



# HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 5

“Every little one counts”

## SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 is rapidly coming to an end. I wish to thank all our regular parent helpers for the many tasks they perform from canteen, transport, classroom, dancing and many other activities. Thank you!

Wet weather has disrupted cross country and perhaps other events. Our lunchtime soccer competition has also been a victim of the weather.

Reports will be issued next week. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child. I would like to thank all teachers involved for the effort put into having written reports and assessments ready for term 1. It has proven an interesting and educational task.

Our Active After School Communities Program ends for term 1 this week. It recommences week 2 Term 2 (Tuesday 5th May). Thank you to Mrs Allen, Mrs Bortfeld and Mrs Lantry for conducting the sessions. Thank you too, to all the parents who have assisted with picking up and preparing the “healthy” afternoon tea.

I would encourage parents to enter their children in the “International Competitions for School”. Students year 3 to 5 may participate. It is a very worthwhile and informative learning exercise.

Next term begins for teachers with two days of learning. Your students will be the beneficiaries of these days.

We encourage parents who are able to let their children join us on Anzac Day at Morpeth. The school participates each year in this special event. A brief interruption to holidays is a small effort for such a cause.

## Class Awards Week 8

### K/1

Izaak Penglaze  
Ryan Redman  
Jade Woodward  
Mathew Dixon  
Brianna Kelly

### 1/2B

Leo Lindsay  
Jack Hawkins  
Ellen Marquet  
Clare Douglas

### 3/4B

Joseph Clarke  
Naomi Anderson

### 5/6

Matthew Gibb Nicholas Smith  
Jemma Nightingale Tayla Jordan  
Caitlin Baird Laura Williams  
Samantha Davies Hayley Byrne  
Brendan Howard Kelsey Parkes

### Mrs Terenzini

Annie Corey  
Isabella Lantry  
Holly Hardes  
Hayley Byrnes  
Jemma Nightingale  
Maddi Gilmour  
Jonathon Etheridge  
Brendan Howard  
Mitchell Vowles

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Thursday 2nd April:** Cross Country **Postponed**

**Monday 6th April:** Easter Meal Deal

**Tuesday 7th 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

**Monday 27th April:** Staff Development Day 1

**Tuesday 28th April:** Staff Development Day 2

**Wednesday 29th April:** Students return to school

**Wednesday 29th April:** Star Struck Parent Meeting  
5pm

**Tuesday 5th May:** Star Struck Rehearsal

**Tuesday 5th May :** Active After School Program Begins

**Thursday 7th May:** Star Struck rehearsal

**Tuesday 12th May:** NAPLAN Yr3/ Yr5 commencing

**Wednesday 20th May:** School Photo Day

## Class Awards Week 9

### K/1D

Indiana Morris x 2  
Charlie Hunter  
Hannah Munro  
Isabelle Broderick  
Paige Hill  
Sarah Hawkins  
Brock Peters

### 1/2B

Tia Lantry  
Dominick Teat  
Matia Kennerson  
Lara Clarke  
Amelia Smith  
Isabella Lantry  
Jed Martin  
Bella Carney  
Connor Eade- Armstrong

### 3/4B

Cooper Byrne  
Faith Hill  
Kirsty Robinson

### 5/6S

Ricky Soars  
Charlotte Winchester  
Shaun Byrne  
Maddi Gilmour  
Madeline Duguid  
Ellie Graham

### Mrs Terenzini

Tamara Baird  
Connor Eade - Armstrong  
Matthew Gibb  
Tia Lantry  
Lucas Tooley

Amelia Smith  
Clare Douglas  
Matia Kennerson  
Isabella Lantry  
Lara Clarke

## **Term 1 Break**

Term 1 concludes on Thursday 9th April. All students resume for Term 2 on Wednesday 29th April.

## **Staff Development Days**

Teachers will commence at school on Monday 27th April for a staff development day. Tuesday 28th April will also be a staff development day.

On Monday teachers will be working on :

Daily PE program, Anaphylaxis training, Web Design, School website and Mathematics including software application.

On Tuesday teachers will learn about better techniques of teaching inferential comprehension, review our Kindergarten Orientation, review the Quality Teaching Framework, look at Quality Teaching in Mathematics and confirm our 2009 student targets.

## **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 paid the deposit for the Canberra excursion. Forty four students will attend. You are reminded that the excursion may be paid in instalments. A meeting in late term 2 will be held to give final details of the trip and allow questions to be answered.

## **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**.

## **Reports**

Written reports for term 1 will be issued on Thursday 8th April.

