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Newsletter 3

“Every little one count”

SCHOOL NEWS

The Active After School Program is proving to be a spectacular success in many ways. Mrs Allen, Mrs Bortfeld and Miss Dunn are leading the students in a variety of cooperative and exciting games. Mrs Davies is assisting with our “healthy” afternoon tea. Thank you to all concerned, especially parents for allowing your child to participate in this valuable program.

Our budding musicians are coming to terms with the guitar, ably led by Mrs Eagar.

Congratulations to Samantha Lambert, Makayla Trusz, Linclon Smith and Thomas Etheridge for representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done to Sports Minister Lincoln Smith who is conducting a lunchtime soccer competition with eight talented teams.

Our choirs will begin practising next week and Star Struck rehearsals have already begun. Students will be invited this week to sign up for academic honours in the annual University Competition in Science, Computers, English and Mathematics.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hayley Byrne



CLASS AWARDS Week 4

Kindergarten

Bree White : Handwriting
Izaak Penglaze: Handwriting
Tia Lantry: Handwriting
Jack Hawkins: Handwriting

1/2D

Ellen Marquet: Handwriting
Jayden Black : Effort in Spelling
Jed Martin : Sentence Writing

3/4B

Aeisha Mann: Working hard to improve handwriting.
Madeline Duguid: Asking questions
Bryce Davies: excellent attitude toward completing work.
Tayla Jordan: Helpful, hardworking enthusiastic member of 3/4B.

5/6S

Annie Corey: Excellent B.T.N Report
Edward Walters: Excellent B.T.N Report
Laura Williams: Excellent B.T.N Report
Jasmine Collum: Excellent B.T.N Report

Mrs Terenzini

Ryan Ninness
Jordan Wilks
Thomas Etheridge
David Briant
Hayley Byrne
Lauren Foy
Jack Hawkins

UP COMING EVENTS

Friday 7th March - Clean Up Day
Monday 10th March - Commonwealth Bank Visit
Tuesday 11th March -Peer Support Lessons Begin
Thursday 13th March - Selective High School Test
Friday 14th March - Principal Maitland HS visit Yr 6
Monday 17th March - Young Leaders Day
Tuesday 18th March - Journalism Workshop
Wednesday 19th March - P&C Annual General Meeting - All Welcome
Thursday 20th March- Shave for a Cure
Thursday 20th March - Final Payment for Pavers
Thursday 20th March - Easter Meal Deal & Easter Bunny Visit
Friday 21st March - Good Friday
Monday 24th March - Easter Monday
Tuesday 25th March - Yr 4,5&6 Newcastle Airport
Saturday 30th March -P&C BBQ at Bunnings
Thursday 3rd April - Active After School Program finishes for Term 1.

Friday 11th April - School Anzac Service

CLASS AWARDS Week 5

Kindergarten

Brock Hunter
Ruben Gilmour: 2x Maths and Library
Dominic Teat: Reading Groups 2x Colouring Shapes

1/2D

Cooper Byrne
Joseph Clarke
Belle Leonard
Amelia Smith

3/4B

Bryce Davies :went up a level in SRA -Reading & Comprehension
Caitlyn Baird :went up a level in SRA - Reading & Comprehension
Ryan Ninness : Improved behaviour in class
Makayla Lambert: Always helpful & thoughtful class member.

Akacia Tooley : Writing Skills

5/6S

Maths : Hayley Byrne, Maddie Gilmour, Holly Harges, Maddison Teat.

Spelling: Samantha Davies

Science : Sarah Baronowski, Makayla Trusz.

Geometry : Thomas Etheridge, Jack Richards.

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.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On the 17th March Mrs Bortfeld will be attending the Young Leaders Day conference with the Hinton School Leaders.

Two of the speakers this year will be The Commissioner of Police & a famous T.V Personality.

Each year the school leaders come away with great ideas & aspirations to improve Hinton School & their individual leader abilities.

Mrs Bortfeld

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Unfortunately we missed the official school's Clean Up Day (which was last Friday), however we will hold our Annual Clean up Hinton School day this Friday.

Each class will be designated an area to clean up. Please send along, with your child, a pair of gloves (preferably gardening gloves) and a plastic bag.

Thanking You Mrs Bortfeld

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr David Hingston Principal of Maitland High School will visit Hinton Public School on Friday 14th March at 10:30am to talk to Yr 6 children about transition to High School in 2009. Parents are invited to attend.

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.

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

HELPERS WANTED

The Active After School Community Program requires the children to receive a healthy afternoon tea. Our program directors Mrs Allen and Mrs Bortfeld are seeking assistance in this area. The P&C has suggested that a group of people may volunteer to assist in providing the afternoon teas. If you have some time and are available, please contact the school.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

The shave for a Cure event is fast approaching. It will be held during week 8 (between 17th - 20th March). Mr Sharkey will once again lose his locks for the cause. Other staff will be happy to join in by colouring their hair.

Children will be able to purchase a lucky number from Yr 6 volunteers for \$1 a ticket. All money raised will be donated directly to the Leukemia Foundation.

Donation of \$5, \$10 or greater can be issued a receipt, if this is required.

Any parents or students who wish to participate in this event are welcome, but they must secure their own sponsorship.

We will confirm the date closer to the event, and upon speaking with our resident Hairdresser Extraordinaire Mrs Mann.

Thanking you
Mrs Bortfeld

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER UPDATE

Our keen journalists attended our 1st newspaper meeting on Tuesday of this week to discuss topics for stories for our entries in the Herald School Newspaper Competition.

