



HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday 4th February 2010

Newsletter 1

"Every little one counts"

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Hinton Public School to all pupils, parents and staff. A big welcome to all new pupils and of course to our new Kindergarten 2010 group. We also welcome a new staff member, Mr Cridland who will add much to our school.

Our staffing for 2010 is:

K/1 Mrs Drayton
1/2 Ms Burns
3/4 Mrs Bortfeld
5/6 Mr Sharkey (Principal)
RFF / STLA/ Library Mr Cridland
Mrs Jordan School Administrative Manager
Ms Walker School Administrative Officer
Mrs Allen School Administrative Officer
Mr Jordan General Assistant
Mrs Smyth Cleaner

Canteen: Operates Monday, Thursday and Friday
Sausage Sizzle : Wednesdays - Commences 10/2/10
Scripture: Wednesdays - Commences 17/2/10
Guitar Lessons : Wednesdays - Commences 10/2/10

Two areas of policy are currently under review at Hinton School. Our Anti Bullying Policy and Student Welfare Policy. Copies of these will be available at the Parent Teacher Evenings. For those who cannot attend, please ask for a copy from the office.

Your views and understanding of these policies are sought. The policies will be discussed at our first P&C Meeting on Wednesday 17th February. If you prefer, you may comment in writing. The policies will be finalised after input from parents, students and staff.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at our parent teacher evenings and also at our first big event for 2010, the Annual Swimming Carnival.

We're Back!

UP COMING EVENTS

Thursday 4th February : Parent / Teacher Information Night :

1/2 5.00 - 6.00pm

K/1 6.00 - 7.00pm

Tuesday 9th February : Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 10th February : Sausage Sizzle commences

Wednesday 10th February : Parent/ Teacher

Information Night

3/4 6.00 - 7.00pm

5/6 7.00 - 8.00pm

Thursday 11th February : Active After School

Communities commences

Wednesday 17th February : Scripture commences

Wednesday 17th February - P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 17th March - P&C AGM

WE'RE ON THE WEB

www.hintonps.com



PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

Parent/Teacher information night is a valuable means of communicating between home and school. At these nights teachers outline their expectations for students and parents, explain their teaching techniques, expectations, school routines, homework and the many systems used. They will also answer general questions (specific questions about your child are best answered in a private interview). Please make yourself available if possible. The information nights will be held on: Thursday 4th February

K/1 6.00 - 7.00pm

1/2 5.00 - 6.00pm

Wednesday 10th February

3/4 6.00 - 7.00pm

5/6 7.00 - 8.00pm

Reporting

Written reports will be sent home at the conclusion of terms 1 and 3.

Interviews will be conducted towards the end of term 2.

Optional interviews will be available at the end of Term 4.

We believe this system will allow parents more opportunity to be aware of students' successes and needs.

It also provides opportunity and time for meaningful parent/ teacher discussions.

As always teachers are available for personal interviews on request at all times during the year. An appointment may be made through the office or directly with the teacher.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 7pm.

All Welcome.

Reminder - Child Safety

Parents are always welcome in our school. However it is important that all visitors to school call at the office first. In this way we can ensure that anyone in the school grounds is known to the school, has permission to be there and represent no danger to our students.

All parents or visitors in the school are given a badge to wear during this time.

The exception to this is morning and afternoon when children are dropped off or picked up, i.e. until 9.40 in the morning and from 3.20 in the afternoon.

We ask all visitors to the school to follow this routine to ensure the safety of all students.

Star Struck 2010

Once again we are keen to enter a dance group in the Star Struck extravaganza. Students from Years 3 to 6 are welcome to audition for our troupe this year. Auditions will begin as soon as we receive the DVD/CD from the Star Struck people. Mrs Woodward has again kindly agreed to teach the students the dances and assist with rehearsals etc.

There is a big commitment required for this wonderful event from both selected students and parents, so please think seriously about auditioning and participating.

Further information will be distributed when it arrives at school.

Kind Regards

Mrs E.Drayton
& Mrs
H.Bortfeld



Sport

Hinton Swimming Carnival will be held Tuesday 9th February 2010 at the East Maitland Pool.

Permission notes were sent home on Tuesday. Please return to School by Friday 5th February. Looking forward to seeing you at the carnival to cheer on the children. I have booked fine weather for the day so lets hope the weather does the right thing. If you can assist on the day or have any questions please contact me.

Please note: cost for the carnival is \$5. Sorry about the misprint.

Gail Burns

COSTS

All students receive text books, exercise books and are levied for paper use. These costs vary from class to class due to the cost of texts and different procedures in classes.

