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Newsletter 4

“Every little one count”

SCHOOL NEWS

Our school leaders attended the “Young Leaders Day” in Sydney this week under the care and supervision of Mrs Bortfeld and Mrs Collum. The students came back most impressed and with a new direction for their leadership at school. Thank you to Mrs Bortfeld and Mrs Collum for their time and effort. Mrs Bortfeld was most impressed with the behaviour of all participating students.

Mr Frank Terenzini our State member for Maitland presented a State Flag to the school to replace our current flag. Mr Terenzini then spent time with years 3 to 6 explaining to them about government and sharing some of his personal experiences. The children learnt a lot in a short time. The school wishes to express thanks to Mr Terenzini for his time and thoughtfulness in speaking to the students. Lincoln Smith and Edward Walters represented the school in Rugby League trials, while not selected in the Zone squad, each reported enjoying the trials.

Other events currently underway are preparation for Starstruck, cross country, entries for University competitions and Shave for a Cure.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Zoe Lewis & Sarah Baronowski



CLASS AWARDS Week 8

Kindergarten

Ruben Gilmour
Locky Wilks
Isabelle Broderick
Connor Eade-Armstrong

1/2D

Deon Woodward
Jasmine
Ellen Marquet
Lochlan Boyd

3/4B

Nicholas Smith
Helaina Smith
Jordan Wilks

5/6S

Charlotte Winchester
Sarah Baronowski
Joshua Flett
Zoe Lewis
Brittany Meyn
Brooke Gore
Lincoln Smith
Edward Walters

Mrs Terenzini

Mitchell Foy
Tayla Jordan
Lucas Tooley

UP COMING EVENTS

- Friday 21st March** - Good Friday
- Monday 24th March** - Easter Monday
- Tuesday 25th March** - Yr 3,4,5&6 To Newcastle Airport
- Wednesday 26th March** - Active After School Communities Training Day
- Thursday 27th March**- Newspaper Workshop
- Monday 31st March**- 5/6 Gymnastics at Maitland High School
- Saturday 30th March** -P&C BBQ at Bunnings
- Wednesday 2nd April** - Teddy Bear Picnic
- Thursday 3rd April** - Active After School Program ends for Term 1.
- Friday 4th April** - Last day to enter University Competition
- Friday 4th April**- Zone Winter Trials
- Monday 7th April** - 5/6 Gymnastics at Maitland High School
- Tuesday 8th April** - Cross Country
- Friday 11th April** - School Anzac Service
- Friday 11th April** - Last day of Term 1
- Friday 25th April** - Anzac Day - Students invited to march at Morpeth
- Tuesday 29th April** - Students return for Term 2

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Deon Woodward - For a caring attitude towards others.



CLASS AWARDS Week 7

Kindergarten

Izaak Penglaze	Leo Lindsay
Riley Searles	Isabella Broderick For Reading
Lochlan Brooker	
Matthew Goode	

1/2D

Clare Douglas for 25 night of reading.	
Naomi Anderson	Tara Nightingale
Isabella Lantry	Kasey Dixon
Jed Martin	

3/4B

Bryce Davies	
Matthew Gibb for doing the right thing.	
Lily Reay	Georgia Kennerson
Kirsty Winchester	Makayla Lambert

5/6S

Zoe Lewis for good BTN.
Brooke Gore, Makayla Trusz and Jake Ralph for improvement in Maths.
Annie Corey, Charlotte Winchester for 100% in Spelling
Gaby Davies, Josh Flett, Ricky Soars and Holly Harges for a good effort in Writing.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Parents who have children in years 3 or 5 are reminded that there will be no Basic Skills Testing in August this year. Instead a National Assessment Program has been introduced. While similar in principle, there are notable differences.

The testing will be held on Tuesday 13th, Wed 14th, Thurs 15th and (a reserve day) Friday 16th May. Students will be tested in aspects of English, Grammar, Punctuation, Writing, Spelling, Reading and Numeration. All children participate unless a written request from parents is received excusing their child. A sound reason is required.

Details of the testing procedures and requirements will be issued closer to the testing period.

Parents in years 3 and 5 will receive an official department information sheet.

