PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Each week the newsletter provides an opportunity to reflect on the week just past and highlight the significant activities that have occurred. Often these are sporting or cultural actions. All have one common feature. Without the willingness of staff to coordinate and organise none would happen.

So in this final newsletter of term 1 it is appropriate to thank staff for their contributions to the successes and experiments of the term. The roles and responsibilities document in the school illustrates the range of additional activities that staff organise for the betterment of the students.

This week ten of our senior students are flying to New Zealand as part of the Riverina Access Partnership excursion. They will be overseas for a little under two weeks as they explore the South Island. Despite rumours that it has not rained for six weeks and that there is an extreme drought they will encounter much in the landscape that they will not have seen elsewhere.

Next term is brief at only nine weeks. This will mean really focussed learning for all students. In term 1 the class work recorded in student books was of a good standard. In term 2 the expectation is for an improvement. If some of the learning is difficult then that challenge needs to be met. If the classwork is all easy then how much learning is occurring.

The school newsletter is the place where the school community will read about the good things in the school. Unlike much mainstream media the good news stories take priority. There are some aspects of school life that are less than acceptable but they are also the areas where staff are putting in new ideas and strategies. Sometimes the strategies do not work as well as expected and the evaluation shows that. The important aspect is that new ideas are being tried. An educational risk is being taken. This is the example for students. Try something new. Even it doesn’t work as well as anticipated something has still been learned. That is the importance of education.

After this week the school has two weeks to have a well-earned rest. Learning recommences on May 1st for all students. On the preceding two days the staff will have returned for professional learning focussed on the new national curriculum.

Steve Chapman
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

Term 1 Awards of Excellence Primary
Nominees Delcie, Klare
(WINNER) Priyanka

Term 1 Awards of Excellence Secondary
Nominees - Secondary
Brittany, Leah, Amanda, Denelle
(WINNER) Camilla absent
Term 1 Principals Awards - K/1/2
MacKenzie, Manan, Brianna, Holly, Bridget, Cooper

Term 1 Principals Awards - 3/4 5/6
Jordan, James, Damian, Delcie, Yingxin, Charly

Term 1 Principals Awards - 7/8
John, Kayla, Amber, Jennifer, Nicholas, Timon

Preliminary HSC Course Jaimie Baillie (absent), Daniel, Brydee, Amanda, Kelsey, Lisa

Term 1 Principals Awards - 9/10
Ella, Emma, Todd, Kelly, Denelle, Laney

Term 1 Principals Awards - 11/12
Kelsey, Kaid, Emmilee, Amanda

SRC Dress Up Day and Sausage Sizzle
This Friday 12th April we are encouraging everyone to come to school dressed in anything that starts with S, R OR C! A Salior? A Rock Star? Use your imagination and come up with something extraordinary!! There will be a Sausage Sizzle and cake stall at lunchtime so please bring along your spare change and help raise money for the SRC Committee
By Damian

Here are some of the photos from the day.

Zoo Mobile

This term the Taronga Zoo Mobile came to our school. All of primary + the little kids from Billy Lids came to the visit. There were four people who came in the van with a few animals: a Bog Eye, a Ring Tail possum, an echidna, a diamond python and a green tree frog. The possum was very cute and cuddly and it was only a baby possum. The echidna was a little bit shy and had an accident in the middle of getting pats. When we were patting the snake Miss James went outside because she hates snakes. That was very, very funny.

The man who sang songs and played the guitar was Col Hardy. He is a really good singer and guitar player. He sang about four songs and I think everyone liked them. He even told some aboriginal stories about the dream time. And I think the songs were from the dream time. Col showed some different types of boomerangs that the aboriginal people used. And he showed us a Nunga Nunga. At the end of the visit I got Col Hardy’s signature.

By Hayley

On Tuesday Thomas, Charlotte, Priyanka and I went to the Envio Champions workshop. There we learnt about teamwork. It was fun, we met new people and played fun games. They provided lunch for us, we watched videos and talked about the ways we can improve our schools. For our school, we want to stop the litter, have compost for a worm farm and have a greenhouse where we hope to grow herbs and vegetables so we can sell our produce and make money for our school. I think we are extremely lucky to have this chance to improve our school.

By Hayley
CASUAL WORK EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Hillston Central School is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and interested people to register for possible casual school administrative and support staff roles, which may become available due to a current staff member being on leave. This leave may be day to day or for extended periods of time. This EOI is not an offer of employment. It will allow the school to have a list of people available when a casual is needed. The expression of interest form can be collected from the school office between 8.30am – 3.30pm.

National Reconciliation Week 2013 27 May – 3 June Theme: Let’s Talk Recognition

The National theme for Reconciliation Week 2013 is: Let’s Talk Recognition. The theme is about the need to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution.

The Australian Government is considering making changes to the Australian Constitution to remove racist sections and to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Australians.

Reconciliation means coming together. Reconciliation is about improving relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community. Schools play an important role in building cohesive communities and are vital starting points for respectful and positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Visit www.nswreconciliation.org.au/reconciliationweek for more information.

