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Newsletter 5

“Every little one count”

SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers, Mrs Terenzini, Mrs Zink and Mrs Drayton, Parents Kim Lantry, Kaylene Anderson and Leanne Smith, Carolyn Lilley plus two visiting teachers participated in training for the Active After School Community Program. Training was held at school under the expert tuition of Mr Eduardo Figueroa who helps run the program. All participants reported “being sore” after the day.

Our After School program concludes for term one this week. A huge thank you to all children who have participated, to parents for picking the children up on time and allowing their children to participate. Special thanks to Mrs Allen and Mrs Bortfeld for their absolute enthusiasm, preparation and energetic participation in such a wonderful program. The program resumes in week 2 of term 2.

Dancing has been a huge focus in the school this week as Mrs Zink and her team prepare for their performances in term 2. Seven children have been selected to try out for zone teams in various sports this Friday. Pupils have been busy with peer support activities. School is a busy place.



UP COMING EVENTS

- 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
- Tuesday 6th May** - Active After School Program Commences
- Friday 9th May**- Mothers Day Stall
- Tuesday 13th May** -National Testing Program commences for Yr 3 and Yr 5.
- Friday 16th May** - Zone Cross Country

CLASS AWARDS Week 9

Kindergarten

Ruben Gilmour
Locky Wilks
Isabelle Broderick
Connor Eade-Armstrong

1/2D

Deon Woodward
Jasmine Goode
Imogen Dagg
Tamara Baird
Jasmine Goode
Kasey Dixon
Belle Leonard
Joseph Clarke
Lara Clarke

3/4B

Georgia Lantry
Georgia Kennerson
Matthew Gibb
Madeline Duguid

5/6S

Jasmine Collum
David Briant
Maddison Teat
Holly Hardes
James Cherry

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 have received an official department information

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr David Hingston, principal of Maitland High School and two current prefects visited year 6 to give them an insight into High School and to allow the students to ask questions. The session was most informative and combined with a slide show gave year 6 a glimpse into some of the lifestyle changes which occur in high school. Parents of year 6 are to be thanked for their prompt return of High School Applications. These have been forwarded to the High School and are currently being processed.

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.

sheet.

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

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.

Sports News

All the best to the following students who will be heading to the Zone Winter Trials on Friday...Lincoln Smith, Edward Walters, Jack Richards, James Gibb, Thomas Etheridge, David Bryant, Sarah Baronowki and Jasmine Collum.

Cross Country Carnival

Nest Tuesday 8th April we will be holding our annual Cross Country at the 'Strawberry Patch'. Family and friends are welcome to come along and join in the fun and excitement.

I would love to hear from any parents who will be available to help out on the day. There are plenty of jobs and I would greatly appreciate your time.

It's going to be a great day. Don't forget hats and water.

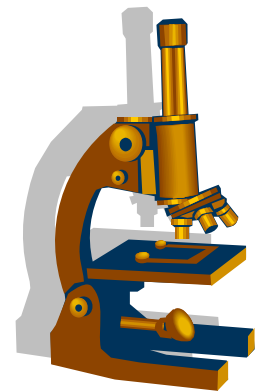
All the best to the competitors!

Hunter Dance Festival

Congratulations to the dance group who have practised tirelessly over the last 2 weeks to learn their dance. On Monday the dance 'I Can't Stand the Rain' was filmed and sent to HDF Office for our audition. It looked fantastic and I was so proud of everyone. Let's cross our fingers while we wait and see whether we get in. We should find out early next Term.

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

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Yesterday, Kindergarten and their Year 6 buddies, visited Stuart Park for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. There were bears and furry animals of all sizes and shapes.

Lots of games were played including parachute and moonball. After the games we ate lunch in the shade and students feasted on fairy bread and honey joys, previously made by Kindergarten. Thank you to the mums and grandmothers who provided other "bear" food.

