Celebrating Learning

Redhead Public School Strategic Directions 2016

1. Quality student learning
2. Quality teaching and leadership
3. Developing community learning partnerships

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to Henry, Max, William, Jett, Josh, Sam, Amelia and Thomas who were presented with Principal’s Awards this week.

Merit Awards

Well done to our Merit Award recipients from Week 5. Please see the back of the newsletter for more details.

Gold Shields

Well done to Molly, Olivia-Belle, Molly and Jack who were our gold shield recipients for Week 5.

Representing Our School

Regional Swimming Carnival

Today Cooper is competing in the 50m backstroke at the Hunter Regional Swimming Carnival at Maitland. Good luck Cooper!

PSSA Cricket

Congratulations to all 12 players who represented our school last Friday in the first match of the Brian Taber Shield knockout competition against Kahibah Public School. It was a great team performance with everyone making contributions with either the bat, the ball or in the field. With an impressive 6/105 from 25 overs, our batting line up set us up with a great chance at victory. Our opening bowlers produced consistent good line and length deliveries, starving Kahibah of run scoring opportunities, which saw a top order collapse. With discipline and continued pressure in the field, the final wickets fell with Kahibah on 43 runs.

Our Round 2 opponents will either be Carrington or Hillsborough Public School, a game that should be played within the next week. Training will take place on Friday and Monday at lunchtime with a few possible recess sessions during the week as well.

Mr McGill

Every Face has a Place

Years 3 and 4 Camp
To Glenrock
Expression of Interest and $25 deposit due Monday 21 March
Sing Out Loud

Our Maestro Stephanie was fortunate enough to be selected to be in ‘Grease The Musical’ and will therefore be unable to continue. Today we met Anne who will be replacing Stephanie as Maestro. Anne is an experienced Maestro and we look forward to working with her. We would like to wish Steph all the best. Break a leg!

Assembly

Kindergarten’s assembly item last week was “Down in the Valley”. This was an action song with the students wearing brightly coloured headbands. The students had worked diligently to colour and decorate their animal headbands. They were crocodiles, elephants or bees. Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed their performance and loved the response from the audience.

At our assembly tomorrow there will not be an assembly item as Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers are involved in a TENS mathematics training day. Next week’s assembly item will be presented by Delta. Assembly commences at 2:10pm in our hall.

ANZAC Service

Our school ANZAC Service will be held on Friday 8 April, the last day of Term 1, at 9:30am. The service will be under our COLA area weather permitting.

On Thursday 7 April Year 5 and 6 students will attend the 61st annual Newcastle Combined Schools ANZAC Service at Civic Theatre in Newcastle. We will be arriving at 12:00pm for a 12.30pm service and leaving at approximately 1:45pm. There will be a cost for the bus of $5 for each student with the school subsidising the additional costs. Permission notes will be sent home closer to the event.

K-2 News

Kindergarten Open Afternoon
Thursday 10 March

Parents and caregivers are invited to come to Kindergarten’s open afternoon.

Kindergarten would like to share some of the highlights of their first month at school

The classrooms will be open at 2:10 pm.

As this is a chance for the Kindergarten students to share their learning with their special visitor/s, it would be appreciated if younger siblings did not attend.

Kindergarten Gross Motor
Next week, the gross motor program will commence.

It will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9:20 am – 9:40 am.

We would appreciate helpers as we will run the program with five groups in rotation.

Bear Day

Next Thursday, Kindergarten’s sound is “b” and students are asked to bring in a bear (teddy bear) to celebrate the Teddy Bears’ Picnic.

Guided Reading

There will be no guided reading groups for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday 8 March due to school photos being taken.
Cross-age Tutoring

Year 6, guided by Miss Vaughan, complete cross-age tutoring with Kindergarten on a Friday. Each week they work together to produce an object to extend Kindergarten’s sound work. Last week they made dogs.

