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Newsletter 4

“Every little one counts”

SCHOOL NEWS

Work on our playground extension is finally coming to an end. Grass has been laid, the fence is almost completed and drainage has been installed.

The next stage is a school responsibility. Currently we are gathering details for a seating and concrete area, a raised vegetable garden, surface for the cricket nets and a slab for our garden shed. In addition we want a play area for toys, a giant chess set and painted board and a fence (small) around the septic tank. All of these projects need to be completed quickly in order to comply with government funding. Equally the P&C have been working on a covered area for the new play equipment. A target figure should soon be known.

Last week I attended a Principal Conference for the Hunter Central Coast Region. Many things of interest were presented. Perhaps the dominant point of the conference was its theme of “Ahead of the Game”, meaning in education. One suggestion was that change is the only certainty. So we should embrace change and plan our strategies accordingly.

It was an interesting time. Many of the ideas presented are relevant to our school and we will adapt them to benefit your children.

Congratulations to Mrs Woodward, Mrs Drayton and our students on their success in applying for Star Struck 2009. Another exciting time is assured.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK : Izaak Penglaze
Maddi Gilmour

Class Awards Week 6

K/1D

Livinia Smith
Isabelle Broderick
Justin Rule
Charlie Hunter
Mathew Dixon
Brianna Moffat
Sarah Hawkins

3/4B

Elliott Penglaze
Kristen Allen, Brodie Moffat
Faith Hill, Bethany Goode
Jessie Martin

1/2B

Jade Howard
Bree White
Amelia Smith
Mathew Goode
5/6S
Bethany Goode
Mitchell Vowles

Georgia Lantry
Belle Leonard
Emma Carney
Jonathon Etheridge
Samantha Davies
Holly Hardes x 2

UP COMING EVENTS

Friday 20th March: Deposit for Canberra Due
Friday 20th April: Harmony Day
Thursday 2nd April: Cross Country
Friday 3rd April : Winter Sport Zone Trials
Wednesday 8th April: Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 8th April : Reports Home
Thursday 9th April : Anzac Service
Thursday 9th April: Last day of Term 1
Tuesday 28th April: Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29th April: Students return to school
Tuesday 12th May: NAPLAN Yr3/ Yr5 commencing

Class Awards Week 7

K/1D

Ryan Redman
Riley Searles
Amy White
Brock Peters
Indiana Morris

1/2B

Bella Carney
Lucas Tooley
Bree White
Ruben Gilmour

3/4B

Kelsey Winchester
Lily Reay
Tara Nightingale
Ryan Ninness
Mitchell Foy

5/6S

Emma Carney
Jack Lewis
Ellie Graham
Mathew Gibb
Charlotte Winchester
Emily Mann
Maddison Teat

Mrs Terenzini

Lachlan Brooker
Madeline Duguid
Brendan Howard
Shaun Byrne
Isabelle Broderick
Kristen Allen
Lily Reay
Ryan Redman

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. Testing is for years 3 and 5 and will take place on Tuesday 12th May - Language Convention and Writing Tests :
Wednesday 13th May - Reading Test and Thursday 14th May - Numeracy Test.
All students in years 3 and 5 will participate.

Year 4/5/6 Excursion

Thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to accompany us in supervising on our Canberra Excursion. Mrs Allen and Mrs Lantry have accepted our invitation and will be part of the 2009 excursion group. Depending on final acceptances we may need one more supervisor. A reminder to all parents that a deposit of \$40 is required by this Friday (20/3/09). Please contact the school if finance is an issue.

New Playground

We need a few items built or put together for our new playground area.
If you, or someone you know can assist with concreting, assembling and bolting down seats, building a raised garden area and a small fence, please contact the school for information.
All jobs are paid work.

High School 2010

Expression of interest for placement in year 7 at a Government High School in 2010, forms, were issued to year 6 students last week.
Parents are asked to complete the forms and return them to school no later than Friday 27th March.

International Competitions for Schools

Students from yr3 to yr6 are invited to enter competitions run by the University of NSW in Science – 10th June, Mathematics – 19th August, English – 4th August and Computer Skills – 27th May. (We do not recommend Spelling – 23rd June and Writing – 23rd June due to the high costs) although students may enter if they wish.

COSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Costs are :
\$5 each for English, Mathematics, Science and Computer Skills
\$9 Spelling
\$12 Writing
The school subsidises some of the cost. Children may enter as many of the competitions as they wish.
We recommend the English and Mathematics competitions for most children. Science and Computer Skills require some specific knowledge but Hinton students will do well.

See separate form for entry. Entries will be taken up until Friday April 9th.

Government Building Program

You may be aware of the Federal Government Building Program. A very tight time schedule exists.

After staff discussion and a meeting with P&C representatives, Hinton School has prepared a submission in three parts.

Requests for a hall, cola and covered walkways have been submitted. We will not know the outcome until all schools requests have been assessed. We'll keep you informed.

Bell Pole

A huge thank you to Rod Fogharty for supplying and installing our new bell pole. We appreciate your time and effort in helping our school.

COSTS

Children have been issued with exercise books and textbooks appropriate to their class age and stage.

COSTS - Children Yr 3 to yr 6 \$30
Children Yr 1 to Yr 2 \$20
Children Kindergarten \$15

Payments are requested before the end of term 1.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

This is a separate amount aimed at assisting the school provide extra resources for students. The P&C set the amount of \$20 per pupil, with a maximum of \$40 per family.

Year 6

Year 6 were visited by the Principal of Maitland High School Mr David Hingston on Tuesday. Mr Hingston and two year 12 students had an information session relating to all High Schools and particularly to Maitland H.S.

Parents are reminded that forms for High School Placement are due back no later than Friday 27th March.

Cross Country

Please note the change of date. This will be held at the Strawberry Patch on Thursday 2nd April. The changed date was necessary to avoid a clash with Zone Trials in Netball, Hockey and Soccer.

STLA

- * Read readers at individual levels.
- * Worked out words that rhyme with est.
- * Skipped and sang to the short vowel rounds.
- * Changed letters to make new word.
- * Matched pictures to words.

- * Used look, cover, write, check with spelling.
- * Solved problems using patterns in number.
- * Found facts in a story/ and a graph.
- * Answered questions in a sequence.

Gifted and Talented

- * Head Time (Subtraction).
- * Estimating with decimals.
- * Solved problems with 3 parts.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

The Shave for a Cure raised \$315.
Mr Sharkey once again lost his locks for the cause. Other staff were happy to join in by colouring their hair.
All money raised was be donated directly to the Leukaemia Foundation.
Well done students.

Mrs Bortfeld

Star Struck 2009

The wait is over and we have been accepted to perform in Star Struck 2009!
Thank you to all the girls who danced for the audition DVD, also to Mrs Woodward and Mrs Lantry for their assistance.
Star Struck 2009 looks to be quite exciting and we have been asked to provide a group of 18 dancers including two reserves. Our T-shirt is white and the cost will be \$15.
More details will be sent out when the final 20 students are finalised.

Mrs Woodward will begin teaching dances to the selected students next week.

N.B.Those previously notified are already part of the group.

Mrs D.

Tennis Skills

A proposed tennis skill session for sport within the school grounds will not take place due to lack of interest.

School Newspaper 2009

Mr Richard French (The Herald) talked to our eager journalists last week as did Mrs Staci Baird. Many students had great ideas for stories and Mrs Baird will begin working with small groups of students this week. Parents of our budding journalists are kindly asked to assist their children in the gathering of facts for their newspaper stories including interviews and internet access.

A big thank you to Mrs Baird for rearranging her working hours to assist the students with their newspaper production.

Mrs D.

Uniform Shop

Please don't forget to return your Winter Uniform Order by Friday 3rd April so orders can be placed. Winter Uniforms should then be ready early Term 2 for pick up.

Sue Allen

Active After School

Thank you to all the parent helpers for cutting fruit for our healthy afternoon tea. Over the next 3 weeks we will be revisiting games we have played so the children can enjoy them fully. Games include fish in the net, back to back pass and French cricket.

Sausage Sizzle

March 25th : Nicola Winchester
Justin Nightingale
April 1st : Michael Gilmour
April 8th : Tracey Bright

Please return Sausage sizzle rosters for Term 2.

Book Club

Bookclub orders are to be back at school by the 20th March.

