



# HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Paterson Street,  
Hinton...NSW...2321  
Ph: (02) 4930 5266  
Fax: (02) 4930 5502

Thursday 22nd May 2008  
Newsletter 7

"Every little one count"

## SCHOOL NEWS

Last week Students in Year 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) testing program. This replaced the State Benchmark Testing Program. The tests were run for the first time on a National level. The students, generally, were quite confident after each exam. The results of the tests will be returned to the school in the coming months.

The StarStruck team have been working hard with regular rehearsals under the watchful eye of Mrs. Woodward. A special thank to you, Mrs. Woodward, for giving up so much of your time for the children, ensuring their StarStruck success after the departure of Mrs. Zinc. Thank you too, to Mrs. Drayton and Mrs. Terenzini for overseeing the organisation. Another special mention, to Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Smith, for their assistance with costumes. On behalf of the students, parents and staff, thank you all, for making the 2008 StarStruck performance possible.

Next week we will be celebrating Education Week for 2008, "*A love of Learning*". A separate note went home last Monday outlining the Education Week program. If you missed the note, please ask at the Office for a copy.

### Student of the Week

Lachlan Brooker

### CLASS AWARDS

#### Week 2

##### Kindergarten

Tia Lantry  
Jack Hawkins  
Lauren Foy  
Matthew Goode

##### 3/4

Kristen Allen  
Ellie Graham  
Mathew Gibb  
Akacia Tooley  
Tayla Jordan

##### 1/2D

Lara Clarke  
Ellen Marquet  
Matia Kennerson  
Jed Martin  
Tamara Baird  
Jayden Black

##### 5/6S

Maddison Teat  
Brittany Meyn  
Laura Williams  
Jack Richards  
Jade Robinson  
Zoe Lewis

##### Mrs Terenzini

Clare Douglas	Kristen Allen	Elliott Penglaze
Chloe Duguid	Aeisha Mann	Maddi Gilmour
Brodie Moffat	Lily Reay	Gabbi Davies
Joseph Clarke	Kirsty Robinson	

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Friday 23rd May** - MS Readathon assembly visit  
**Monday 26th May** - Education Week commences  
**Tuesday 27th May** - Open Day / Grandparents Day  
**Tuesday 27th May** - Education Week Awards Night  
 Rutherford High - 6pm  
**Thursday 29th May** - University Test - Science  
**Thursday 29th May** - Mathematics Evening 6-7:30pm  
**Monday 9th June** - Long Weekend  
**Tuesday 10th June** - StarStruck Major Rehearsal  
**Wednesday 11th June** - StarStruck Technical & Dress Rehearsal  
**Thursday 12th June** - StarStruck Evening Performance 7pm  
**Friday 13th June** - StarStruck Matinee 10.30am  
 Evening Performance 7pm  
**Saturday 14th June** - StarStruck Evening Performance 7pm  
**Thursday 19th June** - Healthy Active After School Program finishes for term 2.  
**Wednesday 25th June** - Athletics Carnival Stuart Park  
**Thursday 26th June** - Public Speaking Multicultural  
**Wednesday 2nd July** - Reports go home  
**Thursday 3rd July** - Steve Simpson Shield  
**Thursday 3rd July** - Rewards Day

### Student of the Week

Kristen Allen

### CLASS AWARDS Week 3

#### Kindergarten

Bree White  
Riley Searles  
Dominick Teat  
Lochlan Brooker

#### 3/4B

Helaina Smith  
Makayla Trusz  
Georgia Lantry  
Caitlyn Baird

#### 1/2D

Lucas Tooley  
Isabella Lantry  
Lochlan Boyd  
Joseph Clarke  
Jasmine Goode

#### 5/6

Zoe Lewis  
Sarah Baronowski  
Excellent Class Speeches

#### Mrs Terenzini

Jayden Black	Emily Mann
Jed Martin	Jemma Nightingale
Faith Hill	Mitchell Vowles
Caitlyn Baird	Jade Robinson
Ellie Graham	Charlotte Winchester
Georgia Lantry	Sarah Baronowski
Jasmine Collum	James Gibb

**BOOK FEES**

*Book fees are now due, thank you to all parents that have paid and reminders have now been sent home.*

**GUITAR LESSONS**

Guitar Lessons for term 2 commenced last week Wednesday 14th May. Mrs Eager has asked if anyone has changed arrangements i.e. withdrawing or wanting to commence, could they contact her on 49331416.

A reminder that Payment of \$50 is requested by

*Wednesday 28th May 08.*

**EDUCATION WEEK**

This event takes place in the week commencing 26th May. Our Open day is planned for Tuesday 27th May and will incorporate Grandparents Day. The day will commence at 10am and conclude at approximately 11:50am. Specific details were sent home last Monday.

Next Tuesday evening an Awards Ceremony will be held at Rutherford Technology High School. We anticipate being involved in at least two of those awards.

On Thursday evening a Mathematics Evening will be held from 6 to 7:30pm. Teachers will choose areas of the curriculum and explain teaching techniques and content experienced by students at various stages.

If you have a special request, let us know now and we will try to incorporate it into the evening.

