



HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 14

“Every little one counts”

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Canberra trip was exciting, fun, enjoyable educational and exhausting. Parents please take a bow. What a wonderful group of children. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and their families. Mrs Bortfeld, Mrs Allen, Mrs Lantry and I were extremely proud to accompany them on this exciting journey.

We had an absolutely wonderful time and we learnt about government. And how to throw snowballs!

I know personally that every Hinton child on that trip is accurate when throwing snowballs at a teacher.

It was a truly great adventure. We learnt many things, had numerous new experiences and experienced a completely different social setting to normal.

Your children were well behaved (extremely) courteous, co-operative, neat (yes they were!) and very well received at the numerous venues.

My personal thanks to Mrs Bortfeld, Mrs Allen and Mrs Lantry for their outstanding energy care and commitment towards ensuring all children were well looked after.

Our NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 students are well above state average in every category. Year 3 results are for better than anticipated. These results will be analysed over the next period of time in order to target areas for improvements and to see what we did well. Thank you to all our teachers who contribute to these results over the school life of the student.

It is certainly a busy time for all. Thank you to all parents who are working on the upcoming fete, and who work in our school voluntary in many areas. You make our school special.

UP COMING EVENTS

Friday 18th September - Regional Athletics

Friday 18th September - Football Clinic

Monday 21st September - Premiers Spelling Bee

Wednesday 23rd September -P&C Meeting 7pm

Thursday 24th September - Active After School concludes for term 3

Friday 25th September - Wetlands Excursion K-3

Tuesday 29th September - Debating Day -Iona, Largs & Mt Kanwaray PS

Friday 2nd October - Last Day Term 3

Monday 19th October - Students & Teachers Resume for Term 4

Monday 19th October - Swim School Commences 19th Oct - 30th Oct

Tuesday 20th October - Active After School Begins

Saturday 31st October - Hinton Public School Fete

Wednesday 4th November - Interrelate Family

Wednesday 11th November - Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 - commences 10am

Class Awards Week 16

K/1

Mathew Dixon
Brock Peters
Ryan Redman
Justin Rule
Isabelle Broderick
Izaak Penglaze

1/2D

Tia Lantry
James Forth
Dominick Teat
Lara Clarke
Ellen Marquet
Lucas Tooley

3/4B

Belle Leonard
Cooper Byrne
Kristen Allen
Caitlin Carney
Kelsey Winchester
Elliott Penglaze

5/6S

Caitlyn Baird
Madeline Duguid
Hayley Byrne
Holly Hardes
Jade Robinson
Maddison Teat
Laura Williams
Ricky Soars

Building Program (BER)

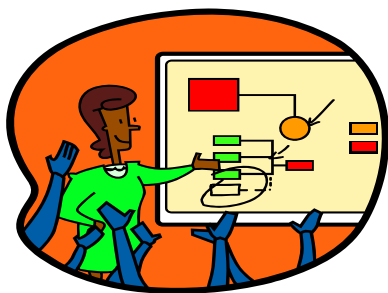
Our new classroom building will be officially sited this Friday. The contracting company has visited the school and planning has commenced. The selected area is behind our current administration block. The playground will be fenced off in early December.

Smart Boards

Hinton School will have 3 boards installed in the near future.

A consultant has visited the school to prepare the rooms.

These technologically advanced teaching aids will be a wonderful addition to our school. Further Smart Boards will be acquired next year.



Interrelate

Accompanying this newsletter are information sheets on the interrelate lessons scheduled for November 4th. All permission notes and money must be sent to school prior to the event. We recommend this program to all children in years 3 to 6. It is suggested that year 5 and 6 attend both sessions.

Early Arrivals

Supervision at Hinton School commences at 9am. As a courtesy to these people inconvenienced we allow early arrivals to sit on the 3-4 verandah. After a report from a concerned parent I must advise parents that if your child does not sit down quietly in this period they will not be allowed to attend school prior to 9am.

Wetlands Excursion

On Friday 25th September (Week 9) Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be visiting the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland. Students will travel by bus to and from the centre, and will be accompanied by Mrs Drayton, Mrs Burns, Mrs Williams and Miss Harris. This excursion will form part of the students' HSIE and Science and Technology units of work on 'The Weather' and 'Wet and Dry Environments'. Please forward permission notes and money to school.



Library

Our library is currently out of action. The floor is damaged and is currently being assessed for major repairs. Once repaired new carpet will be laid.

Debating

Hinton School will host students from Iona, Largs and Mount Kanwary schools on Tuesday 29th September in a friendly debating day.