HIGH SCHOOL

The visit by Mr David Hingston Principal of Maitland High School was postponed due to a high degree of absences (through sport, sickness and other matters) on the day. The visit has been rescheduled for Thursday 27th March at 9.30am.

MINI EXCURSION

The excursion to Newcastle Airport on Tuesday 25th March will now include all of class 3/4. They will join 5/6 on this exciting adventure.

Gifted and Talented Camp

The annual camp for GATS students in English, Mathematics, Science, Robotics and Visual Arts will be held on the 29th, 30th and 31st July and the 1st August (same dates as our gold excursion). The cost is \$280. Those interested need to apply by Tuesday 25th March. The positions are competitive.

BOOK FEES

Parents are reminded that a Book Fee, including Textbooks, exercise books, and paper is \$25 years 3-6 and \$15 years K-2. It would be appreciated if this amount could be paid by 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

HELPERS WANTED

The Active After School Community Program requires the children to receive a healthy afternoon tea. Afternoon tea in the form of fruit and other healthy choices are provided. We need a person on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:40 to 4:00 on a rostered basis to prepare and serve the afternoon tea. Your help would be appreciated.

ANZAC SERVICES

We will be holding our school ANZAC service on Friday 11th April (last day of Term 1) at 11:00am at the school flag pole. This service will be run by our school leaders. Please feel welcome to attend.

The Morpeth Service will be held during the holidays on ANZAC Day. Students and Parents who would like to march, please assemble at Campbell's store at 10.45. Students please be in full summer uniform (incl Black Shoes), hats are not necessary.

Jasmine will be representing our school in the actual service, reciting The Prayer for the Nation.

If you are able to attend, that would be wonderful, last year our attendance at the service was excellent.

Mrs Bortfeld will be the supervising teacher.

STAR STRUCK 2008

This week I found out that Hinton will be involved in 3 dances at Star Struck, although we will only require 2 costumes. The dances will be choreographed by myself and our students will be used to teach the other schools. What a wonderful opportunity to make Hinton proud! The songs will be "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle", "Ben 10" and "Magic Dance". Rehearsal details and costume information will not be available for a few weeks, however, the all schools Major Rehearsal has been set for Monday 19th May. Put it in your diary.

Mrs Bree Zink

Hunter Dance Festival

Thank you to all the girls who have been rehearsing so frantically to learn 'I cant stand the rain'. The dance is going to be fantastic when it's finished.

Just a reminder...the dates for HDF is 30th June – 4th July. At this stage rehearsals will just be during lunch times. Depending on how well we are going we may need to have an afternoon rehearsal next week before we film on Thursday. I am still sourcing costumes but thankfully these do not need to be organised before filming. I'll keep you posted.

Mrs Bree Zink

International Competitions for Schools

Students from yr3 to yr6 are invited to enter competitions run by the University of NSW in Science – 29th May, Mathematics – 29th July, English – 12th August Computer Skills – 27th August. (We do not recommend Spelling – 12th June and Writing – 12th June due to the high costs) although students may enter if they wish.

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. Entries will be taken up until Friday April 4th.

CLASS NEWS

KD News



Kites

Kinder enjoyed making kites for the sound “k” last week and tested them in the playground last Friday. Even though there was a lack of wind, the kites flew well and Kinder proudly showed their kites at the K-6 Assembly afterwards. Thank you to Mrs Terenzini who was the official photographer on the day.

Home Reading

If you would like your child to commence Home Reading, please send along a sturdy folder (plastic ones are great as they keep drinks out). Your child will keep the reader at home to read for two nights and then return it for another one. Information explaining Home Reading will also be sent home with a sheet to record books read. When your child has read for 30 nights they will receive a merit certificate in Assembly.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Don't forget this exciting day is coming up in Week 10 (Wednesday, April 2nd)! Please allow your child to bring teddies/ stuffed toys in on the Monday of that week so that they can talk about their “bear” for News.

All parents/grandparents are welcome to join us at Stuart Park at 12.30pm for some exciting picnic activities and lunch.

