environment and had hands on experience with some native plants that were traditionally used for food, medicines and tools. The 220 plus plants will remain in the school’s greenhouse over the coming weeks and students will be able to collect them in Term 2.
A big thank you to the following for their time and donations:
Brenden Moore, Mr & Mrs Elphick, St Marys North McDonald’s & St Marys Masters

SYDNEY WEST RUGBY CARNIVAL
On Tuesday 8 April, 5 boys represented the district at the Open’s Sydney West Carnival. They won 2 of the 4 games and all boys played well.
Boys Open Players: Liam Schemmp, Byron Mcnee, Junior Tualii, Lau Siafolau & TJ Pine.
ST MARYS PSSA
Over the term we have had many of our students participate at trials in hope of securing a position on a St Marys PSSA team. It is always a delight to inform our students of their success. So far this year we have students who have been selected for Softball, Rugby League and Touch Football. Massive congratulations must go to the following children. We are all extremely proud of your achievements.
SOFTBALL – Emily Archer
RUGBY LEAGUE – Junior Taulii, Mohammed Diab, Wilson Orika, Antonio Namoli, Pacey Spaulding, Lau Siafolau, Riley Alderton, Liam Schempp, Byron McNee, TJ Pine and Blake Archer
TOUCH FOOTBALL – Wilson Orika and Pacey Spaulding

ST MARYS DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS
On Wednesday 2 April, boys from St Marys North represented the district at the Under 11’s Sydney West Carnival. They all boys from across the district played and St Marys came 2nd in their pool. They won the semi final 4-0 and lost the grand final 22-6.
Under 11’s Boys: Lau Siafolau, TJ Pine, Blake Archer, Pacey Spaulding, Moe Diab, Riley Alderton, Antonio Namoli & Wilson Orika
Lau Siafolau and TJ Pine were selected for the Sydney West Squad.

JACK NEWTOWN JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION ABORIGINAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
On Wednesday 2 April, 12 Aboriginal students from St Marys North Public School participated in the Western Sydney Jack Newton Junior Golf foundation Aboriginal Golf Tournament at the Colonial Golf Course, Werrington. Out of the 8 team tournament comprised of students from various Western Sydney schools St Marys North finished equal fourth. Janarri Anderson kindly joined the winning Lethbridge Park team in keeping the numbers of students in each group fair. Michael Spencer and Liam Jackson both received a ‘closest to pin’ award on holes 4 and 7.
Congratulations Janarri, Michael, Liam and all the students for a great day out at golf!

P&C NEWS
The P&C would like to thank everyone for their support throughout 2013 and would like to congratulate all new committee members for 2014.
President Linda McKune Vice President Kelly Taylor
Treasurer Debbie Meldre Vice President Rebecca Amodoros
Secretary Kelli Hobson
Our five executives are:
Lisa Dunn, Jane Page, Tara Bachert, Julie Burt and Matt Taylor.
The P&C are still in need of Mother’s Day donations for the raffles. Mother’s Day stall will be held on 9 May, 2014. There will be $2.00, $4.00 and $6.00 tables. Helpers are needed to assist at the stall. Our next meeting will be held on 20 May, 2014 at 1.00pm.

CAICEN AND BREAKFAST CLUB
Just a reminder that the school canteen will be closed for Week 1, Term 2. Please remember, this means that the children will need to bring recess and lunch with them every day this week.
The canteen will reopen for Term 2 on Tuesday Week 2, and will only be open at this stage for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Also, the Breakfast Club will be closed for Week 1 and will reopen in Week 2, Term 2.
LIBRARY NEWS
Australian author, Aleesah Darlison, will be visiting our school on Tuesday 6 May. She will talk to the K-2 students about her latest picture book, “Little Meerkat” and to the Years 3-6 students about the first book in her latest fantasy series called “Ash Rover: Keeper of the Phoenix”. Many lucky students ordered a copy of one of her books before the holidays and these will be delivered on 6 May.
It’s not too late to purchase one of her books if you are interested. Simply complete an order form, available from the Office or the Library, and send your order and money to the Office by Tuesday 6 May. Ms Darlison will bring some extra copies with her on the day.
In addition to the books listed, a picture book called “Bearly There” and a beginning chapter book called “Fangs” are also available. Please see Miss Campbell in the Library for the prices. Why not drop into the Library before school to have a look at all of Ms Darlison’s books.