Mr Frank Ternezini, our local state member has agreed to act as adjudicator for the day. The debates (two) will commence at 12.00. This day is a follow up to the small schools debating training day held earlier in the year

Touch Football

The postponed gala day has been re-scheduled for Thursday 19th November. We will try again then.

Bookclub

Book orders are due back by the 24th September

Some information for Bookclub orders:

Bookclub can be paid by credit card online, a receipt number will be issued which you should place on your order form and return this to school or you can pay by cash or cheque (which should be made out to Scholastic Books.)

Spelling Competition

All students have been given their lists ready for our competition

Attendance at School

After a visit from the "Home School Liaison Officer" I need to remind parents that attendance at school is compulsory. This includes being on time and not leaving until the final bell. As a school we have a number of students who arrive late and/or leave early. I ask for your co-operation in this matter.

Equally, parents visiting the school, for whatever reason, must come to the office first and obtain a visitor's badge. This does not apply from 9.30 to 9.40 nor from 3.20 to 3.30. This allows parents the freedom to drop off and pick up their children.

Reports

Teachers are currently working on written reports for your child. The report will cover terms 2 and 3. The early receipt of this written report will allow parents to be aware of their child's progress early, and allow time to correct any problems.

K/1D News

The past two weeks have been a very busy and exciting time for K/1D students. "Fruit 'n' Veg Week" last week was a very exciting event for K/1 and students have learnt a lot about different fruits and vegetables, and healthy eating. K/1D particularly enjoyed participating in the fruit and vegetable tasting last Wednesday. This was a great highlight for students and it was interesting to taste the great variety of fruits and vegetables that were offered. Thank you to everyone who donated fruit and vegetable for the occasion and to those parents from the P&C who donated their time to cut up the fruit and vegetables for us.

K/1D also enjoyed the Healthy Lunch Orders that were available to us on Thursday. A special thank you to Mrs Morris and Mrs Redman for preparing all of the lunch orders for students!

K/1D students would also like to thank Mrs Burns for organising the events of the week. They were enjoyed by all students and the week was a great success!

This week K/1D have started their unit of work on 'Wet and Dry Environments' in preparation for our visit to the Wetlands next week. Just a reminder that permission notes and money for the excursion need to be returned by this Friday (18th October) please.

This week K/1D have begun a new reading program with their Year 6 (and Year 5) buddies. Each morning (in place of our reading passage) students are reading their home reader or a text from a classroom selection to their buddy who will be helping them to learn new words.

This program is aimed at offering K/1 the opportunity to read one-on-one everyday and will help to improve their basic reading skills and sight word recognition.

K/1D will also be completing Aboriginal artworks this week that will form part of the school's 'Stockland Star' which will be on display at Stockland Greenhills shopping centre at Christmas time. We look forward to showing the community some beautiful art!

Class News 1/2B

Our excursion to the Shortland Wetlands is next week, Friday 25th September. All notes and money need to be returned before Wednesday 23rd September. It is going to be a great day and will kick off our studies on 'Wet and Dry Environments'.

Our School Spelling Competition notes went home last week and every child was given one. Please encourage your child to participate and give it a go. I will send home a copy of all spelling words we have covered so far in spelling groups this year.

Gail Burns

3-4B News

Another busy fortnight has rolled around. Year 4 had a wonderful time in Canberra and were all exceptionally well behaved...I was very proud of the maturity they displayed throughout their time away.

Year 3 stayed behind and worked just as hard for their teachers...Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Ritchie and Mrs. Drayton. Thank to the teachers for continuing on with the program of work I left my students. The children have learnt about the Wetlands, and we will be continuing on with this theme until the end of term

The spelling competition has commenced, with each member of 3-4 receiving their Stage 2 list of words. The spell-off will occur next week/early week 10.

Finally the class assignment (Government yr4 Wetland animal yr3) is expected **this Friday**. All students have had this assignment for 4 weeks, and I would expect them all handed in on Friday.

Thanks again for your co-operation and assistance,

Mrs B

5/6 News

The Canberra excursion was a major success for all. The students were enthusiastic and participated in many new experiences. I'm sure they slept well on Friday.

Year 6 are off this week to the "Drug Forum." This Maitland High School group inspired day is focused on the effects of alcohol. Equally year 6 meet their year 7 friends to be. Should be fun.

Year 5 are off for their final Science day at Maitland High School. This is the final science day for 2009.

Thank you to all parents (year 5 and 6) for transporting the students.

