



# HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Thursday 4th March 2010  
Newsletter 3

“Every little one counts”

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Our Swimmers enjoyed their participation in the Zone Swimming Carnival. Thank you to Makayla, Georgia, Helaina, Matia and Clare for their performances and a special thank you to transporting parents and especially Mrs Lambert who ensured our small team was well looked after.

We recently had our trees inspected, trimmed and unhealthy branches removed to ensure the safety of all in our lovely playground. However on Tuesday afternoon a branch fell, narrowly missing parents and almost injuring one of our beautiful pre-school children. We are so pleased no one was physically injured. We are having our trees re-inspected as soon as possible.

Year 6 children are invited to attend “Young Leaders Day” on March 15. This day involves prominent and successful people speaking to our students on ways to be successful, to make maximum use of one’s ability and to see how to be a leader.

What an opportunity!

Year 6 were visited this week by David Hingston, principal of Maitland High School. He was accompanied by two MHS leaders, one of whom, Rebecca Bortfeld was a previous Hinton School Captain. Our students journey to High School begins early. Further orientation and information days will occur soon.

At our recent P&C meeting the issue of our school crossing was raised. We always have to be aware of driver behaviour and take care on a crossing I would ask our local parents to assist in two ways. One, please use the crossing if you need to cross the street. A number of parents take their children and cross at different points on the road. A bus had to stop for one of our parents accompanying a child. This is not a good example for our students. Secondly, on occasions parents, supervising children stop for a discussion near our crossing, this results in drivers being unsure of whether children are crossing. So please have the conversation but not near the crossing.

We are concerned about safety for our students. Let’s all do our bit.

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Friday 5th March** - Clean Up Australia Day

**Monday 8th March** - Rugby League Trials

**Monday 15th March** - Young Leaders Day

**Wednesday 17th March** - AGM Meeting 6.30pm

**Friday 19th March** - Shave for a Cure

**Tuesday 23rd March** - Cross Country Carnival

**Friday 26th March** - Rugby Union, Football, Netball and Hockey trials

**Thursday 25th March** - Active After School concludes for Term 1

**Wednesday 31st March** - Reports out to Parents

**Wednesday 31st March** - AASC Golf Club visit

**Thursday 1st April** - Easter Hat Parade and Easter Bunny Visit

**Thursday 1st April** - Last day of Term 1

**Monday 19th April** - Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 20th April** - Term 2, starts pupils resume

**Friday 23rd April** - Anzac Day Service

**Monday 26th April** - Public Holiday



## Class Awards

### Week 4

#### **K/1D**

Ella Kennerson	Amy White
Georgia Milkovich	Isabelle Broderick
Isaac Sellers	Lauren Foy
Jacob Van Groningen	Ruben Gilmour
Brienna Moffat	

#### **3/4B**

Matia Kennerson	Faith Hill
Amelia Smith	Tara Nightingale
Lucas Tooley	Ethan Sarginson
Tamara Baird	
Mikayla Donkin	

## Class Awards

### Week 5

#### **K/1D**

Georgia Milkovich	Bronte Dagg
Halle Walterback x 2	Owen Tooley
Charlie Hunter	Jayden Donkin
Brock Peters	Dominick Teat

#### **3/4B**

Isabella Lantry	Kristen Allen
Aled Siever	Kelsey Winchester
Chloe Duguid	Jacob Leonard
Brodie Moffat	Elliott Penglaze
	Emma Carney
	Madeline Duguid
	Makayla Lambert
	Jemma Nightingale
	Mitchell Vowles

#### **5/6S**

## CAPTAINS AWARDS

Deon Woodward  
Bronte Dagg  
Emerson Sewell

## **Building Education**

### **Revolution**

The Building Education Revolution (BER) program will commence at our school this week. Our proposed new classroom and special purpose room is planned for completion in mid June and available to the school in mid July. We'll see!

## **NAPLAN**

Parents of students in years 3 and 5 are advised that the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), will take place in May from the 11th to the 14th May. All year 3 and 5 students are expected to participate. Any parents with questions about the testing are asked to contact the school.

## **StarStruck**

Our video for selection in Star struck 2010 has been submitted. Thank you to Mrs Woodward and our talented dancers. We are awaiting the result which will determine whether we participate in 2010.

