Principal’s Reflections

Baby News - Mrs Bianchi
Exciting and lovely news.
Last Tuesday 6th of May, Mrs Bianchi gave birth to a healthy girl. Both mother and child are doing well. Sofia Rose Bianchi. I am sure Mrs Bianchi will drop in on us towards the end of term, to “show off” Sofia. Congratulations!

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
• Riley Drinkwater (X2)
• Faith Neely
• Caleb Effer

NAPLAN Week (Yr 3 and Yr 5)
Tue 13th May - Language Conventions and Writing Tests.
Wed 14th May – Reading Test
Thur 15th May – Numeracy Test
Fri 16th May – Catch Up Day, for any tests missed.

Please note, NAPLAN tests only provide a snapshot of the literacy and numeracy skills of students within a fixed point of time and student results are subject to many variables.

ANZAC Day Service
A quality service, with respectful and responsible behaviour demonstrated by all our students on the day. Singing was beautiful. Well done everyone.

Got It Program K to 2 (Fun Friends Program)
Forms were sent home to all Kindergarten, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students. The forms must be completed and returned to school ASAP. If you have lost the form please contact your child’s teacher or the office.

National Disability Data Collection
Our school is participating in the National Data Collection on School Students with a Disability this year. We are one of 1,200 schools in the 2014 pilot program. All Australian schools will have to participate in 2015 without exception. Only return the form, if you DO NOT WISH, your child to participate in this national data collection pilot.

Grandfriend’s Day Date Change
We will celebrate on Wednesday 18th June. All Grandparents invited. Please let them know.

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May
- Tuesday 13 May: P & C Meeting
- May 12-16: Naplan
- Fridays 16, 23,30 May: Lawn Bowls
- Thursday 22 May: School Photos
- Monday 26 May: Socceroos
- Wednesday 28 May: Star Struck rehearsal
- Thursday 29 May: Star Struck major movement

JUNE
- Thursday 5 June: Book Fair
- Tuesday 10th June: P & C Meeting
- Fridays 6, 13, 12 June: Lawn Bowls
- Wednesday 11-Sat 14 June: Star Struck Performances
- Wednesday 18 June: Grandfriends Day 12.15pm – 2.00pm
- Monday 23 June: Knights Rail Safety 9-10am
- Thursday 26 June: Claymation Workshop 5/6

TERM 2 ENDS – Friday 27 June
TERM 3 COMMENCES – Tuesday 15 July

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School Photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd May. Envelopes have been sent home with a new online payment option. If you need a family envelope please see Karyn at the office or alternately this can also be completed online.

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.

STAR STRUCK
For students involved in Star Struck this year please note the following dates:

Wed 28 May: Rehearsal
Thurs 29 May: Major Movement
Wed 11 June: Performance
Thurs 12 June: Performance
Friday 13 June: Performance
Sat 14 June: Performance

Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

LAWN BOWLS
Lawn bowls will be run this term for Y4/5/6 students on six Fridays from May 16 – June 20 at Hexham Bowling Club.

REMINDERS:
Camp 2/3
Permission notes and deposits need to be returned. Instalments can be paid at the office any time for any amount.

Canberra 4/5/6
Deposits need to have been paid. Instalments can be paid at the office at any time for any amount.

Star Struck
Students performing in Star Struck have a costume/T-Shirt payment of $40.

Socceroos
If you or your child have their name down to attend the match, bus payment of $20 per person going, needs to be made as soon as possible or by Friday 23rd May.

Wakakirri
Students performing in or working backstage have fees of $60 per performer and $40 per backstage helper. This fee includes bus fares to and from Sydney as well as costumes, entry fee etc.

Claymation
Students in 5/6 who are attending the fabulous workshop need to remember there is a fee of $35 per student.

GOT IT!
Envelopes and completed forms need to be returned to classroom teachers as soon as possible. If you cannot find it please contact your child’s teacher or the office for a replacement. K-2 only.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
Call your local coordinator, Dianne on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

LEX JAMES ART CLASSES
Art classes for children aged 7-13years. Limited spaces are still available for Saturdays 9.00-10.00am or 10.30-11.30am. The cost is $15 per lesson for full term booking or $20 per lesson for a casual lesson. First lesson will be free for all NEW students. New term commences Saturday 10th May at Thornton. For more information please call Lex James on 0400316114. Bookings are essential.

P & C NEWS

Thank you for supporting the Mothers’ Day Stall. Again we had a very successful day. I’m sure there will be a lot of very happy mums/grandmas on Sunday.