Students brainstormed ideas & came up with lots of relevant topics.

Five students will be selected to accompany me to a cluster workshop at Maitland High School on Tuesday 18th March, to learn about writing stories, editorials and drawing cartoons. The five students will be chose on merit, i.e they are to write why they would like to attend the workshop.

The five best writer will be chosen. N.B We are still interested in any local news stories from parents and community members.

Regards

Elizabeth Drayton
Helen Bortfeld

STAR STRUCK

Last Thursday 13 students worked tirelessly to learn the finale dance in order to be filmed for our school audition. The dvd has been sent to the Star Struck office and we are awaiting the decision of our selected songs. The remaining few positions have been opened up to Year 3 students. Those who are interested will also audition for a spot.

MINI EXCURSION

Year 4,5 and 6 will be travelling to Newcastle Airport for a tour and educational experience on Tuesday 25th March. This excursion is linked to Transport and the Environment. A permission note will be issued close to the departure date.

Year 3 will join with K-2 late in the year for a special excursion of their own. Year 3 will receive intensive work on Tuesday 25th March in preparation for their National Testing Assessments.

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten

On Wednesday, 2nd April, we will be going on a Teddy Bears' Picnic to Stuart Picnic with our Yr6 buddies. Kinder parents are also invited to attend.

Lots of "Scrumptious" food and "teddy bear" activities are being planned for the day. Notes will be distributed to KD

parents later in the week. Outlining activities planned for this "fun" day!

1/2Z

We have been writing information reports. Some of the students read these to the school at Friday's assembly. Here they are:

Frogs

Some kinds of frogs have big red eyes so when a predator comes too close it will give it a big stare to make it go away. Tree frogs can climb up your kitchen window.

By Belle Leonard

Frogs

Frogs have very good feet and hands because they can stick to things. Frogs go in plants shaped like a bowl when they have water in it. They can camouflage themselves. They live in rainforests. They like to play leap frog.

By Deon Woodward

Frogs

Frogs like to play leap frog and they are green. They like to climb on trees and windows. Tree frogs swim in plants and can change colour to blend in with the background.

By Lucas Tooley

Tree Frogs

Frogs swim in plants because there are no ponds in rainforests. They love playing leap frog. They can change colour to protect themselves.

By Clare Douglas



3/4B

Year 3/4 have been completing exciting work in Space/Measurement with Mrs Terenzini, finding all about right angles & positioning. We have also developed our knowledge on fractions in numeracy.

Our reading groups started well this week. The children are enjoying their activities & progressing steadily.

5/6S

News today of confirmation of our Gold Excursion 26 of 29 students have confirmed they will attend. The dates for the excursion are 29, 30 and 31st July, that is week 2 of Term 3.

The final cost and details will be sent home in a separate information sheet. Density experiments in Science have proved popular.

Division in mathematics is causing problems for some children, especially where 0 appears in the quotient (answer).

One group of children have been placed on a special reading program, parents concerned are asked to check their child is practising daily on their readers.

Mentals books have arrived. Each child has their own set program and targets. Parents are asked to work questions which cause difficulty with an *.

Our writers are learning to include adjectives, adverbs and similes in their writing and to vary their sentence beginnings.

It's been a busy time



ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to Makayla Lambert, Makayla Trusz, Lincoln Smith and Thomas Etheridge for making it to Zone. They tried extremely hard and represented our school extremely well. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson-Lambert who acted as our parent representative. We really appreciated your help.

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 and 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 FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

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 competition 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.

See separate form for entry. Entries will be taken up until Friday April 4th.

P&C NEWS

The school has been lucky enough to have secured a day to run the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ's no doubt many of you have seen at the Maitland store of a weekend.

Our day is Sunday, March 30 from about 8.30 - 4 and we need about 10-15 volunteers to give 2 hours of their time so the work doesn't fall on a few to be there all day. The organisation for the event is all done, you just have to turn up in the day and have fun.

These are very good money- makers for one days work. Please fill in the attached form and drop it to the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support....The P&C

FUNDRAISING

Please find attached a Pie Drive for fundraising for Hinton Public School. Orders to be returned to school no later than Friday 28th March.

Thank you for your support

Kaylene Kennerson

LIBRARY

As part of our library this year the school has joined up for the Premiers Reading Challenge. All children are asked to read books levelled to their grade and beyond. The scheme is just an incentive to get children to read and be proud of their achievements.

Each grade has to read a number of books over the year to receive a certificate.

There will be more information later as we find out more about it.

We are still looking for a few parents to help with book covering in library. If anyone has any spare time.

Thankyou

Mrs Terenzini

PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support is starting up again this year this term. We will commence our first session in Week 7 and it will run for 5 weeks until week 11.

The 5/6 children will be trained in how to manage a small group on Wednesday 5th March ready to take control on Thursday 11th March.

Good Luck 2008 leaders as it is a challenge to be on the other side of the fence, teaching.

Mrs Terenzini

CANTEEN NEWS

Easter Meal Deal

Easter Meal Deal on the Thursday 20th March.

Cost will be:

Option 1 : \$5.50

Option 2 : \$3.00

Order forms will be sent home next week for you to place your orders.

Thanking you

Kathy Gibb



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SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

March 12th	Kim Lantry
March 19th	Tash Burton
March 26th	Sue Mann / Shelley Byrne
April 2nd	Mrs White / Leanne Smith
April 9th	Kim Lantry