## **Harmony Day**

This is a National event to appreciate and validate the diversity of culture in Australia. We will be participating in Harmony Day this year.

A separate note with details will be issued shortly.

## **Library**

Just a reminder to return any outstanding library books. You can return at any time during the week, just slip into the library and put your returns in the big green box.

The library will also open during lunchtimes within the next week thanks to the stage 3 students who have volunteered to be library monitors. The library will be open for reading, borrowing and computers.

If any students or parents have any suggestions about books for us to purchase please don't hesitate to let me know. We have recently ordered the Conspiracy 365 series and some other fiction titles for higher level readers.

## **Clean up Australia Day**

The annual clean up occurs this Sunday for the nation. As part of the program we participate in a school clean up.

Classes throughout the day, complete the clean up activity.

All children participating **MUST WEAR GLOVES**. We encourage every student to assist. Please send along a pair of gardening gloves for your child. If these are not available, then plastic gloves will suffice, although these students will be restricted to what they are permitted to handle.

I hope that you allow and encourage your child/children to participate in this socially worthwhile activity.

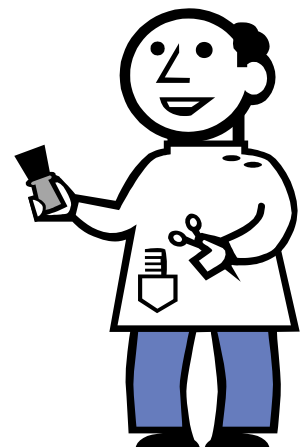
Thank you

Mrs B

## **Shave For A Cure**

Mr Sharkey has laid down the gauntlet and I have accepted the challenge to let a lucky student shave my head. Who knows, if we raise enough money there might be some shaving cream and a razor involved after a student uses the clippers.

Mr Cridland



## Shave for a Cure

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 in the COLA**

This annual event is upon us once again.

We are very fortunate at Hinton that we can participate in this activity.

This year we have an EXTRA SPECIAL BONUS!!!! Mr Cridland has also volunteered to have his head shaven for this wonderful cause. All female staff will once again have their hair coloured by some lucky students!!

And OF COURSE what's left of Mr Sharkey's hair is up for grabs!!

On the day we would like to have an out of uniform day and children that come with their hair coloured pay extra!! All this money goes

DIRECTLY to the Leukaemia Foundation, so PLEASE give generously.

Anyone wishing to make a large donation, I have tax receipts available!!

To have the opportunity to shave Mr Sharkey's or Mr Cridland's hair off, or colour a female staff member.... buy a ticket!! Each ticket is worth \$1.00 and the children can buy as many as they like. If you would like to claim a tax receipt, a minimum of 5 tickets need to be purchased at once.

Out of Uniform is a GOLD COIN donation children with coloured hair need to have an EXTRA GOLD COIN!

**Please note:** Children are NOT permitted to bring spray to school. ALL hair must be coloured at home prior to attending on the day. Also out of uniform regulations are: thongs are not permitted, shoulders must be covered and brimmed hats are to be worn (caps are not acceptable).

Again, please remember, that ALL MONEY IS DIRECTED TO THE SHAVE FOR A CURE FOUNDATION!

Thank you see you there!

Mrs B

## 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.

## Bookclub

Bookclub is due back on Thursday 11th March.

Parents are asked to send in an environmental bag with their name on it so that the children can bring their books home and this will also protect them.

## 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.)

Thursday 11th March



## Uniform Shop

Thank you to all parents, who had uniform orders, for your patience. They have finally arrived and have been distributed to your children.

A winter pricelist and order form will be available shortly, as we have changed suppliers. Orders can be made anytime, sample sizes are available in store to try on.

Just a quick reminder of the 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 News

We are continuing our golfing sessions and have spoken a lot about safety when using golf clubs.

The children improved dramatically on Tuesday when chipping the ball, we had lots of fun ! A second group was very active playing ball games.

AASC will finish this term at school Thursday 25th March.

Wednesday 31st March we have organised a trip to Paterson Golf Club where we will be shown around the Club by the Club President. We will also be able to play a few rounds at the course while we are there all free of charge!! We need to leave school at 3pm by bus (free of charge) and arrive back at school 5pm. Please mark this day on your calendar. A note will follow next week.

