



# HINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“Every little one counts”

## SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 began early with the Morpeth Anzac march. Thank you to all the parents who allowed their students to participate, especially in the middle of an extended weekend.

NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will take place on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th of May. Parents are asked to ensure their children have adequate sleep and are on time for the tests. Really it's just another day at school— so no worrying allowed!

Year 4 children have received letters about an O.C class for 2012. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The first Starstruck practice has raised the excitement level of all concerned. Miss Harris especially enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mrs Woodward and all parents who provided transport.

Interviews are currently underway. Please participate in the process if you are able. All information shared is useful and assists the teaching/learning process.

Port Stephens Council has sent a representative to speak to the students about recycling. We are eager to implement the new procedures and re-commence our school recycling. In addition Mr Woodward has donated and installed our first Aquaponics garden. This will be of great interest and benefit to all students and will complement our vegetable garden. Thanks to all concerned.

Active after School Communities commences for term 2 next Tuesday 10th May. We have 65 registered participants. Let the fun begin!

On Friday we have our zone cross country and a mother's day stall. Thank you to all parents (in advance) for allowing both these events to take place.

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 4th May** - Recycling— visit from Port Stephens Council

**Friday 6th May** - Mothers Day Stall

**Friday 6th May** - Zone Cross Country

**Tuesday 10th May** - AASC commences for term 2

**Tuesday 10th May** - NAPLAN begins for year 3 and year 5

**Wednesday 18th May** - P&C meeting

**Wednesday 18th May** - School Photos

**Friday 20th May** - Walk Safely to School Day

**Friday 20th May** - Teddy Bears Picnic

**Monday 23rd May** - Spelling Competition starts

**Wednesday 25th May** - Starstruck practice

**Thursday 2nd June** - K-3 Taronga Zoo Excursion



# Awards



**Student of the Week - none for week 11**

**Class of the Week 11 - 2/3**

## Class Awards for Week 11

### **K**

Maddison Burton  
Monica Dives  
Brigid Douglas  
Talia Falconer  
Matilda Lantry  
Claudia Wheaton  
Jack Brooker x 2  
Hamish Munro

### **1/2B**

Ella Kennerson  
Lillie Kerlake  
Georgia Milkovich  
Nicholas Farley  
Branden Power  
Callum Regazzo  
Jacob Van Groningen  
Bronte Dagg x 2  
Sarah Hawkins  
Livinia Smith  
Charlie Hunter

### **2/3C**

Brianna Moffat  
Florence Searle  
Ruben Gilmour  
Riley Searles

### **3/4/5B**

James Forth  
Sidney Searle  
Dominick Teat  
Matia Kennerson  
Isabella Lantry  
Ameila Smith  
Lucas Tooley  
Mikayla Donkin  
Faith Hill  
Leilani O'Reilly

### **5/6S**

Naomi Anderson  
Tamara Baird  
Jasmine Goode  
Deon Woodward  
Kristen Allen  
Kirsty Robinson  
Kelsey Winchester  
Mitchell Foy  
Jacob Leonard

## **News from Miss Harris**

### Star Struck

Congratulations to all Star Struck students who participated in the Star Struck rehearsal on Monday at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. This was a critical rehearsal for our school and the behaviour and dedication shown by our students was fantastic! The dance looks wonderful and our segment looks sure to be a highlight of the entire show! Thank you very much to the parents who helped with transportation on the day, and a special thank you to those parents who helped out with offering lifts at the last minute. A quick reminder to parents that all Star Struck notes need to be returned to school promptly and that it is the responsibility of parents to find transportation for their child to and from these events. Thank you to the students for their outstanding behaviour! Our next rehearsal date is 25<sup>th</sup> May at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre, but further information on this day will be provided soon

## KD Superstars

Welcome back to an exciting Term 2. Writing and Reading Groups have begun so thank you to the mums who have put their names on the roster or have already assisted this week.

Our Teddy Bears' Picnic is scheduled for Friday 20th May at Stewart Park with our Year 6 buddies. Hopefully the weather will hold for the day.

KD are also looking forward to the zoo excursion in week 6. Our current Unit of Work on Bears will correlate with this event.

Kinder are now learning spelling words each week and will have a spelling test each Friday. Hopefully we will have lots of Super Spellers!

## 1/2 Beauties

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a good break and a happy Easter.

Reading and Maths groups will resume week 4 of term 2. Our unit of study this term is 'A Need for Shelter'. During this unit we will discuss and share books on different types of shelter, why we need shelter and how the environment affects the shelter we need. On our excursion the children will study the needs and shelters of different animals.

All of our new home readers have arrived. There are about 500 new books in total that all need to be covered before use. I would like to have the new home readers ready for reading as soon as possible. **If you can spare some time to help cover them please contact me as soon as possible.**

Thank you to Mrs Morris who has already covered about 50 of the books.