Students have been participating in activities based around the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Primary students had the opportunity to enter in a colouring in competition and secondary students were encouraged to come up with an anti-bullying slogan. A number of students created short anti-bullying video messages.

The winners of the colouring competition were: Charlotte, Tameka, Paige and Lilly

The winner of the slogan competition was Denelle. Her winning slogan was ‘Make a stand extend a hand’

Thank you to all who participated.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

2013 SCHOOL FEES

PRIMARY

Kinder-Yr 6 inclusive.
$40 per 1 student, $60 per 2, $70 for 3 or more.
$15 Maths Book Fee

SECONDARY

Yrs 7-10 $70 per 1 student, $100 per 2, $120 for 3 or more.
Yrs 11-12 $75 per year per student.
7/8 LOTE $10 per year
Art Yrs 9 & 10 $35 per year
Wood/Metal Yrs 9/10 $35 per year
Drama $35 per year
Computer Studies $35 per year
History $35 per year
D & T, IT Year 11/12 $50 per year
VET Metals/Engineering $80 per year
VET IT $80 per year
VET Primary Ind $80 per year
VET Hospitality $80 per year
Agriculture $35 per year
Photography Yrs 11/12 $45 per year
Food Tech 9/10 $35 per year
VA Yr 11/12 $35 per year
Food Tech 11/12 $40 per year
Commerce $35 per year
PASS $35 per year
Computer Application $35 per year
IPT $35 per year

SCHOOL FEES CAN BE PAID AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY.
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

**TUESDAY 14 MAY**
Language Conventions
(Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)

**WEDNESDAY 15 MAY**
Reading

**THURSDAY 16 MAY**
Numeracy
(Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

**Writing**

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May** – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
NAIDOC Week is a time when all Australians can come together to celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and reflect on how we can all play a part in advancing reconciliation. Schools are an important place for young people to learn not only subjects like reading and math, but an awareness of Australia's history and the important role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, which are among the most ancient on earth.

**Schools Order Form for NAIDOC Week in 2013**

Just write your full name somewhere on the order form and fill in the QTY and the Total Cost column and send in the correct amount of money to the front office for your order to be taken well before NAIDOC Week. Thankyou in advance for your involvement and interest. Orders close 24/5/2013

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Swimming Carnival Age Champions  Primary: Hayley, Sophie, Violet, Hamish, Thomas, Christian (front)
Amelia (absent)

Swimming Carnival Age Champions  Secondary: Nyssa, Kelsey, Leilan, Brittany, Kelsey, Jennifer, Denelle, Kaleb, Douglas

2013 SPORT DATES
This year the Zone has tried to set as many Gala Day dates for 2013 as possible for the CHS Knockout Competitions. Students will need to attend the trial days to be selected in the RAP team to participate in Gala Days. The dates are correct at time of printing of the newsletter each week. Please add to your calendars to avoid medical appointments clashing!

- PLEASE NOTE- 14’s Under Girls Netball has been moved to Term 3. Mrs Waters (BUS)

More Gala Day Dates will be added each week so stay tuned.
SECONDARY INFORMATION

SECONDARY HOMEWORK CENTRE

Need help with homework, assignments, assessment tasks, classwork or want access to computers and printers?? Then Homework Centre is for you. WHEN: EVERY Wednesday TIME: 3.30-4.30PM WHERE: Library Annexe

COMMUNITY NEWS

APPRENTICE BUTCHER
Hanwood Butchery is in desperate need to hire and Apprentice Butcher. They can contact the employer direct on 0269 630155.
Sonia Rinaldo
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E Sonia.Rinaldo@det.nsw.edu.au
P.O Box 1678 Griffith NSW 2680

STEWART HOUSE DONATION ENVELOPES
Please return Stewart House donation envelope to the school by this Thursday 11/4
Thankyou

HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB
DATE: APRIL 17-19 TIME: 9-12 AM
This will be held at the Anglican Church Hillston, for children in Kindergarten to Year 6.
Once again during the School Holidays, we will be running a Holiday Kid's Club. Our aim is to provide children with fun activities to do during the school holidays and to introduce them to Jesus Christ as we meet Him in the Bible.
Our program is presented by a team of trained teachers and experienced children's group leaders from Hoxton Park Church in Sydney. It includes teaching times, games and competitions, craft, cooking, morning tea, and more. This year the activities are based on the theme of ‘Pirates’ There will be Ladies Craft activities on each of the mornings.
Parents are invited to join us in a barbecue lunch as they pick up their children each day after the Kid’s Club.
While the team is among us at Hillston, we plan to hold a Men’s Breakfast on Saturday morning, 20th April, at 7.30am. And we will also be inviting ladies to a Coffee and Dessert fun night on the evening of Saturday 20th April.
The Hoxton Park team will then be guests at the church service on Saturday 21st April.
Further details phone Anglican rectory 6967 2189

BOOLIGAL SHEEP RACES
This Saturday 13th April
Gates open 11.00am
Best decorated sheep—12.30pm
First race 1.00pm
Entry: Adults $5.00 kids free. BBQ, Kids Activities, Racing Sheep Hire.
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