Thanks to Mrs Burton and Mrs Woodward for cutting and collecting fruit.

Sessions finish at 5pm.



## K/1D News

Thank you to our keen parent helpers who have assisted in Reading Groups over the past 2 weeks.

K/1 have been reading a Big Book about Smarty Pants in Reading Groups and have painted a large picture of him for our height chart. We are eagerly waiting to see who is taller or shorter than Smarty Pants.

We are also planning a Teddy Bears Picnic with our Yr 6 buddies but are waiting until the weather is cooler.

Parents will also be invited to join us at Stuart Park for the games and picnic.

Keep watching this space for further details.

It is great to see so many K/1 students participating in our Home Reading Program. Also our K/1 students who are diligently completing their homework weekly. Many Kinder students are also finding/drawing pictures to match their new Jolly Phonics sounds in their books for homework.

Well Done K/1!

## Class News 1/2B

Reading groups are going well. The children are enjoying the variety of activities. This week the children read a procedure on how to make 'Smiley Faces'. Then they followed the procedure to make 'Smiley Faces' and ate them. I must say they were delicious.

This week the children were given their log in cards for Raz-Kids online reading. If you would like your children to use this program at home just follow the directions on the card. Please supervise your child and encourage them to use it properly. Your child should listen to each story twice (click on the ear), read the story (click on the eye) and then do the comprehension (click the question mark). Raz-Kids should not be over used and you should encourage your child to read other books.

All children need to bring in a family picture next week for our studies on "Our Family".

Maths Groups started last week. Thank you to Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Morris and Mrs Lindsay your help will ensure maths groups are successful. In maths groups the children will have access to a web site called 'Smartkiddies'. Limited access is available at home on teacher selected tasks. Details of web site and password will be sent home next week.

Gail Burns



## 3-4B News

We are working hard to establish a deep understanding of the writing genre of the Narrative. During class we are jointly constructing a NARRATIVE titled...The Dark Scary Night. We have established the main characters (Bethany and John – twin 8 year olds, and Ralph the dog!) and are currently establishing the scene and the problem which occurs! Stay tuned...

We have a number of students who excel at addition of double figures using trading. We also have students who are really applying themselves in order to achieve that goal. Well done everyone, keep it up. Over the past few weeks we have really focussed time on developing a strong understanding of family of 10 and mental computation strategies. Last week we touched on the jump strategy, the split strategy and the compensation strategy. What the students realised was that it doesn't matter which of these they used, as long as they understood it and could apply it to a variety of questions. It's important we understand that there are many ways to solve a problem, what is important is that you can explain HOW you did it to someone else!!

Our class projects were given last week as part of the homework schedule. I have allowed for many weeks in order for this assignment to be completed. I do not mind if parents assist with the project, as long as your child ACKNOWLEDGES exactly WHAT you did! PLEASE do NOT allow copying and pasting of other people's work...I expect that whatever is written is in yours or your child's own words.

Thank you,

Mrs B

## 5/6 News

The Solar System is our topic of attack. Each student is currently researching just one area, such as a planet, moon, the sun and so on. By the end of next week each student will have a general knowledge of the Solar System and more detailed knowledge of one aspect of their choice. While all research and writing of notes is done at school, they may add to their knowledge at home if they wish.

We had a very successful class results in our weekly comprehension. The idea of inferential comprehension, where answers need to be "figured out" from context is causing some angst. But we are succeeding.

Tables knowledge by now should be solid. Some students are yet to master some areas, especially, 6x,7x and 8x tables. This week our focus is on angles.

Year 6 students are requested to return their High School application notes in the required time. By the 17th March would be ideal! The students learnt a lot in their time with Mr Hingston from Maitland High School.

Students are reminded to keep their reading cards up to date.

**Sausage Sizzle Roster Term 1**

March 10th - Kim Lantry

March 17th - Bret Hill

March 24th - Kim Lantry

March 31st - Tracey Bright

**Canteen Roster 15th February to 5th March**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	<b>4th March</b> Kelly Redman Margaret Turnbull	<b>5th March</b> Michelle Hawkins
<b>8th March</b> Susan Goode	<b>11th March</b> Kaylene Kennerson Elaine Whan	<b>12th March</b> Staci Baird Denise Martin
<b>15th March</b> Tash Burton Dianne Burton	<b>18th March</b> Kim Doyle	<b>19th March</b> Annie Nightingale
<b>22nd March</b> Nicola Winchester	<b>25th March</b> Kim Lantry Carmel Lantry	<b>26th March</b> Kathryn Marquet
<b>29th March</b> Karren Robinson	<b>1st April</b> Leanne Smith	

**P&C Photo Fundraiser**

A reminder note was sent home yesterday for our Photo Fundraiser.