Buddy Reading

Phi, Lambda, Iota and Chi were excited to start working together this week, they will be utilising the amazing space the reading garden has to offer to engage in some quality buddy reading time on a weekly basis.

Clean Up Australia Day at School

Redhead Public School’s Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Friday 11 March. Each class will have an area to clean. The senior classes will work around our boundaries but younger classes will stay within the school grounds. It would be wonderful if students could have their own gloves for this activity.

Iota Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 9 March 5:00-5:30pm
Mr Finlay will hold his parent information evening next Wednesday 9 March from 5:00pm – 5:30pm in the Iota Classroom.

Professional learning

This week all teachers from the Whitebridge Community of Schools had our joint staff meeting at Charlestown Public School. The focus for the afternoon was the implementation of the new history syllabus and looking at the new geography syllabus.

As well, Mr James McGill attended at three day leadership opportunity in Maitland.

On Friday 4 March the next training day for TENS mathematics will be presented for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers.

Stage 2 Camp at Glenrock

Years 3 and 4 received notes home last week regarding our bi-annual trip to Glenrock Camp. Students need to return these notes and deposit by 21 March so that interest can be ascertained and a decision made as to the camp going ahead. This camp requires parent/caregiver assistance with making and serving food. Please indicate if you are able to help as this may impact on the camp.

The camp will be held from Thursday 26 May to Friday 27 May at a cost of $75. Students will be involved in a number of activities including a guided walk through Glenrock with the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre.

Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

This week all Stage Three students took home a note regarding our upcoming excursion to Canberra. Please return the attached permission slip and $60 deposit as soon as practicable so that our planning can continue. If notes are not returned by 1 April, we will assume that your child will not be attending and we will plan accordingly.

School Disco

Tuesday 22 March – 2nd Lunch
Our school disco will be held on Tuesday 22 March in our wonderful school hall. This term we will be celebrating Harmony Day, promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will also be raising money to support Fiji’s recovery effort through a school out of uniform day. The theme is ‘Sun, Sand and Surf’ and we ask for a gold coin donation for all students that take part in the out of uniform day. Remember to wear appropriate clothing, closed shoes and have a blast at our disco.
Parenting Ideas

Three important social skills
Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better.

More significantly, positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

Friendships skills are generally developmental, but they don’t develop in isolation. Kids acquire these skills when they play with their siblings and interact with children and adults outside their family.

Parents/Carers can help kids develop important social competencies by teaching them sociable behaviours at home, being good role models and providing opportunities for kids to play with each other in a variety of situations.

The three skills are:

😊 Ask for what you want
😊 Sharing
😊 Holding a conversation

To find out more, please read the back page of our newsletter.

Year 5 2016 ANZAC Day Essay Competition

Our Year 5 students have been given the details for the 2016 ANZAC Day Writing Competition.

The topic is – “Royal Australian Air Force”.

Research, discussion and gathering ideas can be done at home, however, the writing task is to be completed at school.

The entries will be collected at 3:00pm on Friday 18 March. The winning entry will be read at our school ANZAC day assembly on Friday 8 April and then at the community service on 25 April.

“Our school prides itself in assisting our students to develop their individual character, social responsibility and respect.”

Crunch ‘n’ Sip – A Few Tips

Redhead Public School is proud to be a Crunch&Sip® school. Crunch & Sip provides a supportive environment for children to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water each day.

The Program involves a time during the morning session each day when students and teachers eat vegetables or fruit in the classroom while class continues. Water can be consumed at this time, and is also encouraged throughout the school day by allowing students to have a water bottle on their desk during class.

The program additionally aims to:

- Increase awareness of the importance of eating vegetables or fruit and drinking water everyday
- Encourage parents to provide students with vegetables or fruit each day
- Develop strategies to help students who don’t have regular access to vegetables and fruit

Assessments Dates

Assessments occur throughout the year and sometimes on a daily basis. However, during certain weeks more formal assessments are conducted. If your child is absent during this time it is not always possible to offer a “catch up” assessment task.

