VEGETABLE GARDEN – SPINACH SALE!
A BIG THANK YOU to all the students and parents who bought spinach grown in the school’s vegetable garden on Tuesday morning. Also, a thank you to Rebecca from S3A who helped bunch the spinach and the other senior girls who helped sell all of the spinach. $24.00 was made on the day. The money will be used to purchase more seedlings to plant in the garden. We are planning on putting in carrots and beetroot next.

BOOK CLUB
The first Book Club for 2015 closes on Monday 16 February. Please remember to write your child’s name and class on the order form, put it in an envelope with the correct money and drop it into the office before that date.

P&C NEWS
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March, 2015. The meeting will start at 9.30am. This meeting is the meeting where all roles for the following year will be nominated and voted on so new member are very welcome to come along.
Please note that to be a voting member of the P&C parents need to pay their $1.00 membership fee before the 19 March, 2015

STAFFING
We would like to wish Jackie Greenow a well-deserved break. Jackie will be taking leave and will be back with us in April. Jackie does so much for our wonderful school and displays dedication and care in every aspect she is involved in. Thank you.
ROOBY ROO VISIT
Last Tuesday morning, we were lucky enough to have Rooby Roo visit to start off the year for our lovely reading verandah. Every 2nd Tuesday, a reader (a teacher or visitor), will read a story to the children. Encouraging and enjoying reading is a very important part of learning to read. Rooby Roo provides a great opportunity for the school and parents to promote reading. ‘Thank you’ Rooby for visiting and making reading really Amazing for us!
Along with Rooby, Mr Morgan kicked off the morning by being the first reader. It was a great story and ‘Thank you’ for being such an enthusiastic story teller. It was a lovely morning for the new kinders to enjoy some of the extra activities we have at North St Marys.

SUE LARKEY
The staff were very privileged to have Sue Larkey visit on Tuesday this week to provide professional development.
Sue is a highly regarded professional who works closely with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
For the last several years, Sue has visited our school providing the staff and parents with strategies and advice to support some of our special needs students.
Some parents were given invitations to attend a lunchtime session. This proved very helpful to those who attended.
Sue also has a great website: www.suelarkey.com

COFFEE AND CHAT
This term our parent “Coffee and Chat” afternoons will be held on Wednesday 25 February, 11 March and 1 April at 1.30pm.
We would like to share with our parents the wonderful opportunities our Neighbourhood Centre offers our Community especially, our parents, carers and students. Our school has a great relationship with the Community Centre and we, unlike many schools, are fortunate enough to have the Centre right next door. Our students have benefited greatly in time gone past with the programs provided.
So, the first 2 afternoons will be focussing on the Centre.
Simone Bullivan from the Neighbourhood Centre will be our guest on the 25 February and on the 11 March. Simone will bring along someone who can share their program with our participants. Although “Coffee and Chat” is aimed at supporting parents and carers with special needs – learning difficulties, anxieties, disorders etc. - all parents and carers are very welcome.
Please come along and meet some new friends and join a group who supports our school and each other. Please watch the newsletter for notices and reminders.

MATHS QUESTIONS
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall?
Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.
HELping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

Playground awards – Week 3
Play in Bounds

KJ  John Vale
KR  Jason Bailey
KT  Abubakar Abdul-Rehman
1B  Aiden Dunn
1C  Timana Pine
1L  Rayanne Zahr
1SB Lathan Tideswell
2D  Brooke Jackson
2W  Kamil Knibbs
2/3B Kasen Lee

Play in Bounds

Kids Matter

Value Awards - 3
Responsibility

KJ  Bellah Cook
KR  Makayla Halvorson
KT  Elizabeth Braid
1B  Talisha Basiuk
1C  Lila Faapo
1L  Riley Duffy
1SB Sienna Tolmie
2D  Nikora Rogers
2W  Penny Canning
2/3B Tahlia Miller

3P  Harley Day
3R  Breeanna Saunders
3R  Kaydan Price
4McB Tru Whitting
4M  Hannah Ames
4S  Leroy Haynes
S3A Jordan Keighran
S3B William Willon
S3M Sandy Morris
S3R
FREE PRESENTATION

BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

Breaking Down Depression and Building Resilience...
Presented by Black Dog Institute.

Thursday 19th February
11.30am-12.30am

Topics covered include:
- Symptoms of Depression
- Treatments for Depression
- Helping Someone Else
- Bipolar Disorder symptoms
- Depression self test
- Finding a mental health friendly doctor.

Places are limited—to book call 96733908

North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Debrincait Ave & Oleander Rd Nth St Marys

FREE MICROCHIPPING DAY

WHEN: Saturday 14 March 2015 between 10am and 2pm

WHERE: Jamison Park, Jamison Rd, Penrith

WHO: dogs and cats

Council's Companion Animals Officers will be on hand along with a vet and animal trainers to answer any questions.

Please ensure all dogs are on a lead and all cats are in a cage (limit of four cats per household).

For more information contact:
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