Please send your orders and money into the school office.

Thanking you

Kim Lantry

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

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



## Sport

On Wednesday 24 February 5 students from Hinton attended the Maitland Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool. All students showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour on the day.

Helaina Smith	11 yrs 50m Backstroke	8th
Matia Kennerson	9 yrs 50m Freestyle	13th
Clare Douglas	9 yrs 50m Freestyle	11th
Georgia Lantry	Snr 50m Freestyle	10th
Makayla Lambert	Snr 50m Backstroke	3rd
	Snr 50m Butterfly	3rd
	Snr 50m Breaststroke	8th
	Snr 50m Freestyle	3rd

Congratulations girls on your achievements. Thank you Mr Lambert for being team manager.

**Upcoming event:** Hinton Cross Country Carnival  
Wednesday 24th March 2010

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### SWITCH ON (green light)

Children need at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.\*



### SWITCH OFF (red light)

Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (for example, computer games, TV, internet), particularly during daylight hours.\*



### Benefits of the Active After-school Communities program

- ★ A variety of free sports and activities for your child
- ★ A non-competitive atmosphere to build self-confidence
- ★ A chance to make new friends
- ★ It's fun!
- ★ Fully supervised with registered coaches

### Find out more

To find out how your child can participate in the AASC program, visit the front office or contact the AASC coordinator at your school/after-school care centre.

\*Figures provided by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Australia's Physical Activity Recommendations for 5-12 Year Olds, Canberra, 2004.

[ausport.gov.au/aasc](http://ausport.gov.au/aasc)

## **Welcome to 2010 Everyone!**

Hinton Public School P&C will be having their AGM on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 6:30pm in the office. We hope to see you there!  
Below is some general information.

**What is the P&C?** It is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens.

P&C's are established to:

Promote the interest of the school by bringing parent's, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation

Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

### **All office bearer positions are open for election.**

**President:** Duties include;

Ensuring the P&C takes part in the decision-making processes in the school.

Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome.

Supporting volunteers.

Being a signatory on the association's bank accounts.

Chairing meetings

**Senior Vice President:** Duties include:

To assist the president

Chairing meetings in the president's absence or when asked. Leadership in sub committees.

**Junior Vice President:** Duties include:

Same as above

**Secretary:** Duties include:

Attending P&C meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members. Receive and table incoming correspondence. Give notice of meetings. Provide information as requested by the P&C Federation.

Maintain official records of the P&C Association.

**Treasurer:** Duties Include:

Receive and deposits monies.

Maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The treasurer presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each P&C meeting.

**Canteen Supervisor:** Duties Include:

Ordering of stock, organising volunteers, assisting canteen roster co-ordinator.

**Uniform Co-ordinator:** Duties Include

Ordering stock for the uniform shop, receipting of monies paid and distribution of orders. Operating the shop on Monday afternoons.

### **Only financial P&C members are eligible to stand for positions.**

All parents and carers of students of the school are eligible to be members of the P&C Association. All citizens living within the boundaries of the school are eligible to be members of the school's P&C Association. Membership is \$1.00 per year. Payment of the membership fee must be made by the close of one meeting so the member is eligible to exercise membership rights. (eg. Vote) at the next meeting. All financial members have the right to stand for office, move motions and vote.

The same person can hold no more than one officer position. Members of the same family can hold office bearer positions at the same time. If an office bearer position becomes vacant between annual general meetings, the position is to be filled through and election at any general meeting.

### **The P & C meets every third Wednesday of the month @ 7:00pm**

Please note: this list is not exhaustive nor is it meant to scare anyone off! We try to promote and participate in the activities of the school and communicate with all members of the school community and have some fun while doing it. Attendance at every meeting is not mandatory and all input is greatly appreciated. 'Every little one counts' we would really love to have some new members and also see the old one return.

Any question? Please ask and come along to a meeting!!