Gail Burns

## 2/3 Champions

Welcome back to all the champions out there. Homework and reading groups will begin in week 4 due to NAPLAN distractions. NAPLAN will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 3 for students in years 3 and 5.

Tuesday – Language conventions test and writing test (separate)

Wednesday – Reading test

Thursday – Numeracy test

Results are scheduled to be distributed in September.

Our excursion to Taronga Zoo is on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> (week 6). Could families please begin to finalise payments. The bus is expected to leave at about 6:00am and return at about 6:00pm at this stage. Confirmed details will be sent home soon.

Parent teacher interviews will continue next week. Any parent who still wishes to book a time can contact the school to make an appointment and I promise I won't bite too hard.

Mr C

## 3/4/5B News

Welcome back to term 2.

Year 3 and 5 will be sitting their NAPLAN tests next week. The exams run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. With two tests on Tuesday, one each on the following day. These tests are a guide to your child's ability...the children should not be concerned by the experience. Year 3 tests will be held in Mr. Cridland's room with year 5 in Mr. Sharkey's room. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time during the three days of testing.

During the testing year 4 and 6 will be in my room carrying on with normal activities.

This term we are studying Gold in preparation for our excursion next term.

## 5/6 News

Year 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing this week. Tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Mathematics will take place from Tuesday to Thursday. Should be fun!

This term the focus will be on writing a book. This is an enormous task and requires assistance and co-operation from everyone. Our purpose is to learn writing techniques and discover what a true writer is.

Gold will be the theme for HSIE. Students will acquire knowledge, learn research techniques and try to appreciate the difficulties of life in the early colonies.

In Mathematics we are now focusing on fractions.

Should be a fun and productive term!

## Premier's Sport Challenge

Premier's Sport Challenge has started this week. This involves students keeping a record of the sport and exercise that they are completing daily. The process of recording this for students in K-2 is relatively straight forward and they will not require assistance at home. However, this process for is a little more complex for years 3-6. Students need to record the physical activity they do, and the duration, daily on a piece of paper, these records will then be collated weekly onto their record card. The record card requires the physical activity to be recorded in lots of 20 minutes. This is quite complicated for students in year 3 and 4, so it is my request that parents help students with this as a part of nightly homework. Students in years 5 and 6 should be familiar with this process but if they need assistance it would be a great help if parents could support them with this. I appreciate the time you can offer in this area.



## Stewart House

Once again we are sending out Stewart House envelopes to all families. This is an extremely worthwhile charity that allows quite a big number of students to travel to Sydney for a beachside holiday and healthy checks. All envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 13th May as this is the official 'Stewart House Fundraising Day' for NSW State Schools. Please donate generously.

## Library

Just a reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge is up and running. Please ensure students in years 3-6 are reading books from the Challenge list and are keeping a record. These records will be put online in the coming weeks. Students in years 3-6 need to read 20 PRC books. Students in years K-2 need to read 30, but this is being completed within classrooms.

## School Photos

An envelope has been sent home with all students for school photos. The envelope is to have money enclosed and handed to the photographer on photo day, Wednesday 18th May. Any parents needing to take advantage of the family photos please send your request note to the office for an extra envelope. Please note no money is to pass through the office. Thank you.

## K to 3 Taronga Zoo Excursion

Our excursion to Taronga Zoo is fast approaching and I know the children are getting excited. Payment in full for the excursion should be received by Friday 20 May 2011.

There will be an information meeting for all parents attending the excursion on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 3.30 in 1/2B's classroom.

Gail Burns



## Maitland Zone Cross Country Carnival

Maitland Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday the 6 May at Tocal College. Children will depart school at 10.45 pm.

Good luck to all the children representing Hinton at this Carnival.

Gail Burns

Sport Organiser

## Mothers Day Gift

All Zone Cross Country participants will select their Mother's Day gift before leaving school for the event.

Thank you

## Entertainment Books

These will be available for sale in the near future. Mrs Leanne Smith will be organising their sale as a year 6 fundraiser.

## My School Website

Please note this website will be on line on March the 4th. It shows NAPLAN results and comparisons with the school, state and local or similar schools. The media love it! If you have any questions about it please contact the school.

## Uniform Shop

Just a reminder school photos will be on 18th May if you require a new school shirt, call in and see me Monday afternoon.

Our ordering system is:

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 Kim 0488088823
- Second hand clothing is available for \$2.00 a piece.

Thank you  
Kim Lantry

## COSTS

All students receive text books, exercise books and are levied for paper use.

