Principal’s Reflections

Annual School Report 2013

Our 2013 Annual School Report (ASR) has been uploaded to our school’s web-site for those who would like to read (28 pages). Thank you to the team involved. Another high quality document which essentially is the 2013 school year in review. All schools are required to produce an ASR each year. The final publishing date for all schools is 1st of April (nothing to do with this being April Fool’s Day!)

Our ASR is recognised as being an exemplar document.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour:

- Sienna-Rose Takairangi
- Colby Ison
- Jasper Walker

Ten awards so far this year. Well done!

NAPLAN 2014 (Reminder)

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit these three tests from Tuesday 13th May to Thursday 15th May with Friday 16th May being a catch-up day.

It is always important to remember, that NAPLAN is just a snapshot in time and should be viewed as such. Your child’s teacher conducts a wide range of student assessments throughout the year as an important, regular and on-going element of their teaching, learning, assessment and reporting cycle.

As a parent, if you wish your child not to sit this test, please contact either your child’s teacher or myself for the parent withdrawal form.

NAPLAN is not compulsory.

Swimming Carnival 2014 Results

Congratulations to these students:

- Junior Girl’s Champion: Phoebe Magill
  Runner Up: Faith Neeley
- Junior Boy’s Champion: William Chalmers
  Runner Up: Joe Chalmers
- 11yrs Girl’s Champion: Montana Ninness
  Runner Up: Holly Pedersen
- 11yrs Boy’s Champion: Harrison Redman
  Runner Up: Jovan Nelson
- Senior Girl’s Champion: Hayley Giles
  Runner Up: Nikeeta Trigg
- Senior Boy’s Champion: Cain Giles
  Winning House: Lawson

Harmony Day (Out of Uniform) & Hair Colour

This Friday and the colour to wear is orange, with a gold coin donation for Stewart House.

The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Hair colouring (50 cents each) will also be happening on the day for, “Shave for a Cure”. Every year thousands of people are sponsored to shave, colour or wax their hair to help people with blood cancer - it’s for a great cause!

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
For Your Calendar

**March**
- Fri Mar 21 – Gymnastics
- Fri Mar 21 – Harmony Day
- Wed Mar 26 – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Fri Mar 28 – Gymnastics
- Fri Mar 28 – Clean-up Australia Day
- Mon Mar 31 – Young Leaders Day – Sydney
- Wed Apr 2 – School Disco
- Fri April 4 – Gymnastics
- Fri April 4 – Zone Cross Country
- Tue April 8 – P&C Meeting
- Tue April 8 – Football Simpson Cup
- Fri April 11 – Gymnastics
- Fri April 11 – Easter Hat Parade

TERM 1 ENDS – Friday April 11th
TERM 2 COMMENCES – Tuesday April 29th

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**GYMNASTICS**
Our sport program for Term 1 continues. The money must be paid by Friday 28th March 2014.

**BOOKPACK PRICES**
Thank you to everyone who has paid or have been making payments on their book packs. Book packs will be given to the students upon receipt of payment.

- KINDER $30.00
- YEAR 1 $30.00
- YEAR 2 $30.00
- YEAR 3 $35.00
- YEAR 4 $35.00
- YEAR 5 $30.00
- YEAR 6 $30.00

**SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
The Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held Wednesday 26th March at Woodberry Oval. The canteen will be opened on the day. Please remember all students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the oval. Back up day will be Wednesday 2nd April.
A Permission note will be sent home this week – please return signed to the office.

**HARMONY DAY**
We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 21st March. Come to school dressed in something **ORANGE** to help celebrate “everyone belongs” with a gold coin donation for Stewart House. **Hair colouring** will also be happening - 50c each for ‘Shave for a Cure’.

**YOUNG LEADERS DAY**
Year 6 will be travelling to Sydney to be a part of Young Leaders Day on Monday 31st March. This is a fantastic opportunity and an inspirational day. Please return your permission note and $20 (to cover the bus) as soon as possible, the school has paid for the entry fee for all Y6 students.

**EASTER DONATIONS**
Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April. We are asking for donations of eggs, baskets, stuffed bunnies or anything Easter. Donations can be left at the office at any time. Tickets will be sent home at a later date. Thank you for your support.

**PARENT HELPERS**
Expression of Interest for Canberra closing Week 11 Friday April 11th.

**STOCKLAND STARS AT GREENHILLS**
Our school will be participating in the Stockland Stars program where we will be submitting a decorated 3D star. Customers then vote for their favourite star with every $1. spend in centre entitling them to 1 vote.
The stars will be displayed from Monday 3rd March to Sunday 6th April for family, friends and shoppers to vote for their favourite stars and help your school win the cash prize.
Customers register their details at the Customer Care Centre to be eligible to vote. For every $1 spent with a minimum purchase of $10. they are able to allocate 1 star vote to their favourite Stockland Star. Each school’s voting average is calculated by dividing the total amount of votes by the number of students enrolled at the corresponding school.

**VOTING CONCLUDES SUNDAY 30th MARCH.**
Winners are announced at the Official Closing Ceremony on Thursday 3rd April at The Closing Ceremony at Stockland Green Hills.

**PRIZES INCLUDE:**
- 1st - $3000. Cash for your school
- 2nd - $2000. Cash for your school
- 3rd - $1,000. Cash for your school

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

HUNTER DENTAL GROUP
The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) commenced on 1 January 2014 and will provide access to benefits for basic dental services to children aged 2-17 yrs. This replaces the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP). The total benefit entitlement will be capped at $1,000. per child over a 2 calendar year period. A child's eligibility for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule is assessed at the beginning of each year and requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or a relevant Australian Government payment. The CDBS will provide individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and will not be paid for any services provided in a hospital. All Hunter Dental Group practices will be accepting these vouchers and will FULLY BULK BILL to Medicare.

GREENHILLS 49 34 7877
CESSNOCK 49 90 1279
DUNGOG 49 92 3366

The process for using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.
You can confirm your child’s eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or calling the Medicare general enquiries line 132011.

Make an appointment with either a private or public dental provider and let them know you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

At the time of the appointment, the dental provider must discuss your child’s treatment and any associated costs with you before providing the services. After this has been discussed you will need to sign a consent form.

The dental provider will then bulk bill you or charge you for the services. If they charge you, you need to pay the account and claim the benefit through Medicare either electronically at the dental surgery if available, by downloading the Medicare Claim form and posting it to Dept of Human Services, GPO Box 9822 in your capital city or in a drop-box at Medicare Service Centre or by calling 132011.

You cannot claim a benefit under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule AND from a private health insurer for the same dental service.

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