**KINDERGARTEN 2009**

Enrolments are now being taken for 2009. Please advise any friends, family etc that Hinton are now taking names for 2009. We hope to welcome a lot of new students to our school in 2009 and we would appreciate your help in advising parents of us taking enrolments.

**STARSTRUCK**

Thank you to the parents who attended the Star Struck meeting last Tuesday evening. It was a most productive meeting in that costumes were explained and shown, and transport of students was organised, even for the major rehearsals and performances in the Star Struck week.

A big thank you to Mrs. Woodward who has been rehearsing with the students twice a week during the lunch breaks and has attended rehearsals as the supervisor of the group.

Thank you also to Mrs. Winchester who along with Mrs. Woodward has organised the purchase of materials and trimmings for the dancers and who is co-ordinating the cutting out and sewing of the Magic Dance costumes. Both ladies have spent their own time shopping for coloured T-shirts and trimmings for the costumes. We appreciate all the time and effort you have put in.

As we only have about 2 weeks to make and decorate the costumes we will need as many "hands on deck as possible", even if it is only to add the final touches to the costumes.

Please see me or Mrs. Winchester if you can assist.

Good luck to all the girls who are performing!

Mrs. E.Drayton



StarStruck Rehearsals

**PREMIERS READING AND SPORTING CHALLENGES**

Thank you to Mrs. Terenzini and Mrs. O'Connor for organising the Reading Challenge. All of the students are busily reading to meet the 20 book requirement for this event.

Mrs. Terenzini has also registered Hinton for the Sporting Challenge. We are currently on target for a Diamond award due to all of the great physical activity the students at our school are involved in. ANY physical activity goes towards the tally!! **Keep it up HINTON well done!!**

**LIBRARY**

Our library now has seven new badged librarians.

The children had to apply for the position and submit an application.

Our successful applicants were:

Holly Hardes

Maddison Teat

Hayley Byrne

Brittany Meyn

Maddie Gilmour

Laura Williams

Jade Robinson

Annie Corey

The children have been placed on a roster over the week to help make the library accessible to our students.

Already the library has benefited from their efforts.

Thank you girls and keep up the good work.

Mrs. Terenzini.

**ART AT LUNCH**

Mr. Vowles (Mitchell's Dad) is kindly donating his time on Thursday at lunchtime to teach the children how to use charcoal into artworks.

We didn't know how it would go over the lunch time but it was a roaring success. About 20 children produced some excellent drawings, showed them to the rest of the school then took them home.

Thankyou Mr Vowles the children and I are looking forward to your art classes next week.

**SCHOOL NEWSPAPER UPDATE**

Mrs Staci Baird has been quietly working with groups of students in producing our 2008 School Newspaper. I believe that there are some new and interesting local stories that the "journalists" are working on. Our school newspaper will be published in the Newcastle Herald on 10th June.

There will be a copy for each Hinton student to take home and read.

A big thank you to Mrs Baird who willingly makes the time to come to school and assist the students with the publishing of their stories. We could not do it without her assistance.

Thank you also to the students who are working hard to write interesting "news" stories as many of these students are also attending Star Struck rehearsals and major sporting events as school representatives.

Mrs. E.Drayton

## CLASS NEWS

### KD News

Many kinder students are becoming excellent readers due to the fact that they are participating in the Home Reading Program. Keep up the excellent effort, KD!

After attending the Hunter Valley Gardens Excursion students painted a picture of things they observed and wrote a story to match. A class Big Book is now being assembled with these paintings and stories and should be ready to read on our Open Day.

We also have some budding poets who are changing nursery rhymes by adding their own rhyming words. These new rhymes will be recorded in a Class Nursery Rhyme Big Book.

Mrs. Drayton

### 3/4B

3/4B have had a very busy and productive fortnight, with many academic and sporting activities taking place.

All Year 3 students undertook the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing over three days last week. Many students were very nervous, but overcame their fears and found the confidence to undertake the test. Well done to all!

Some 3/4B students also took part in the Zone Cross Country last Friday. Congratulations to each of these participants. A very special congratulations goes to Kelsey Winchester, who came first in her race! Kelsey is now in training to later compete in the Regional Cross Country.

In the classroom, all 3/4B students have begun working on letter writing. Students have chosen a relative or friend to write to and are currently drafting letters. The published letters will be sent out to the students' chosen recipients in the near future.

3/4B have also been diligently learning their spelling words in an attempt to "blow Mrs Bortfeld's socks off!" Mrs Bortfeld has vowed that if all students receive 100% on their weekly spelling and dictation tests, she will come to school wearing her socks on her hands. Keep up the spelling practise 3/4B!

I would like to say a very SPECIAL THANK YOU to Miss Fleming. Miss Fleming is on her final Practicum and has demonstrated excellent teaching and personal qualities. The students of 3/4B have benefited greatly from the lessons and topics covered during her stay. I have also been very grateful for the assistance Miss Fleming has given me during my first hectic two weeks as principal. The students and I will miss her.

I have complete confidence that Miss Fleming will have a wonderful, successful career as a Teacher, and I wish her the very best of luck. Thank you!!