This year costs are:

5/6	\$35
3/4/5	\$35
2/3	\$35
1/2	\$35
K	\$20

**We ask all payments to be finalised by the end of term 1. As a reminder accounts have been sent with this newsletter.**

## Bookclub

Mrs Morris is our bookclub co-ordinator.

### **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.)

Bookclub orders are due back by 11th May.

## Sausage Sizzle Roster Term 2

4th May - Bret Hill

11th May - Tracey Bright

18th May - Steve Walterback

25th May - Jackie Kerlake / Nicola Winchester

1st June - Tracey Bright

8th June - Simone Searle

15th June - Tracey Bright

22nd June - Tracey Bright

29th June - Aleisha Wheaton



## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

This is a separate amount aimed at assisting the school and to provide extra resources for students. The P&C set the amount of \$20 per pupil, with a maximum of \$40 per family.



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

## Bookclub News

From Issue 2 (February) the school earned the following free books: Lighthouse Keepers Lunch, Boris Monster, When Henry Caught Imaginitis - so look out for these in the library. Also Sarah Forth was the lucky winner of a \$10 voucher from Scholastic. Congratulations Sarah.

## Environment Club News

Thank you to all the keen club members who assisted in weeding the vegie garden last week! Hopefully the rain will stay away so that we can continue working in the gardens this week as weeds seem to have sprung up everywhere during the school holidays. Thank you to Mrs Leonard for her work in the vegie garden and Mrs Smythe (our school cleaner) who has planted new plants along the pathway near the COLA.



## Maitland Youth Choir

Maitland Youth Choir Term 2 enrolments are on Wednesday May 4 & 11, 4:30-6pm at Maitland Public School Hall (Elgin St).  
More information: [maitlandyouth-choir@live.com.au](mailto:maitlandyouth-choir@live.com.au)

## AASC News

AASC starts again next week on Tuesday 10th May. Please remember to bring your hats and drink bottles to sessions. The children enjoy a healthy afternoon tea from 3:30-4pm and then the fun begins from 4pm-5pm. We will try not to make too much noise with parent interviews happening throughout the school!!



## Seaham After School Care

After School Care is available at Seaham. Children attending Hinton Public School can attend by catching the bus to the after school program.

For more information please contact Kathy Vowles on 49305686.

## Transporting Children

We rely heavily on parents transporting children to various events throughout the year, and we greatly appreciate it. It is a departmental requirement that the school has sighted and copied your registration papers and drivers licence before transporting children. Could you please bring these documents into the office.

Thank you.



## Hinton Public School Canteen Roster

### TERM 2 Canteen Roster 2011

Week	Monday	Thursday	Friday
1		<b>28-Apr</b>	<b>29-Apr</b>
		Rochelle Tubb	Nicola Winchester
2	<b>2-May</b> Rebecca Nicholas	<b>5-May</b> Tash Burton Dianne Burton	<b>6-May</b> Michelle Hawkins Lyn Crebert
3	<b>9-May</b> Genevieve Leonard	<b>12-May</b> Kim Doyle	<b>13-May</b> Belinda Brosie Donna Searles
4	<b>16-May</b> Susan Goode	<b>19-May</b> Kelly Redman Mags Turnbull	<b>20-Feb</b> Kim Lantry Carmel Lantry
5	<b>23-May</b> Leanne Smith	<b>26-May</b> Fleur Dives Brad Dives	<b>27-May</b> Michelle Hawkins Lyn Crebert
6	<b>30-May</b> Donna Searles	<b>2-Jun</b>	<b>3-Jun</b> Rochelle Tubb Allison Falconer
7	<b>6-Jun</b> Rebecca Nicholas	<b>9-Jun</b> Belinda Brosie	<b>10-Jun</b> Nicola Winchester Alicia Wheaton
8	<b>13-Jun</b> CLOSED Public holiday	<b>16-Jun</b> Volunteer needed	<b>17-Jun</b> Kim Doyle Jackie Kerlake
9	<b>20-Jun</b> Karren Robinson	<b>23-Jun</b> Kim Lantry Carmel Lantry	<b>24-Jun</b> Donna Morris Kasey Sellars
10	<b>27-Jun</b> Leanne Smith	<b>30-Jun</b> Volunteer Needed	<b>1-Jul</b> Tash Burton <b>Dianne Burton</b>

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Dear parents and carers. A big thanks to all new parents who volunteered for canteen this year and of course to all the regulars who swap, change and fill in on a regular basis.

If there are any other parents out there who could spare a day or two a term we would love to hear from you. Canteen is very easy and can be fun and your kids LOVE you doing it!

If any of the above dates do not suit please contact another person on the list to swap with them.

If you would like to volunteer for canteen please email [rochtubb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rochtubb@bigpond.net.au) or phone 4930 5606.

Rochelle Tubb