



HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

“Every little one counts”

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Hinton Public School to all pupils, parents and staff. A special welcome to our new staff member Mrs Burns who joins us this year from Raymond Terrace.

Mrs Lilley is now working at East Maitland School and Miss Di-Lorenzo is available to work in the school on special occasions.

Our kindergarten children are adjusting to their new surroundings and routines. Year 6 Buddies have been thoughtful and caring in assisting Mrs Drayton.

Our Staffing for 2009 is:

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

Beginning Week 3, Monday 9th February the following commence:

Canteen: Operates Monday, Thursday and Friday
Sausage Sizzle : Wednesday
Scripture: Wednesday
Guitar Lessons : Wednesday

Our classes have settled quickly and are working well.

We have high expectations and look forward to an exciting and successful year.

Our new playground is (at last!) rapidly taking shape, and will add a new dimension to our school.

As usual our parents are ensuring our school remains vibrant and developing. Our bell has been repositioned and soon will be surrounded by our engraved pavers. Thank you to Mrs Lantry for this ongoing work.

We look forward to meeting parents at our parent teacher meetings next week and also at the pool on Thursday.

UP COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10th February : Parent / Teacher Information Night
1/2 5.00 - 6.00pm
K/1 6.00 - 7.00pm

Wednesday 11th February: Sausage sizzle commences

Wednesday 11th February: Scripture Commences

Wednesday 11th February : Parent / Teacher Information Night : 3/4 5.00 - 6.00pm

Excursion 6.00 - 6.15pm
5/6 6.15 - 7.15pm

Thursday 12th February : Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 17th February : Active After School Communities commences

Wednesday 18th February : P&C Meeting

Thursday 12th March : “Shave for a Cure”

Wednesday 18th March: P&C AGM



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: Tuesday 10th February

K/1 6.00 - 7.00pm
1/2 5.00 - 6.00pm

Wednesday 11th February

3/4 5.00 - 6.00pm

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Reporting

After consultation with parents and staff a new system of reporting will be implemented in 2009. Written reports will be sent home at the conclusion of terms 1 and 3. Interviews will be conducted towards the end of term 2. A portfolio of work will be sent home near 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.

Star Struck

A note inviting children to participate has been issued. The school will select children who audition. Mrs Drayton will be the Star Struck Co-ordinator.

Mrs Woodward has volunteered to teach the dance. Children will be selected based on the criteria set out.

Those children not selected will be invited to participate in other performances.

After School Care Survey

We have conducted two surveys in regards to Before and After School Care.

We know there is interest for this service and we have two providers who are willing to run it. The difficulty is in gaining definite numbers. To operate this service there needs to be a guaranteed permanent group. At this point our survey indicates insufficient permanent numbers.

We know circumstances change. If you feel there is a need to continue this process please contact the school.

Swimming Carnival:

The 2009 Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday the 12th February at East Maitland Pool. The carnival is open to all students who are turning 8 this year. For those students 8 and under it will be school as normal.

Due to greater supervision restrictions it is critical that we know the swimming capabilities of all students attending...please err on the side of caution when ticking the box for your child's ability. For those non-competitors there will be novelty events held at the conclusion of the main events.

STOP PRESS! Are you ready for the inaugural swimming event for parents, ... Be Prepared!!

COSTS

Children will be 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

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

Stop Work Meeting

A meeting called by the Teacher's Federation will occur on Friday Morning. Be assured that adequate supervision will be provided at the school for all students.

All classes will function normally from 10.30am.

Library

Thank you for bringing back overdue books. There are still a few outstanding. Can you please have a hunt around at home return any found.

Also all Kindies will be able to borrow from the library this week. They will need to bring a cloth bag with their names clearly marked on it.

Terrie Walker
Library Assistant

SRE - Scripture:

Scripture is due to commence next week, starting Wednesday 11th February. Senior scripture starts at 2.20pm to 2.50pm and Junior scripture 2.50pm to 3.20pm. Thank you to all of the families who returned their notes. Thank you to Mrs. Eager, Father George and Mrs. Hallett for volunteering their time to conduct our lessons.

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.*

Permission notes:

In 2008 all students and 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.

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.

Later this term...keep your eyes on the coming newsletters for information on Shave for a Cure and Clean Up Schools' day.

Sausage Sizzle

We are still in need of a volunteer for 25th February, if you could assist on this day please send your roster back to the office.

Sausage Sizzle will commence on Wednesday 11th February.

A Roster will be sent home on Thursday 5th February.

Thanking You

Sue Jordan

Library

Welcome back to 2009. Our library is already operating with borrowing.

This week with Class 3/4 on Tuesday

5/6 on Wednesday

K/1 on Thursday

1/2 on Friday

To borrow from our library your child needs a library bag (cloth is preferred). We do have a small supply of plastic bags but these are not always available.

To date we have 4 - Yr6 library monitors Hayley Byrne, Shaun Byrne, Maddison Teat and James Cherry.

Soon Yr5 will be asked to apply for 4 available positions. They will need to make their applications in writing.

A library monitor has an important job and is required to give up their time at 2nd lunch at least one day a week.

Without our monitors the library is unable to operate at lunch times.

AASC – Active After School Communities:

Our AASC program is being held again this year. This is a free program offered to all students K-6 to promote a fun, healthy, active lifestyle in a non-threatening environment. It is run by Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Bortfeld and Mrs. Lantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 4.00 to 5.00pm. This term's program starts on Tuesday 17th February and runs through to and including Thursday 2nd April 2009.

A permission note is accompanying this newsletter. Should you like your child/children to participate (every session or only occasionally), please complete and return it as soon as possible.

If you are able to assist us in preparing the healthy afternoon tea on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon (usually takes about 10 – 15minutes just prior to then end of the school day 3.15 to 3.30), please let the office know.

STLA

Our STLA program has already started with children from Yr3 and Yr5 being given priority at this stage in reading.

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and talented will start in a few weeks targeting 3 to 6 students.

Thank you

Mrs Terenzini

Bookclub

Welcome back for 2009.

All orders for book club are due back by Friday 20th February.

P & C News

Welcome back everyone.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on the 18th February, at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome to attend. Just a reminder that all memberships are due for renewal, please bring your \$1.00 with you.

The AGM will be on the 18th March.

Looking forward to another exciting year.

Kim Lantry ☺



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