### 1/2D News

Year 1 & 2 are going on an imaginary Safari this week. We are making binoculars and cameras to take with us, as well as making maps! The kids are having lots of fun! We can't wait for our imaginary Safari.

We are also preparing for Education Week by practising songs and making our room colourful. In the upcoming weeks we will be using recycled materials for art/craft. If you have any boxes & cardboard tubes, please send them along to our classroom. Thankyou



### 5/6S

Year 5 students have completed their NAPLAN testing. Congratulations on completing these tests.

We have now started the work on "Gold". This unit of work is designed to culminate with our excursion to Hill End in July.

All students have begun work on writing a book. These books will be put on hold until Mr Sharkey returns next term.

All students have been asked to prepare "a page pleasing to the eye". This involves using geometry patterns designed on a regular sized sheet of cardboard. These are due on Friday 23rd May.



**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

A huge congratulations to the 14 children who competed in the Zone Cross Country last Friday. Each and everyone of the children showed the Hinton spirit of co-operation and competitiveness. For a school with only 95 pupils we had an enormous representation. Before we left for the event at Tocal College the weather looked threatening but by the start of the carnival the dark clouds disappeared and we had a beautiful fresh afternoon. The scenery was magnificent. Two outstanding achievements on the day were Kelsey Winchester with a 1st place in 8 and 9 year olds and Thomas Etheridge with 3rd in the 11 to 12 year olds. Another huge thank you to the parents who transported their children to the event who without their help Hinton couldn't compete.

Mrs. Terenzini

**GOLD EXCURSION**

The Gold excursion organised for year 4-6 has been finalised. All deposits should have been paid.

Last night a meeting was held to discuss the excursion, answer questions and hopefully dispel any fears or concerns that may have been on parent's minds.

Mr. Gibb and Mrs. Ralph will be our accompanying parents for this excursion. Thank you to all of the parents who sent in an application, it is never an easy decision...we wish we could take all of the applicants! Please keep it in mind for next year... Canberra and the Snow! Accompanying parents are given specific roles and are treated as staff whilst away, and we looking forward to a successful trip.

Please remember that all payments must be made no later than Tuesday 22nd July (Week 1, Term 3). Accompanying parents payment by 4th July 2008 (Week 10, Term 2). If you would like to pay in instalments please do so.

Permission notes and medical forms, as well as a detailed information sheet will be sent home shortly.

**HEALTHY ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The program has started up again for Term 2. The students are enjoying the amazing variety of fun, skill-based activities that Mrs. Allen so meticulously organises. All of the children gain so much from this initiative; they get fitter, healthier, stronger and all in a safe, fun environment.

A special thank you must go out to Mrs. Allen for her incredible weekly contribution...Sue organises the lessons, trains me, instructs the students, organises the gear and has fun doing it!! Sue, you are amazing and the students and I, appreciate you and all you do!!

Of course I cannot forget the wonderful Mrs. Carol Davies, for volunteering to organise the fruit and vegetables for the children. Mrs. Jenny Jordan has also recently volunteered to help with this important part of the program. Both of these ladies leave their jobs to come and help...THANK YOU!!!!!!

*The program will conclude for this Term on Thursday 20th June 2008. It will commence in Term 3 during Week 2.*

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The date has been set and Stuart Park booked...mark your calendar for Wednesday June 25th 2008.

More information will be sent home closer to the date.

**A THANK YOU**

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of the parents and grandparents who assist us at Hinton School.

Without your continued support we would not be able to continue to do the things we do. Transporting children to and from venues, helping with the BBQ, working in the canteen, assisting teachers in classrooms, covering books, the list goes on... everything you do WE sincerely appreciate!

THANK YOU

**LEAGUE AND TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the boys from year 4, 5 & 6 who represented us at a recent League match against Thornton. We were unsuccessful, but the boys played well. Congratulations Shaun and Lincoln for scoring tries and Nic for converting!

Unfortunately we were also unsuccessful at the recent Touch Football trials. Thank you and well done, Josh, James, Edward and Lincoln.



Visitors in 3/4B



Celebrating at HPS

***Don't forget Education Week Open Day and Grandparent's Day is next TUESDAY 27th MAY, 10.00 am to 11.50am.***

*See you there...demonstrating a*

***"A LOVE OF LEARNING"***

### P&C NEWS

A big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the Mothers Day Stall. It was a great success.

We are now preparing for a Trivia Night and a Car Rally. Details will be sent home soon.

Thanking you  
Kim Lantry

### New P&C Committee

President: Kim Lantry  
Vice President: Kaylene Kennerson  
Secretary: Carol Davies  
Treasurer: Trish Cherry

### CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be introducing some new food items soon, so we will keep you updated.

Thank you to all the volunteers.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

#### Term 2

May 28th - Leanne Smith

June 4th - Kim Lantry

June 11th - Leanne Smith

June 18th - Tracey Bright

June 25th - Kim Doyle

July 2nd - Kim Lantry

Thank you to all the volunteers for Term 2.

---

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

[www.hintonps.com](http://www.hintonps.com)

---

### ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 2008

