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Newsletter Issue 25

Term 3 Week 6



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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3.

Happy Healthy Harold has been busy helping our kids make good choices in regards to their health and cyber safety this week. The Life Ed van will remain at our school for the first half of this week as we ensure that all of our students have access to this wonderful resource. We have subsidised the cost quite heavily to keep student costs down to \$3:00 each. Please make sure that you return your child's permission note and money as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

With as many as 5 teachers away on one day last week, the flexibility of our kids during these changes of routine has been an absolute credit to them. It has also been wonderful to see our staff so willing to step in and take on extra duties and extra students as we strive to ensure quality programs continue, despite the interruptions to routine. The teachers, SLSO's and office staff at our school are incredible. Nothing is a problem and they are always willing to put the needs of your children first. All we can do is thank them and marvel at their dedication and professionalism! We are a very lucky school!

On Thursday afternoon our staff attended a Cyber Safety Seminar at NHHS. It was a most informative afternoon and really placed the dangers of the internet and various social media in the spotlight. The biggest message for parents and carers is to be vigilant in regards to their children's access to technology, and to be proactive in regards to talking about safe choices. The internet is not a playground!

I had the pleasure of attending the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival on Friday with 12 of our students. As Bellingen, Nambucca and Dorrigo Team Manager it was my job to keep school team managers and students informed and deliver their team singlets. It was a wonderful day and our kids were a credit to their school and district. They tried their best against very talented opposition and were always in the right place at the right time throughout the day. The carnival organisers did a great job with all events running smoothly. Special congratulations go to Suzannah Greenup-Gray who won the discus and will now travel to Lismore for the North Coast Carnival.



Our Captains and Prefects attended a very special Vietnam Veterans Day Service yesterday. They represented our school and acknowledged the sacrifices made by many of our community members during this very difficult time.

Our 3-6 Spelling Bee was held in the school hall today. Each class has held their own Spelling Bee and we saw representatives from Stage 2 and Stage 3 battle it out to find our 2 stage representatives for the Regional Finals in Coffs Harbour.

Diary

Tues 19th Aug

Years 3-6 Spelling Bee

Wed 27th Aug

Newcastle Permanent
Maths Competition
Years 5 & 6

Thurs 28th Aug

K-6 Outdoor Maths
Event

Tues 2nd Sep

Father's Day Stall

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sep

Book Fair
Before & After School

Thurs 4th Sep

'Connect to Reading'
Book Week Parade

Fri 12th Sep

Year 6 Mini Fete

Wed 17th Sep

Kinder Excursion to
Dolphin Marine Magic

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week
Jagun
meaning
Homeland

The Spelling Bee format is quite intimidating and it is great to see so many of our students willing to have a go.

The Macksville Touch Football Carnival will be held on Thursday this week. Permission notes have gone home and I am sure that the kids involved will have a great time. Mr Freebairn, myself, Miss Wesley and Miss McArthur will be in attendance with an Open Girls Team and Stage 2 and Stage 3 Boys Teams. The kids have been busily training in their own time and have really stepped it up in the classroom in their efforts to be part of these representative teams. Parent transport will be needed, so if your child is involved and you are available on the day please be sure to let us know as early as possible.

Looks like quite a busy week again with high quality classrooms being supported by academic and sporting extension activities. Thank you for all of your support in helping us to give these great kids as many opportunities to be their best as we possibly can.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Library News

Are you still looking for dress-up ideas for our Book Week 'A character I connect With' parade on Thursday 4th September at 2:00pm?

More character ideas for our parade include: Angelina Ballerina, Big Bad Bruce, My dad from My Dad Does Yoga, Fox in Socks, The Cat in the Hat, The Twits, Fantastic Mr Fox, Bella from Bella's Bad Hair Day, Billy the Punk or My mum from My Mum says the Strangest Things.

For more ideas, why not search the Booklists from the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Kindergarten Fundraiser

Kindergarten are selling large Freddo Frogs at recess times on Monday & Tuesday for \$1 each to raise money for our excursion. Feel free to send in \$1 to help support our great cause! 😊

Damper

As part of their unit on Discovery of Gold in Australia, Stage 3 had a tasty lesson watching damper and billy tea being made.

Mrs Smith's husband Kevin and daughter Jess cooked the dampers over hot coals. They also boiled the billy which was full of tea. The children had a great time and everyone loved the damper. Delicious!



Caught Being Good

Belle Elphick Ttooulou 6/5M - Returning an overdue Library book, Jacob Little MC - Following instructions, Ryan Winchester 4/3W - Sitting and eating,

Class Merit Awards

SU1: Cohen Wilson, Tyler Wright, **Miss Baker:** Liam Brown, **KC:** Charlotte Ridgeway, Blake Neal, **KD:** Kden Carter, Makayla Davis, **2/1C:** Jaynarleeya Munro, Tate Ferguson, **2/1E:** Kyan Jarrett-Marks, Patricia Stewart, **2/1H:** Angela Brown, Dallas Winner-Coggan, **4/3F:** Sonja Stone, James Hurley, **4/3M:** The Whole Class! **4/3W:** Makayla Donovan, Chloe Cameron, **6/5L:** Carly Donovan, Martina Wellington, **6/5M:** Storm Whalen, Ronald Cohen, **6/5S:** Dannika Perkins, Abbey Smith, Nicholas Schram, **Mrs Parkins:** Abbey Smith, Dannika Perkins.

Congratulations



K-2 DISCO



CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 20th August	THURSDAY 21st August	FRIDAY 22nd August	MONDAY 25th August
Name: _____ Class: _____ Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll Price \$4.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ 2 Honey Soy Chicken Kebabs & Fried Rice Price \$6.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Homemade Pumpkin Soup with Knot Roll & Butter Price \$5.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ 6 Chicken DinoNuggets Tom/BBQ Nippy Flavoured Milk (Choc/Strawberry) Price: \$5.50

Canteen News

Volunteers are required urgently as our previous volunteers have gained full time work. Please, if you can spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciated, as we may not be able to operate if we don't have helpers.

Sharlene and The P&C Committee.



NATIVE TITLE
DETERMINATION
15.08.14
WANGAAN-KEEPERS
OF THE SOUTH



Expressions of interest are now being taken for
2015 Kindergarten Enrolments.

Name..... Phone Number.....

Child's Name.....Date of Birth.....