PLAYGROUND AWARDS - Week 11
Show Respect

KB  Ian Geraldez
KH  Kaitlyn Stephenson
KJ  Chloe Rewi
KT  Mia Habib
1L  Lucy Doole-Dunham
1V  Ethan Schempp
1RW Katelyn Connor
2B  Dakirah-Leigh Bath
2V  Joshua Pestridge

2/3A Kayleigh Collins
3C  Nathan Boulter
3R  Kyle O’Grady
3/4W Kaitlyn Atkins
4D  Riley Dunn
4/5A Hayley Westerman
5P  Liam Jackson
6B  Lydia Alderton
6R  Sohail Khan

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 11
Friendliness & Inclusion

KB  Peyton Hemi
KH  Rozane Chand
KJ  Blake Dick
KT  Timana Pine
1L  JJ Wilkes
1V  Isabelle Mills
1RW Matari Niko
2B  Blake Doring
2V  Charleise Thode

2/3A Avery Nagatoko
3C  Jaleeka Anderson
3R  Shatanah Kalepo
3/4W Jorde Enosa
4D  Kira Ebsworth
4/5A Hunter Verdich
5P  Talia-Jane Davey
6B  Jordon Wright
6R  Cody Kramer

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER HARD COPY REQUEST
TO ST MARYS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL:

I ___________________________________________ would still like to obtain a family printed copy of the school newsletter.

I nominate my child _________________________ of class ________ as the person who will be provided with this printed copy.

Signed ___________________________________________ Date: ________________________

(Parent / Guardian)
JACK NEWTON JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION ABORIGINAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 2 April, Janarri, James, Ben, Lucas, Shanae, Liam, Hunter, Tania, Alana, Michael, Kayden and Kyesha represented St Marys North Public School at the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation Aboriginal Golf Tournament at the Colonial Golf Course. All students had a wonderful day of golf and successfully navigated their way around 9 holes of golf. Janarri was with a team of students from Lethbridge Park Public School who won the tournament, while Michael and Liam were ‘closest to the pin’ on two of the holes. The students were great representatives for our school.
On Monday the students at St Marys North PS participated in a class swap.

For one session on Monday each class was taught by another teacher in our school. It was an opportunity for classroom teachers to experience different classes and learners K-6. It was also a valuable opportunity for our students to have a more rounded view of who the staff at St Marys North PS are.

There will be another scheduled class swap in term 2, 3 and 4. The teachers and students enjoyed this experience and opportunity it created. Take a look at some of the classes and their new teacher for the session.
EASTER HAT PARADE
Our Easter Stories by 2V

Talea – Once upon a time there was an Easter Bunny and the Easter Bunny gave chocolates and the children were happy.

Dylan – On Easter I am getting chocolate eggs. The Easter Bunny gives you Easter Eggs.

Happy Easter

Trent – I was hunting for the Bunny. I found it hiding in the long grass with a basket full of pink and purple Easter eggs.

Charleise – I am going to follow the Easter Bunny because he has all the Easter eggs. He was behind me and he gave me Easter eggs. I got heaps of chocolate eggs.

Paul – On Easter morning I will get lots of Easter eggs and then go outside on an Easter egg hunt with my family, it will be lots of fun.

Jazzy – On Easter Sunday I went outside and I saw the bunny so I followed him to the hole. The bunny dropped lots and lots and lots of eggs.

Joshua – Once there was a rabbit who was called ‘The Easter Rabbit’. He takes eggs to homes and when he gets home he is tired.

Miah – Once upon a time there was an Easter Bunny who likes to bring heaps of chocolates and they are yum to eat. On Easter the bunny bring lots and lots of chocolate and I like it when I get chocolate.