The spelling competition has started. Lists of words have been issued and children have chosen whether to compete in division 1 or 2. Lots of work to do.

Year 5 Naplan results are extremely high as a group.

Congratulations to each child for their effort. 5/6 completed their science day on Tuesday. Every class member participated in two

experiments. It was an exciting and productive day.

Swimming School

Dates: Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October

Where: Maitland Swimming Pool

Cost: \$75 (covers bus fare, entry to pool and swimming lessons)

The permission note for the School Swimming Scheme went out on the 1st September. All notes and money needs to be paid before the end of term (18th September) as swimming begins first day back Term 4.

There are still places available if you would like your child to attend please ask your child's teacher or the office for a note.

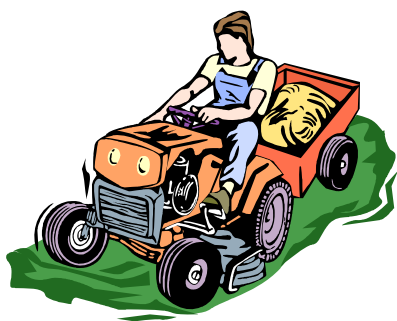
Assistance is also required to help with supervision of the children on the bus travelling to and from venue and helping the children dress and undress at the pool. Please contact me before the end of Term 3 (18th September) if you are available to help at any time.

Gail Burns (Swimming School Co-ordinator)



Ride On Mower

The school has an MTD Yard Ride On Lawn Mower with a 16 hp motor and a 42" cutting deck available for tender. If you are interested, please submit your tender to Hinton Public School by 30th October.



Fruit and Veg Week 2009

What a great week! The children enjoyed the fruit and vegetable tasting last Wednesday. Most children tried all the different fruit and vegetables and many of the children discovered they liked them. We had about 17 different types of fruit and vegetables thanks to Elizabeth Armstrong, Kevin Eade and the farmers from the 'Growers Markets' at Newcastle. It was great to have such fresh food straight from the farm.

Some Hinton students also found themselves on the front page of the Maitland Mercury. Even though they had gone a bit bananas they still looked good and intelligent, I think. Thanks Joseph, Lily and Tara for being good sports. Thank you to Mrs Reay and Mrs Armstrong for cutting up all that delicious fruit and veg.

The children did a variety of activities in class about fruit and vegetables and why they are so important to our health. A lot of students participated in the 'Healthy Lunch Day' organised by the canteen and enjoyed their salad sandwiches. Thank you Mrs Robinson and the mums who helped on the day.

Gail Burns



Canberra 2009

I think the faces say it all...congratulations to each and every student for their exceptional behaviour.
We had a wonderful, educational time.....









AASC News

Next week is the last week for this term of AASC. Our activities will include using skipping ropes, skittles and target games.

A big thank you to both Mrs Burton and Mrs Woodward for their help cutting and delivering our fruit.

Sausage Sizzle Roster

Term 3

September 23rd Bret Hill

September 30th Tracey Bright

Fete Meeting

Just a reminder, an update fete meeting will be held at Morpeth Park (near the Common) on Friday 18th September at 9.45am.

Cookbook Recipes

Could all recipes be in by the end of this term. So the recipe book can be collated during the school holidays.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm.

All welcome

NEWS FROM THE P & C

CANTEEN

Canteen now has a **New Apple Slinky Machine**. This is available for children to have their yummy apples peeled. This is a FREE service. Apples can be purchased through canteen or children can bring their own apple to be peeled with the slinky machine.

SLUSHIE MACHINE –This is being enjoyed by all, even the parents are enjoying making them. The children are seeing the canteen volunteers being squirted and over flowing the slushy. It is a learning curve for all.

Instructions – of using this machine will be completed in the near future, sorry for the delay.

FRUIT PROMOTION - Canteen is running the fruit promotion again this year.

Rules: Purchase a piece of fruit from the canteen and receive one sticker

Receive four stickers return your entry form with all stickers and receive a **free gift**
All completed entry forms are will be enter into a major draw.

Thank you, Karren Robinson for organizing this promotion in the canteen. The children and parents appreciate your help and time.



Canteen Roster 21st September to 2nd October.

Monday	Thursday	Friday
21st September Karren Robinson	24 th September Volunteer Needed	25 th September Staci Baird
28th September Karren Robinson	1st October Volunteer Needed	2nd October Volunteer Needed

Fathers Day

Thank you to all the parents for your support in helping on the stall and purchasing gifts for Fathers Day.

P&C Association