This year costs are

5/6 \$30

3/4 \$35

1/2 \$35

K/1 - Yr 1 - \$25

K - \$20

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

Crunch n Sip:

This program was introduced late last year and has been very successful with all of our students and staff. It has encouraged the children to make wiser, healthier choices, which in turn helps them to focus and concentrate during our long morning session.

Students are allowed to eat a small healthy snack of fresh fruit or fresh vegetables whilst working at their tables.

Each class has their Crunch n Sip time around 10.30am. The students are also permitted to have a drink of water at their table at the same time. *PLEASE do not send in any pre-packaged fruit or processed food for this time.*

The Herald School Newspaper Competition

We welcome any news or ideas for stories for our school newspaper this year. Ryan Ninness won a prestigious award for his story about his cousin's bravery last year. I have already heard about a similar story involving one of our Kinder parents this year so please speak to Staci Baird or me, if you have any story ideas.

Our newspaper is to be published on April 27th so we must begin without delay. We will need students from Year 3 to Year 6 who are willing to have a try. Students can assist with writing stories, taking photos or drawing relevant cartoons. They will receive excellent assistance from Mrs Staci Baird who has once again volunteered to assist with this gigantic task! I'm sure Staci would appreciate the help of any parent who could assist students with their stories e.g. editing or typing.

Mrs E. Drayton

Permission notes:

In 2008 all students and on enrolment all new enrolments completed permission notes for the following:

Photos

Child Protection

Walking Excursions

Prohibited Employment Declaration (for those who volunteer within the school)

As well as details of the following:

Medical conditions

Personal Contact details, including mobile and work numbers

The permission for all of these remain current, however should your position or details change, please inform the office immediately.

This is critical for Medical conditions and Personal contact information.

An update of personal records has been sent out. Please complete that note and return it to the school.

Please note that at any time your child needs medication the Office must be notified in writing and all medication is to be sent to the Office. The only exception to this is Asthma medication.

Bookclub

Mrs Morris has taken over the duties of the bookclub co-ordinator. Thank you for volunteering for this position. Book club orders and money are to be returned by the 11th February.

Some information for

Bookclub orders: Bookclub 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 made out to Scholastic Books.)

Uniform Shop

A big thank you to all kindy and new families for their patience regarding uniform orders. We recently have had to change suppliers due to ill health. This involves organising school logos etc. with a new company which is time consuming. The good news, however, is prices will not increase. As stock becomes available I will distribute a new pricelist. All kindy orders and new family orders should be completed within 2 weeks.

Just a quick reminder of our ordering system:

1. Uniform Shop is opened Monday afternoons from 3pm.
2. Mark an envelope with name and money included and leave at office or class teacher and it will be filled asap and given to your child to bring home.
3. Special appointment phone Sue 49305003

AASC

Active After School Communities Program starts again this term on Thursday 11th February. The AASC program is funded by the Australian Sports Commission, this allows us to provide a healthy afternoon tea for the children. If any parent would like to help cut fruit on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 3pm-3:30pm it would be greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

We are very excited to introduce golf to the program this term. The school has purchased a golf kit with hitting mats. We are looking forward to having lots of fun playing games and keeping active! We are hoping by the end of term 1 all participating children will be able to visit a local Golf Club to see how it operates and maybe have a hit while we are there. Sessions finish at 5pm.

K/1D News

We have a wonderful group of Kinder students this year who have already shown that they can line up at Assembly times and listen to instructions. I must also thank my Year 1 students who are getting on with their tasks as well as helping the Kinders to pack away activities each day. They are really setting a good example for the Kinders to follow.

Our Unit of work for the 1st 5 weeks of term is a literacy unit titled "Nursery Rhymes".

Mrs Drayton



1/2 B News

Welcome to 2010. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a restful break. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday this week at 5 pm for Parent / Teacher Night.

During this term we will be studying Our Families. The children have been asked to put together a collection of treasures (things that are important to them) that hold memories about their life so far and photos of their family. These should be put into a small box, like a shoe box. These collections will be displayed in our class museum later this term. Look for your invitation to our museum's grand opening.

Homework for Term 1 started this week. Homework is given out on Monday and is due on Friday.

I would like to see every child's Home Reading Log on Fridays.

Reading and Maths Groups will start shortly. The children are looking forward to working with the parents and grandparents. If you would like to help this term please fill in the note that was sent home yesterday and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask. If you would like to discuss your child please make an appointment so we can talk without being interrupted.

Gail Burns



3-4B News

Welcome Back!