School Photos

Tuesday 8 March

Office closed 8:30am whilst staff photo is taken

On Tuesday 8 March School Photos are being taken by Master School Portraits (MSP) photography. School photos are an important aspect of our school year. All students have been given an envelope and they need to return their envelope on Tuesday morning. Envelopes for family photos are available at the school office.

Just a few reminders:

- Please wear full school uniform which includes black shoes (no colour on the shoes)
- Yellow (girls) navy (boys) socks – please no coloured socks
- Girls hair – ribbons in school colours (no big flowers etc.)
- Stud earrings
School badges may be worn and if you have been inducted into a position your badge must be worn.

Students who are Councillors, Library Monitors, Sporting House leaders and members of the Band, Choir and Debating Team will have a group photo taken. All students will have an individual photo taken (we use this photo on their reports) as well as a class photo.

Please note all money for the school photos is paid directly to MSP Photography either on the day in the envelope provided or online via the MSP website. If paying by cash, please include the correct money as no change is given. Please do not pay online through the Redhead Public School website.

Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in the one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

**Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews**

At our school we support the meaningful participation of parents or caregivers in the education of their child. The role that parents/carers play in the education of their child has the potential to strengthen the support provided by schools in improving their educational outcomes. When schools and parents/carers work together in constructive and meaningful ways much can be achieved.

One of the ways that we encourage meaningful participation is in parent/carer teacher interviews. These are held during Term 1 as a chance to share information and develop learning goals for the year. Interviews can be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code 5sgz4

The timetable for interviews is:

**Monday 21 March**
- Omega K with Mrs Jan Vallin
- Sigma K with Mrs Kath Williams

**Tuesday 29 March**
- Alpha 4 with Mrs Arlene Web
- Kappa 2 with Ms Melissa O'Donnell
- Chi 2 with Mrs Kylie McQueen

**Wednesday 30 March**
- Gamma 3/4 with Mrs Christie Johnson
- Epsilon 2 with Mrs Lisa Budden
- Delta 3 with Mrs Lynne Church

**Thursday 31 March**
- Phi 1 with Mrs Julie McDonald
- Iota 5/6 with Mr Evan Finlay

**Friday 1 April**
- Theta 4/5 with Mr James McGill
- Lambda 5/6 with Miss Samantha Vaughan

This information is also on our website.

If you are unable to make an appointment on the day of interview, please phone to make an alternative time or to arrange a phone interview at a mutually agreeable time.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to those families who have already paid their voluntary contributions for 2016. These funds are utilised to provide “extras” for our students.

Voluntary contributions for 2016 are $40 for one child or $80 for a family.

If your child’s voluntary contributions are paid by 7 April your family name will go into the draw to win one of three $50 vouchers for Charlestown Square kindly donated by the P &C. This draw will be done on Friday 8 April.

‘Valuing Partnerships with parents and our wider community’

**Book Packs**

Thank you to those families who have made payment for the book packs. Your children are learning from them in their classrooms.

A few years ago, teachers reduced the number of textbooks that they use to help minimise the cost to families.

At this stage we have a number of students who have not paid for their book packs.

The beginning of the school year is a very busy time and it is easy to overlook this.

Invoices were sent home last week as a reminder. If you are experiencing difficulty paying for the book packs, please let the office know, we may be able to assist with a part payment.
Year 7 2017 Information Evening  
Wednesday 9 March, 2016  
Whitebridge High School will be holding a Year 7 2017 information evening on Wednesday 9 March, 2016. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and will be held in the Whitebridge High School library. The meeting will provide information about Whitebridge High’s Stage 4 program and other aspects of the curriculum and the Stage 4 experience.

Band News  
How nice it is to see the current band members enjoying their music and their instruments. Did you know that music training can significantly improve our motor and reasoning skills. We generally assume that learning a musical instrument can be beneficial for kids, but it’s actually useful in more ways than we might expect. One study showed that children who had three years or more musical instrument training performed better than those who didn’t learn an instrument in auditory discrimination abilities and fine motor skills.  