These reports will not be as detailed as end of year reports. Our purpose is to bring you up to date with how your child is settling into their new year.

Some areas eg HSIE, PE/PD/H, Creative Arts and Science and Technology will have a general account of what has occurred in the classroom in term 1.

The reports are designed to look at current performances. If you have a concern please contact your child's teacher for an interview.

Scheduled interviews for all students will take place toward the end of term 2.

## **ANZAC Services**

Our school Service will be held (weather permitting) on the last day of term, Thursday 9th April. We assemble at the flagpole at 11.00am. ALL students are REQUIRED to wear FULL SUMMER uniform... girls, please wear your skirts!

The Morpeth Service will be held on Saturday the 25th April. We would like to see as many of Hinton Students as possible, especially our school leaders. Once again please ensure FULL SUMMER uniform is worn (as above). The march will commence at 11.00am from Campbell's corner. Please ensure you are there prior to this time.

The students will be met by either Mr. Sharkey or Mrs. Bortfeld.

## **Cross Country**

Our Cross Country set down for today Thursday has been postponed. It will held on a date to be chosen.

## **Zone Trials**

Zone Trials have been changed to Tuesday 7th April. Three girls will try out for the girls soccer team. Good Luck Georgia, Makayla and Kristen.

Congratulations to Brendan Howard for his selection in the Maitland Zone Rugby League team. Brendan tried out for the Hunter Region and the team manager was full of praise for his effort and above all sportsmanship.

Well done Brendan

## Premiers Reading Challenge

We have registered for the Reading challenge for 2009. The challenge is open to all children to read an assortment of books through their stage levels.

Children in

- K to 2 will read 30 books. The children will be able to reach their targets through whole class reads, library lessons and borrowing.

Years 3 to 6 will need to read 20 books. The children will be able to reach their targets on an individual basis through S.S.R. (Silent Sustained Reading) each day in the classroom and library borrowing. Please ask your child what they are reading and how much of the challenge they have completed if they are in Years 3 to 6. This year we will be asking children to take charge of their challenge and enter their efforts at school onto the reading challenge website.

Congratulations to Jon Etheridge in Year 6 who has already read eleven books and entered them to the website.

Well done Jon.

Last year not all children took up the challenge. This year we would like all to be challenged through books.

Mrs Terenzini

## Guessing Competition.

As part of the Year 6 fundraising, I will be organising a guessing competition for the students. They will need to guess how many eggs in a jar and how many chocolates in the jar. Each guess is 50c. All money raised goes toward the year 6 gift presented to the school on Presentation Night.

This competition will run from next Monday to Wednesday, and the lucky number for each drawn at the special combined scripture assembly next Wednesday afternoon.

Next Wednesday, we will also have a money tree for parents/visitors who are feeling lucky. Each ticket will be \$2.00. Once again all money raised goes toward year 6 fundraising.

Thanking you

Mrs B

## Premiers Sport Challenge

We have registered for the 2009 Sporting Challenge. Starting from Term 2 all children will be in the challenge to be active at home and at school.

To achieve

Bronze - 30minutes activity each day  
Silver - 45 minutes activity each day  
Gold - 60 minutes activity each day  
Diamond - 80 minutes activity each day

The challenge is based on a class basis. All minutes of activity are added together and recorded into log books.

Keep Active

Mrs Terenzini

## Easter Hat Parade

You're invited to the Easter hat parade and recess with your child on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Recess is at 11.30am and the parade is at 12.15pm. It will be an out of uniform day to add to the fun. All children are being encouraged to wear an Easter hat in the parade *either they have made or sourced from home*. There will be prizes for each class:

- The most creative
- The hat that uses the most recycled material
- The best themed hat
- Judge's choice
- The best hat worn by a Parent or Grandparent

Hope to see you there.

Mrs Terenzini

## Mobile Phones

The P&C is collecting unwanted mobile phones in order to recycle the materials and earn money.

Old mobiles may be dropped off at the school in a box in the administration area. Your assistance would be appreciated.

## Soccer Competition

Under the supervision of sports minister Charlotte Winchester Hinton School has commenced a lunchtime soccer competition. There are 3 divisions. Isabelle, Owen, Charlie and Justin are the captains of the Kindergarten teams. There are six teams in the second division competition captained by Belle, Luke, Tamara, Matt, Cooper and Ellen.

In first division there are 8 teams led by Brendan, Georgia, James, Holly, Emily, Maddi, Madeline and one is a mystery.

Only one round has been played due to wet weather.