Some information for book club orders :

Book club 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 written out to Scholastic Books

Thanking you

Jenny Jordan



WE'RE ON THE WEB

K/1D News

Thank you to our wonderful mums who are assisting with reading groups each week. Thank you also to the parents who have sent in family photos for their child's news this week. If you have forgotten please send in a photo in Week 9.

Our kinder sound for week 9 will be "m". Our year 1 sound will be "ar" e.g. car, star.

Mrs Drayton



1/2 B

Thank you to all mums and grandparents who are assisting with reading and maths groups, your promptness and reliability has been important to the success of the groups so far.

Just a reminder that homework is due in each Friday and your child needs to bring their fluency passage each day for practice in class.

Ms Burns



3-4B

Wow, the term is whizzing by!

Our reading and maths groups are well under way and the children are enjoying the activities, especially working with computers.

Thank you to Mrs. Davies who is continuing the Water Watch program with the students in year 4 and 5. Later during the year the students in year 6 and 3 will also be trained so all 3-6 pupils will have that opportunity to monitor our waterways as part of the school environmental plan.

This afternoon we in year 3-4 will be going on a short walk about town. This is part of the unit on our local community. We will be looking at all of the things that have made Hinton the town it was and is today.

Over the coming weeks we will be investigating the importance of ANZAC day, as well as completing some Easter craft. This is also not forgetting the preparation for the NAPLAN tasks in early term 2.



5/6S

Our tables knowledge should now be complete in all multiplication. Please check your child's knowledge as there are a few gaps which still exist. Concentration on division is paying dividends as the concept is gradually understood.

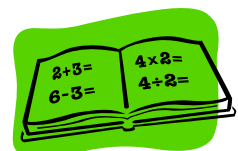
Our next goal is subtraction involving trading.

In Science this week we looked at air pressure and modelling a vortex. Good fun!

We wish Shaun, Ricky and Nicholas the best of luck at Zone trials in Rugby League.

Congratulations to a number of students who are working extremely well, especially Holly, Maddison, Maddi, Sam, Kelsey and Hayley. Their example is a model for others to follow.

Year 5 are now preparing for NAPLAN testing. They are learning the ins and outs of how to do comprehension and how to write, using techniques to enhance their final product.



Mobile Phone Fundraiser

As well as helping the environment..

Bring in your unwanted mobile, no matter the age or condition, place it in the collection box in office and we will receive \$1.00 for every phone...easy!!!

Did you know ...

There are currently 24 million mobile phones circulating in Australia.. that's an average of 2 unwanted handsets per household..

Most people update their mobile every 18 months, but less than 5% are recycled..

Mobile phones contain TOXINS and MUST NOT find there way into land-fill sites...

One mobile phone battery could pollute around 600, 000 litres of water..

Envirofone will recycle the mobiles with plastic from the mobiles turned into park benches and fence posts..

If you wish to find out more, call into the office..

Feel free to start a collection box at work too, then bring them into school..

Start Collecting NOW & help the Environment!!

Thankyou P & C ☺

Easter Meal Deal

Easter Meal deal will be held on Monday 6th April.
Order forms will be sent home next week.



MAITLAND PCYC APRIL 2009 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Focussed on fun and physical activity

ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (5-12 years)

9.30am – 12.00pm	Tues 14 Apr	-	Gymnastics and Circus Skills
9.30am – 12.00pm	Thurs 16 Apr	-	Ball Games and Craft
9.30am – 12.00pm	Tues 21 Apr	-	Ball Games and Craft
9.30am – 12.00pm	Thurs 23 Apr	-	Gymnastics and Circus Skills
9.30am - 12.00pm	Fri 24 Apr-	Dance Class and Jewellery Making	

Our school aged program is fully supervised and conducted by qualified and experienced instructors. Parents do not need to stay. Children should wear active clothes and joggers and bring morning tea, a hat and a water bottle. The price per session is \$15. Participants must be members of the PCYC, annual cost is \$6.

We also have school holiday activities for pre-schoolers – contact us for details.

Bookings and payment **must** be done in advance.

Telephone 02 4934 7122 for an enrolment form, or pick one up at Maitland PCYC, James Street, Maitland.