If you would like your child to test this theory out, see Mr McGill for more details.

Library News  
This week Stage 3 have been presenting some hilarious yet historically accurate performances on Federation. We had some interesting portrayals of Edmund Barton and an Oscar worthy performance of Queen Victoria.

Thank you to Mick and Leanne for coming to talk about school in the ‘olden days’ and the toys that they played with as children.

Kindergarten have been working on personal and family histories. I would like to ask Kindergarten parents/carers if they could send in a baby picture of their child, one that we may keep, so that we can add them to our personal history wall in the library.

Details of the Premier’s Reading Challenge will be in the newsletter next week as the challenge will begin on 7 March.

Lego Club/Construction Club runs each Friday at second half of lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Our pre-school borrowing/swap program has been very popular this year. I have been allowing older siblings to bring and swap for their younger brothers and sisters at home. It is a great way to begin reading with young children and begin developing those early reading skills.

Grandfriend’s Day  
Thursday 24 March – 10:00 am  
Grandfriend’s are cordially invited to attend our Grandfriend’s Day special assembly on Thursday 24 March, 2016 commencing at 10:00am.

The canteen will be selling hot cross buns, flavoured milk and juice. If you would like to have morning tea with your grandchild, please complete the order from by 18 March.

At 11:30am this will be followed by a colourful Easter Hat parade by Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 children. Parents/carers are invited to attend the Easter hat parade.

Safety  
Before School Supervision  
Formal supervision commences at 8:40 am. If students arrive around 8:30am (when the bus arrives) they are asked to sit on the silver seats and have quiet conversations.

If there is a need for a student to be at school before 8:20am parents/carers are asked to let the principal know.

Wearing Shoes on School Grounds  
Please ensure that everyone who comes into our school is wearing some form of footwear. This is a requirement for us to meet our Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

Safe Parking Around our School  
When you are either picking up or dropping off students please ensure that they always get out on the footpath side and if possible on the school side of the road.
NAPLAN – 10, 11 and 12 May for Years 3 and 5
Simply put, NAPLAN is a vital tool for parents, educators and the public to see if Australia’s children are meeting essential literacy and numeracy standards.

Taking NAPLAN requires less than four hours over three days, four times during a student's time at school. It is a point-in-time snapshot assessment of a student’s achievements in the important areas of literacy and numeracy. And from that small investment comes a wealth of student, school and national information. Literacy and numeracy tests have been undertaken in schools throughout the country for decades. NAPLAN complements these tests and adds a valuable national dimension. There is more information on our school website.

P & C News
P & C Annual General Meeting and March Monthly Meeting
On 7 Monday March our library will host two important meetings for our school community.

At 7:00pm will be our annual general meeting. In order to vote the person must have attended a meeting and been a financial member.

At this meeting reports will be tabled from our P&C president, treasurer including an audit report, uniform committee, canteen committee and fundraising committee.

The positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be voted upon. Nominations for life membership will be voted upon at this meeting.

If you are unable to attend please submit apologies to Katie Disney (president) and indicate in writing if you are happy to accept nomination to a position or wish to nominate for a position.

At the conclusion of this meeting, we will hold our March P & C meeting.

There will not be an educational focus for this P & C meeting due to the AGM.

Our meetings aim to be completed by 8.30pm.

Uniform Shop News
Size 10 and 12 polo shirts and all sizes in gold socks are now in stock.

The uniform shop is open each Wednesday morning 8:45am – 9:15am. For access outside of this time contact Tracey 0408 460 737 or Jan 0438 448 703.