I would appreciate the help of any parent who could pick up lunches + treats from school on the day, and drive them to the park. Our Year 6 buddies will also join us on the picnic.

N.B. No sausage sizzle will be available on that day for Kinder and Year 6.

If raining, the picnic will be held at school.

Regards

Mrs Drayton



3/4B

We have had a busy fortnight and are achieving lots in 3/4. Due to Peer Support being run on Tuesday afternoon (for this term only) our Library time has been temporarily changed to Wednesday morning. Students do need to bring a library bag to borrow.

Our excursion is in full swing and we are excited about visiting the airport on Tuesday. Just a reminder that notes should be in (with money) by TOMORROW! Students need to bring in their morning tea, we will have lunch when we arrive back to school at normal time.

Have a happy and safe Easter...don't eat too many chocolates!!!



1/2Z News

Our class has been getting into the Easter spirit this week with a colouring competition, Easter egg design competition and lots of craft and games. Prizes will be awarded on Thursday. Thanks to Mrs Duncan for donating them. We will also have an egg and spoon race and an Easter hunt.

Due to a clash in timetables, our class will now borrow from the library on a Thursday afternoon. Those students who bring their bags in on Wednesday will keep them at school until they get use to the change.

In the last week of this Term, I would like to organise a couple of guest speakers to share with the class a story from their childhood. If there is anyone who would like to tell the class about their school days or family traditions, please contact me. We would love to hear from grandparents, parents, uncles etc.

I also would like every child to bring in special momenta from their early childhood in which they can talk about the sentimental value. A couple of photos would also be great to bring along. Start collecting now.

Happy Easter and have a lovely long weekend!

Mrs Bree Zink



5/6S

The Gold excursion will be held on July 29,30 and 31st . In order to ensure the trip is cost effective Year 4 children have also been invited to attend. The school will now embark on a three year cycle of excursions rather than the current 2 year cycle. This is more appropriate with our new smaller numbers.

Year 6 students are reminded to return their High School applications notes as soon as possible.

The airport excursion on Tuesday 25th March is not to be missed. Children are reminded that notes and money must be returned prior to the trip.

The High School Gymnastics program will take place subject to transport being available. At this point we need assistance.

Our writing skills continue to improve as children practise regularly. Josh Flett, James Cherry and Maddison Teat are to be congratulated for their class effort in the last fortnight.



P&C NEWS

FUNDRAISING - PIE DRIVE

Please ensure that all Pie orders are returned to school no later than Friday 28th March.

If you require an order form please contact the office.

Order are to be picked up on Thursday April 3rd at the following times:

A - K 11- 1pm

L - Z 3- 4pm

Thank you for your support.

Kaylene Kennerson

BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER BBQ

We are still in need of more volunteers to help out on our BBQ Day at Bunnings Maitland Store. If you can help out please advise the school as soon as possible. This is a great way to help raise funds for our school.

Thanking You
Staci Baird



CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Aunties that have helped out this term with the canteen. The help that you have given our canteen and our students is much appreciated. We are still looking for more volunteers and any help would be appreciated.

Thanking you

Kathy Gibb



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LIBRARY

As part of our library this year the school has joined up for the Premiers Reading Challenge. All children are asked to read books levelled to their grade and beyond. The scheme is just an incentive to get children to read and be proud of their achievements.

Each grade has to read a number of books over the year to receive a certificate.

There will be more information later as we find out more about it.

We are still looking for a few parents to help with book covering in library. If anyone has any spare time.

Thankyou
Mrs Terenzini

PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support sessions started and our Year 5 and 6 children have experienced life in the other side of the desk.

All leaders have participated and worked hard to make their groups functional be successful. Congratulations to all leaders for their efforts.

Mrs Terenzini

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

March 26th Sue Mann / Shelley Byrne
April 2nd Mrs White / Leanne Smith
April 9th Kim Lantry

Lifehouse Church Maitland

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Easter Egg hunt is on again!

Good Friday @ Tucker Park Paterson.

11am - 3pm

Bring along a picnic and join in the fun!

Lots of novelty games afterwards.

RSVP by 19/3/08 Doug Rumbel

0414765648 so we can ensure we have enough eggs for the children.