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Newsletter 2

“Every little one counts”

SCHOOL NEWS

The school is gradually settling into routines and class tone is being established. Some new students are adapting to Hinton school and we welcome each of them. Parent Teacher nights saw large attendances. We thank everyone for attending and hope the communication established is maintained. Remember always contact your class teacher if you need information or have a problem.

Our playground modification continues. Some trees need to be cleared, drains placed around our “new” storage shed, some levelling and turfing of grounds, cricket nets completed and the boundary fence finished. Sounds good doesn't it?

The swimming carnival was fun although the rainy weather created some interesting moments. Thank you to all parents who assisted, attended and the brave ones who participated. Thank you to Mrs Bortfeld for her organisation and Ms Burns for her clever recording system. Well done to all our students who were outstanding in and out of the pool.

Class Awards Week 2.

1/2B

Matthew Goode Brock Hunter
Jack Hawkins Tia Lantry
Isabelle Lantry
Lucas Tooley

3/4B

Emerson Sewell Kaitlyn Goode
Aeisha Mann Akacia Tooley
Jacob Leonard

5/6S

Laura Williams Madeline Duguid x 2
Shaun Byrne Tayla Jordan
Jade Robinson
Emily Mann

Mrs Terenzini Awards

Sam Davies
Class award for 1/2B

UP COMING EVENTS

Monday 23rd February: Young Leaders Day
Tuesday 24th February : Kindergarten Photo
Wednesday 25th February : Zone Swimming
Wednesday 25th February: Cognitive Testing Stage 2
Thursday 12th March : “Shave for a Cure”
Wednesday 18th March: P&C AGM
Wednesday 8th April: Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 8th April : Reports Home
Thursday 9th April : Anzac Service

Class Awards Week 3

K/1D

Riley Searles
Izaak Penglaze
Isabelle Broderick
Paige Hill
Livinia Smith
Owen Tooley
Justin Rule

1/2B

Jed Martin
Ruben Gilmour
Lauren Foy
Matia Kennerson
Clare Douglas
Lachlan Brooker

3/4B

Caitlin Carney
Deon Woodward
Jasmine Goode
Luke Burton

5/6S

Hayley Byrne
Annie Corey
Charlotte Winchester
James Cherry
Maddison Teat
Georgia Lantry
Caitlyn Baird
Bryce Davies

Mrs Terenzini

Isabella Lantry
Jack Hawkins
Caitlyn Baird
Jayden Black
Jemma Nightingale
Ellen Marquet

Lara Clarke
Amelia Smith
Georgia Lantry
Bree White
Bethany Goode

Victorian Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to the Hinton School Community for your generous contribution to the Victorian Bushfire appeal. The school was happy to act as a site to co-ordinate the collection of watered. In addition thank you to all helpers who sorted and boxed the clothing, food and items. It was a huge job done quickly and efficiently. Thank you too, to our transport company Tamex Transport Beresfield which donated their services and delivered the goods for free. Also thank you to Grace Removals for donating the wooden cartons for transport purposes. This was a wonderful coming together of people for a worthy cause, thanks to all involved.

Parents in School Grounds

The policy of Hinton school in regard to student safety requires all parents or visitors who are in the school to report to the office. Parents sign in and are given a badge for identity purposes. The exception to this is when dropping off or picking up children. So badges are not needed until 9.40 in the morning or after 3.20 in the afternoon if you are there for transport.

We request all parents to adhere to this system. We value the safety of our students, your children. You can assist by following this system.

Year 4/5/6 Excursion

Thank you to all parents who attended our excursion meeting last week. Shortly you will be invited to confirm your intention for the 2009 excursion to Canberra. The dates are Monday 7th September to Thursday 10th September. The final cost will be approximately \$400 plus or minus \$20. The final itinerary is still to be established. This information will be sent home when finalised. Any parent who wishes to assist on the excursion (note, there is a \$100 cost) needs to apply in writing no later than Wednesday, March 4th. Application forms are in the office.

Swimming Carnival Results :

We had a very wet and successful swimming carnival last week. Three children will attend the Maitland P.S.S.A carnival next week. Makayla Lambert, Clare Douglas and Matia Kennerson all made qualifying. Thank you to all the parents who attended and assisted on the day. A big thanks to the children who displayed great courage, sportsmanship and behaviour on the day. Thank you Mrs B for organizing the day.

Junior Girls: Kelsey Winchester
Junior Boys: Deon Woodward
11 Years: Makayla Lambert
11 Years: Nicholas Smith
Senior Girls: Samantha Davies
Senior Boys: Jon Etheridge

A reminder to students who have not paid swimming carnival money, could they please pay \$4.50 to their teacher.