Canteen News
This term, the number of orders on Fridays has increased dramatically. Orders on Wednesdays and Thursdays, on the other hand, have dropped. I hope you will consider helping Friday canteen volunteers in one or more of these ways:

1. It would be invaluable to have couple of extra helper’s who can be rostered to come in every second Friday, or even once a month, just between 12:00pm and 1:30pm, to help bag up the orders during the lunch period and help serve at the counter. This may suit parents who feel they can’t commit to a full day, but are happy to come in for an hour and a half once a fortnight or once a month. That one extra person makes an enormous difference. If you can help, please contact Kylie Tayler on 0414636261.

2. It is very much a tradition for some families to order on Fridays, and we would never discourage anyone from ordering on any day they please. But if your child doesn't order pies or sausage rolls (which are only available on Fridays), have you considered making your weekly lunch order day a Wednesday or Thursday, just to ease the load on Friday volunteers?

3. Have you considered changing to online ordering at ouronlinecanteen.com.au? This saves volunteers a lot of time currently spent counting money (nearly an hour on Fridays).

4. If you are ever doing drop-off on a Friday and have some time to spare, please pop your head in and offer to help out for a while. I bet the volunteers say yes!

Thanks again to our amazing volunteers: you're helping raise valuable funds for our children and our canteen.

Every Face has a Place
Canteen Roster Term 1

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World’s Greatest Shave

James Elliott, one of our Year 6 students from Lambda will be Shaving for a Cure on Friday 11 March. Every day 34 Australians are given the devastating news that they have blood cancer, and they turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help. Getting sponsored to shave your hair is an extraordinary way to help people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, but James can’t do it alone. If you would like to sponsor James for this worthy cause you can do so online at http://worldsgreatestshave.com/

Just hit SPONSOR and enter his name to help his fundraising efforts. Stay tuned for pictures of him after the shave!

Thank You from the King Family

Just a small note of thanks to all our wonderful Redhead Primary School friends who donated stationery items for us to take to South Africa with us. We loved our trip to South Africa and we have had some incredible experiences helping out at Happy’s Orphanage for disabled children and also helping teach English to other Year 2 students at a local primary school in a township. There is such poverty there and yet such beautiful, welcoming smiles on the children’s faces. The stationery items are greatly appreciated. Children do not get given any supplies at schools there and must bring their own supplies from home. A lot of children are from families that can barely provide food let alone stationery so we were very happy to be able to hand out beautiful stationery supplies all the way from Australia! Alita noticed one little girl in the class of 35 Year 2’s who was sitting quietly looking sad and not participating in the writing activities we were teaching. We realised she didn’t have a pencil or notebook so Alita was able to pass her a brand new pencil and notebook. Her little face lit up and she was so proud of her brand new shiny grey lead pencil! She didn’t put it down even when she went out for their recess break. Alita will bring in lots of photos and will have lots of stories to tell. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Head Lice

There have been several confirmed cases of head lice amongst our students. Please check your child’s hair regularly.

For effective eradication please consult a pharmacist for a suitable product to treat hair and adhere strictly to all the instructions for washing hair, towels, bed clothes, combs, brushes, etc.

Children with long hair can help prevent infestation by keeping their hair neatly tied back or platted.
Important Dates and Reminders

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Please Note: No payment will be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements are made with the office. If you have not received a note for any activity these are available from the office or the school website.

All notes and money must be returned to the office box in an envelope with your child’s name, class and activity.

COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
The University of New South Wales Educational Testing Centre conducts competitions for students in Years 3 – 6 in which our school participates. Individual students need to enter the competitions. Students who participate will receive a certificate and detailed results letter. This letter indicates how a student’s overall performance compares with other students in their state.

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If we receive fewer than three entries per subject we will not be able to complete that assessment and your payment will be refunded.