The finale for the day was a Bear Hunt led by Mrs Lilley with Locky as the bear, scaring all the children at the end!

A big thank you to Mrs Hawkins and Ms Hollis for transporting all our gear back and forth to the park and also to the other parents/grandparents for joining us and helping with the clean-up.

A great day was had by all and some very tired little teddy bears went home for a well deserved sleep!

Mrs Drayton



3/4B

The excursion to Newcastle Airport was very successful. The children and I got a lot of very interesting information from Doug and Sarah (the guides). It was very exciting to see exactly how the airport works from the inside out. Two reports are attached, please read them to see exactly what we experienced...

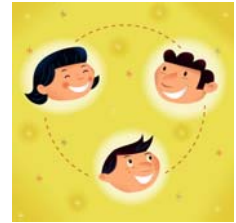


1/2Z News

Don't forget what's happening next week...

A couple of guest speakers will come and share with the class a story from their childhood. If there is anyone else 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.

Also... On Monday every child will need to bring in a special memento from their early childhood in which they can talk about and on Wednesday every child will need to bring in a couple of photos to share.



5/6S

Gymnastics on Monday was an eye opener for many of the students. Sarah Baronowski, Maddison Teat and several others showed great skill "in the gym".

Class members are continuing to work on their writing skills with adjectives, adverbs and similes being flung around with gay abandon.

Decimals are currently under attack in the classroom. These pesky things are being carefully analysed by the class.

An information night for the Gold excursion will be held early in term 2.

The Airport excursion was lots of fun. The recounts written after the event showed a depth of knowledge from most children.

Year 5 children are practising the test format for the new National Testing Program. This test occurs in week 3, term 2.



P&C NEWS

CANTEEN NEWS

Bunnings BBQ Thankyou

A big thankyou to all parents who have helped out on our fundraising BBQ. Also Mrs Cherry for purchasing all our food needs and Mrs Baird for organising the volunteers and the day.

This fun day raised \$647.58 and thankyou to all who helped out.

Staci Baird

Thompson Pie Drive

A big thankyou to everyone who placed orders for our pie drive. The school raised \$500 and also thankyou to all the parents who have helped packing up these orders.

Kaylene Kennerson



Currently we are assessing the viability of continuing our Canteen operation.

An information sheet stating our plans was sent to all parents earlier this week. So far we have volunteers for the roles of ordering and roster completion.

We hope others will come forward to assist with the Canteen operation. Please return notes no later than Monday if you are able to help.

MYUNA BAY PROGRAM

Autumn Vacation Program

For details for this camp please contact :

Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Centre on 49733301 or 49731262.

An information sheet is also available at the school office.

LIBRARY

Premiers Reading Challenge—The Premiers Reading Challenge has been initiated for the first time at Hinton. The children have been offered a challenge against themselves to read 20 books over the year from the book lists through the challenge—Mrs O'Connor, our library assistant has been very busy setting it up in the library for the children to know what books are on the challenge. Each classroom has been issued a tray of books to read in their quiet reading time or D.E.A.R. time each. K-2 children are asked to read 30 books—these can be teacher read, 3-4 to read 20 books, 5-6 to read 20 books. Each child completing this challenge will receive a certificate at the end of the year.

Mrs Terenzini

PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support has continued to be a success. The leaders this year have been exceptional and taken on the challenges and skills needed to execute successful groups. Our Yr 6 leaders have endeavored to train and then think through what it is they need for each session. Sadly our program will finish next week, on the 8th (yes cross country day) with our last session a mini celebration. Your child has been asked by their leader to bring something to share with their group.

Yr 5 co-leaders have also done a magnificent job, having kept the yr6 leaders on the right path and have filled in any gaps in the lessons. We will all look forward to great leadership for 2009

Mrs Terenzini

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

April 9th Kim Lantry

Term 2

May 7th - Sue Allen

May 14th - Tracey Bright & Bret Hill

May 21st- Justin Nightingale

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.