School Newspaper 2009

Once again we are looking for young journalists from Yrs 3 to 6, to write articles, take photos and draw cartoons for our school newspaper entry this year. Our school newspaper is due to be published on Tuesday 19th May. Our scheduled visit to Fairfax Printers at Beresfield is on the same day.

During week 5 students will be invited to put their name down if they would like to participate and we will discuss ideas for newspaper articles.

We aim to maintain our success of 2008 and under the guidance of Mrs Baird I am sure we will produce a wonderful newspaper.

Mrs D.

Star Struck

The 18 selected students are busily practising under the expert guidance of Mrs Woodward and will be filmed on Friday morning for the audition tape. If your child will not be present for this audition please let me know ASAP as we need a group of no less than 16 students for the audition on the day.

Mrs D.

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

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

Cognitive and Physical Development in Children

Mrs Jenny Hickey will be returning to conduct stage 2 in testing of her Cognitive and Physical Development in children. Stage one was conducted last year, stage 2 commences on Wednesday 25th February. The testing will conclude in August with stage 3.

Only children who participated in stage 1 will be eligible. Permission notes from last year are still current.

Active After School Activities

AASC Program commenced this week. 44 children participated in the activities and had fun playing catching and throwing games. Next week's activities include stone tree bridge, passing games and 6 or safe. We are asking for volunteers to help cut fruit for our afternoon tea from 3:15-3:30 on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. If anyone is available to help please contact Mrs Bortfeld, Mrs Allen or Mrs Lantry. Thank you.

Sausage Sizzle

February 18th : Shelley Martin

February 25th : Tracey Bright

March 4th : Michael Gilmour

March 11th : Bret Hill

Meredith Etheridge

March 18th : Sue Allen

March 25th : Nicola Winchester

Justin Nightingale

April 1st : Michael Gilmour

April 8th : Tracey Bright

Swimming Carnival Photos



Bookclub

Welcome back for 2009.

All orders for book club are due back by Friday 20th February.

P & C News

Welcome back everyone.

The AGM will be on the 18th March.

Looking forward to another exciting year.

Kim Lantry ☺



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K/1D News

Kinder students are enjoying learning their Jolly Phonics' sounds and the songs and actions that accompany them whilst Year 1 are revising the double sounds and learning some grammatical aspects of our language.

Year 1 students have been a great help to our new kinders in the classroom. Most of our kinders have now made their own friends in the classroom and are relying less on their Yr 6 buddies.

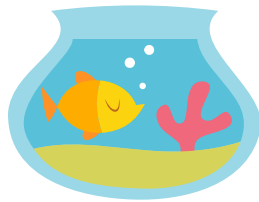
A big thank you to the Yr6 buddies for all their assistance over the past few weeks.

Home readers and recording cards have now been issued to all kinders as well as Yr 1 students. Parents, please see me if you are not sure how to record your child's reading progress on the cards.

Kindergarten folders issued by the Department of Education were distributed to students last Friday. Parents are encouraged to fill these folders with mementoes of your child's 1st year at school. Some work samples will be kept to file in your child's portfolio.

Yr1 students will spend some time with Mrs Terenzini each Tuesday morning to assist them with their phonemic awareness skills and reading strategies.

Mrs Drayton



1/2 B

Year 1/2 have settled in well and are working hard. Home readers went home this week with their homework. Homework is given out Monday and due back Friday. If you would like to assist with reading groups or maths groups a note will be going home next week.

Mrs Burns



Year 3-4 B

Welcome back to 2009. We are ready and primed for another busy year.

We have started our unit on The Local Environment and will be going on a walking excursion of Hinton very soon. The students have discussed a little bit of local history, since settlement. We have discovered the names of some of the traditional custodian names for this area...they are Worimi, Awabakal and Wonnarua.

All of the students are settling in well to the new routines and are slowly coming to terms with homework and class-work expectations. Reading and numeracy groups should commence next week, now that assessments have been carried out.

NAPLAN will be in early term two and we have commenced preparation for this.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me through the office to make an appointment, or drop in before 9.00am most mornings.

Thanks Mrs B

5/6S

A note to parents about homework, Year 5/6 has homework Monday to Thursday. There is a set part, which varies depending upon what is happening and a weekly component involving, mental, spelling, science, poetry and reading. The students are aware of the requirements. They may vary which "bits" they do on what day - but all activities need to be completed. Please note, daily reading is essential - no less than for 10 minutes.

This week we commence work on Antarctica. The purpose of the unit is to learn about aspects of the frozen continent and learn research skills, means of presentation and to focus on answering a question when engaged in research.

Year 6 are aware of some requirements such as not copying from texts, acknowledging help and citing all sources used. Year 5 will be learning these skills. Simply Google "classroom Antarctica" for a valuable home resource.

All students should now know their 3x tables. Fours should be mastered by next week..