I enclose payment of ………………… for the entries. Signed: ………………………..
Parent/Guardian

Please return with payment in an envelope to the school office before **Friday 25 March**
## Class Merit Awards

### Sigma
- **Charli Cummings**
  - Concentrating on her work
  - Improving with her writing
- **Anwen Evans**
  - Listening carefully and trying hard
- **Benjamin White**
  - Improving with her writing

### Omega
- **Max Griffiths**
  - Fabulous work with numbers
- **Mackenzie Little**
  - Interesting and exciting news
- **Helayna Butler**
  - Beautiful manners and caring for other

### Chi
- **Matthew Whalen**
  - Being a fantastic star of the week
- **Xabi Sims**
  - Making treasure choices in the classroom
- **Zia King**
  - Trying hard to improve in mathematics

### Phi
- **Will O’Loughlan**
  - Fantastic homework and super effort in class
- **Audrey Maxfield**
  - Terrific work in spelling
- **Anna Schwander**
  - Extremely responsible worker in class

### Kappa
- **Max McCarthy**
  - Terrific results in spelling
- **Sebastian Ward**
  - Completing his recount in allocated time
- **Ali Booth**
  - Amazing artwork

### Epsilon
- **Scarlett Hill**
  - Excellent use of 5 w’s in her writing
- **Joshua Foskett**
  - Outstanding attitude to learning
- **Scarlett Hadden**
  - Fantastic use of adjectives in her writing

### Gold Shields
- **Sam Griffiths**
  - Ruby Johnson
- **Ethan Filmer**

### Alpha
- **Brodie Macadam**
  - Persevering with challenging tasks
- **Lincoln Black**
  - Enjoying his sporting activities
- **Jack Miller**
  - Persevering with challenging tasks

### Delta
- **Rae Disney**
  - Presenting an interesting news item
- **Molly Daly**
  - Writing interesting ‘spicy sentences’
- **Jett Clare**
  - Enthusiasm completing his ‘split strategy’ sums

### Gamma
- **Coby Wilson**
  - Always thinking of others
- **Ahlia Campbell**
  - Positive attitude and effort in maths
- **Harrison Birch**
  - Excellent application in all maths activities

### Theta
- **Ethan Younger**
  - Being a confident learner
- **Ellis Abrahams**
  - SRC representative Term One
- **Sienna Smith**
  - SRC representative Term One

### Lambda
- **Olivia-Belle Smith**
  - Fantastic narrative writing
- **Carter Lee**
  - Great homework presentation
- **Charlize Saillard**
  - Fantastic spelling results

### Iota
- **Angus Elliott**
  - Accurate reading of ‘Rowan of Rin’
- **Sophie Russell**
  - Excellent explanation of evaporation variables
- **Cooper Ross**
  - Enthusiastic ‘You Can Do It’ role play responses

### Library
- **Jazmin Ledbury**
  - Being organised and helping others
- **Ethan Filmer**
  - Navigating around a website independently
- **Tilly Havebond**
  - Brightening the day for our elders
Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better.

More significantly, positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

Friendships skills are generally developmental, but they don’t develop in isolation. Kids acquire these skills when they play with their siblings and interact with children and adults outside their family.

Parents can help kids develop important social competencies by teaching them sociable behaviours at home, being good role models and providing opportunities for kids to play with each other in a variety of situations.

Here are 3 important social skills to help children to develop:

1. Ask for what you want

Help children ask for what they want. It means they don’t throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what’s on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

2. Sharing

Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people’s feelings.

3. Holding a conversation

Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

Children within conversations need to learn to ask good or interesting questions; to take turns when speaking and to show you are listening by making eye contact and not interrupting.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and quite easily neglect the development of important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and wellbeing.
Hot Cross Bun Day - Thursday 24 March

This year our annual Hot Cross Bun day will be held on Thursday 24 March. This is also Grandparents Day. So this year you will have the option to order for both children and grandparents, so that they can have recess together. Children's orders will be delivered to the classroom at recess. Grandparent's orders can be picked up from the canteen. Cost is $4, which includes a Hot Cross Bun and drink of your choice.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES YOU WILL NEED TO PRE-ORDER. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM/S AND MONEY BY FRIDAY 18 MARCH. One order per person please, taped to lunch bag if possible.

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