## School Newspaper 2009

I believe that Mrs Baird has quietly slipped in and commenced working with groups of students on the articles for the school newspaper. I was shown a completed article last Friday which looked quite interesting. Thank you for giving your valuable time and expertise once again, Mrs Baird. For those students who have not started their stories please jot down some ideas (seek help from parents, grandparents and teachers as well).

Mrs D.

## Stewart House Fundraiser

This year we have decided to sell keyring dolphins and SOS non-permanent tattoos to raise money for Stewart House. These will be on sale from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 2 in the COLA during the morning, recess and lunch breaks, at a cost of \$3 for the dolphins and \$1 for the tattoos. All money raised will go to Stewart House which is a worthwhile charity funded by the teachers and public schools of N.S.W

## Star Struck 2009

We now have 18 students in our Star Struck squad including 2 reserves. Mrs Woodward rehearses with the squad each Friday at lunchtime and the girls are really doing well with the finale dance. We are in 2 dances plus the finale which has a colour scheme of white and black. Thanks again to Mrs Woodward for her time and effort! No costume details have been released as yet. A parent meeting will be held Wednesday 29th April at 5pm in the school staff room to discuss travel arrangements and costumes. Our 1st rehearsals are on Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May from 9.30am to 2pm at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. All students are required to attend. Permission notes will be sent out closer to the date.

I will distribute a T-shirt order form to all our dancers this week. Please return the form and money to the office ASAP in a labelled envelope. This T-shirt is worn by the girls during the finale.

N.B. Star Struck tickets will go on sale to the public on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the attached price lists. I believe that all tickets to the Thursday night performance are \$25 each which is very reasonable. Tickets can be bought through Ticketek or from the Newcastle Entertainment Centre at Broadmeadow.

## Active After School

This week is our last week for AASC thank you to all the parents for cutting fruit for afternoon tea and to Mrs Woodward for delivering the fruit to us. The children have played lots of new games this term and had fun. AASC will start again Week 2 next term.

## Guitar Lessons

No guitar lessons due to Easter Hat Parade next Wednesday 8th April.

## 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.**

## 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.**

## Sausage Sizzle

**April 8th** : Tracey Bright

**Sausage sizzle rosters for Term 2 are now due in.**

**We still have a number of vacant days: 3rd June and the 8th July.**

## Book Club

New book club brochures will be issued Friday 3rd April due back 9th April. Orders will not be returned till after the school break.

## 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

## Uniform Shop

All outstanding Winter Orders need to be in by Monday April 6th

Thankyou

Sue Allen



**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

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

## **K/1D News**

We have a great display of family photos on our notice board. Please feel free to visit the room in the morning before school or at bell time to view these.

P.S. Please keep watching the notice board just inside the classroom door.

### **Changes are taking place!**

A huge thank you goes to all the parents who assisted with reading/writing groups this term.

Please note that there will be no groups next week (week 11) and no groups in week 1 of term 2 due to other events taking place. Reading Groups will recommence in week 2 of Term 2.

Students' books are now covered with their own artwork. If parents would like to cover these books with plastic or clear contact they are welcome to come in this Friday afternoon and take the books home for the weekend.

**K/1D are planning a special day next Monday to celebrate Easter called "EGGSTRAVAGANZA" day. Students will assist with the colouring and decorating of hardboiled eggs and then participate in "egg" games such as egg and spoon races, and egg rolling competitions.**

**P.S. We would appreciate a couple of parent helpers on this day. Please see me if you can help out. Also any extra ideas for "egg" games would be appreciated.**

**Have a great holiday**

**Mrs Drayton**

## **3-4B**

In the last two weeks before a well earned break for the students, we will be finalising our ANZAC work. A number of students have mentioned they have relatives who have served our Country during war time and during peace. If any parent or relative would like to share their stories or memorabilia, please let me know, we'd love to learn from you.

Next week we will be spending a little time on EASTER. I hope everyone is busily making their EASTER bonnets/hats...I know I'm hard at it! I'm looking forward to the parade next Wednesday. Hope to see you there.

## **5/6S**

Year 5 children are working hard to refine their skills prior to NAPLAN testing early next term. We are currently working on correct punctuation used in speech.

Last week was a catch up week for those behind in Poetry, Science, Spelling and/or Mathematics. Most( but not all) students are now up to date.

Recent Mathematics work has focused on percentages, decimals and fractions. Daily testing indicates that most of the class know their multiplication tables.

This week we are completing our written assignments for HSIE on Antarctica and preparing to launch our new "products" designed for Antarctica.

## 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 are to be in by Friday 3rd April



### 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.