We are in for another busy and educational filled school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to 3-4B and to our Hinton School Community Macy and Aled (and their family), Ethan and Bethany (and their family) and Amber (and her family). I hope that your time at Hinton will be happy, educational and fulfilling.

This term we will be working hard to settle into 3-4 life. Learning new routines and classroom expectations. Those year 4 students who were with me last year will assist me greatly with this. I expect that all students will work to the best of their ability and beyond, ask lots of questions, engage themselves fully in their learning.

Next Thursday I will be holding my Information evening at 6pm. I hope that many old and new faces will come along to hear what is planned and expected from my class.

If you have any concerns, at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact the office for an appointment. I look forward to a GREAT YEAR!

Thanks

Mrs. B

5/6 News

5/6 students are beginning to learn their new routines and procedures. A grammar/spelling text book is on order. Currently activities for reading groups are being practised and will commence next week. Reading cards have been issued for daily home reading. Mathematics "topic" homework sheets will be given, two or three times a week, depending upon current circumstances. Passage reading should be practised daily.

The solar system is our Science focus for term one.

Mr Cridland will take the class on Monday afternoon - 2.20 to 3.30 and on Wednesdays. In addition to normal routines he will focus on Computers and Library skills. I hope to see many/most of you on Wednesday evening for our parent information night. And thank you for such a beautiful group of students.



Canteen Roster 5th February - 12th February 2010

Monday	Thursday	Friday
		5th February Leanne Smith
8th February	11th February Tracey Hollis Elain Whan	12th February Kathryn Marquet

Sausage Sizzle Roster Term 1

February 10th - Kelly Redman
 February 17th - Brett Hill
 February 24th - Jeroen Van Groningen
 March 3rd - Kim Lantry
 March 10th - Ben Kelly
 March 17th - Bret Hill
 March 24th - Kim Lantry
 March 31st - Tracey Bright

P&C Photo Fundraiser

Family Portrait Day will be held in Term 1. Portraits will be \$10 each and more details will be sent home in the following weeks.

We will need 30 families to attend the sessions.

Seaham / Bowthorne
Football Club

Player Registration Days – Season 2010

Saturday 6th February 9.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday 7th February 9.00am – 1.00pm

Wednesday 10th February 3.00pm – 6.00pm

SEAHAM COMMUNITY HALL

Warren Street Seaham

Small Sided Football \$120.00 (U6 – U9)

Competition \$150.00 (U10 – U18)

All Age & Over 35 Men \$270.00

(Registration cost includes weekly Match Fees)

Full payment required with registration

All new registrations require proof of age & current FFA number if applicable.

For further information, please contact

Leanne Griffiths – Ph 4988 6638

AGM

To be held at

SEAHAM COMMUNITY HALL

8.00pm Friday 5th February 2010

All Welcome

THE KIDS ART SCHOOL Taught by professional artist

Debra Liel-Brown.

WHAT : Drawing, painting, design, cartoon.

KIDS : Age 9 upwards, who have a real interest in learning genuine skills.

WHERE : Raymond Terrace **WHEN :** Tues and Thurs 4 to 5 or 5.15 to 6.15

COST : \$12

PHONE : Debra 49877947



Maitland Junior Rugby

Welcome to 2010 and a new and exciting year of rugby for the Blacks. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all existing and new players to join the Blacks for the 2010 rugby season. Please see below our rego dates for the upcoming season.

Junior Registration Days

Feb 7th 10am -12 noon

Feb 9th 5pm - 6.30pm

Feb 11th 5pm - 6.30pm

Marcellin Park Club Rooms

Enquiries

Alison Mahony 49385814 / 0408 117866

Emma Barry 49956059 / 0428 580372

Share your thoughts on Parenting

Share your thoughts and ideas about your concerns as a parent. Tell us what you think are the most important issues for parents today. This research will help in the development of new parenting programs to help parents with specific topics and concerns. The project is conducted by the Parenting and Family Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 0 -15 year old child to complete a brief survey.

The study is available online at : <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>.

4th FEB  **RAYMOND TRC**
7th FEB **CASH SALES ONLY** **SPORTS GROUND**
BEHIND MARKET PLACE **ADELAIDE ST**

<u>SHOWTIMES</u>				<u>TICKET PRICES</u>	
Thur	04 th Feb		7.30 pm	RINGSIDE :	Adult \$30 Child \$22
Fri	05 th Feb		7.30 pm	A RESERVE :	Adult \$26 Child \$18
Sat	06 th Feb	11.00 am	4.00 pm & 7.30 pm	B RESERVE :	Adult \$22 Child \$14
Sun	07 th Feb	11.00 am	ONLY		

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